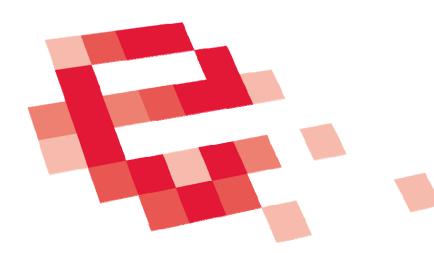


# E-learning ... ... e-Learning ... LEARNING



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### **Declaration of Principles**

#### Building the Information Society: a global challenge in the newMillennium

- ... to build a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society, where everyone can create, access, utilize and share information and knowledge, enabling individuals, communities and peoples to achieve their full potential ...
- education, knowledge, information and communication are at the core of human progress, endeavour and well-being. ...
- The use of ICTs in all stages of education, training and human resource development should be promoted, taking into account the special needs of persons with disabilities and disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.







#### Plan of Action

**Building the Information Society: a Global Challenge in the New Millennium** 

- 17. E-learning (see section C4)
- C4. Capacity building
  - teach how to use ICTs
  - use ICTs to teach: Develop domestic policies to ensure that ICTs are fully integrated in education and training at all levels, including in curriculum development, teacher training, institutional administration and management, and in support of the concept of lifelong learning.





### What is the objective?

Create an educational system that meets the needs of a community by using all available technologies to improve the quality and availability of learning.





## What are the inputs?

- Needs of a community
- Available technologies
- Quality criteria
- Availability criteria





### Back to e-learning ...

- Needs of a community
- Available technologies
  - Fast and reliable electronic communication networks
  - Standardized applications for easy exchange of digital contents and support of multilingual content
  - Video-conferencing
  - Content management tools, portals
  - On-line testing etc.
- Quality criteria
- Availability criteria





# Changes in society and educational needs

- Quick changes in science, technology and style of life
- Needs for timely education
- Demand for open, available and mass education
- Lifelong education
- Globalisation
- Rationalisation of education expenses
- Commercialization of education
- "Public-private partnership"





# Education is just another business ...

- E-strategy in just any business can only be succesful if it helps achieving strategic business goals
- ICTs are not an objective in themselves
- Everywhere in the world ICTs are often used to justify and implement business changes that would not be accepted otherwise
- While this practice does bring about positive changes it also results in suboptimal use of resources





### Education's essentials ...

- Education is a process of transfering knowledge from one person to another
- Whatever the communication medium the essential part of learning is trusting the source of knowledge
- While new technologies are often viewed as replacement for teachers, all they ever did was enhance the capacity of creative individuals to create and transfer knowledge





### e-Learning



- Information system of the universities
- "Computer classroom for every school" – 1 300 schools equipped
- Central eLearning portal
- ECDL education for teachers
- Computer science is being introduced as a mandatory school subject





### ...e-Learning

- Broadband is an enabling technology
- Distance education and learning
- Improved human capital
- Life-long learning
- Real-time learning







### The e-Education project

- Covers several aspects:
  - application support to the operation of educational institutions,
  - application of information and communication technology in teaching and
  - introduction of information science as a compulsory subject in primary and secondary schools.



