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## ÆGIS 1<sup>st</sup> Pan-European Workshop

*‘Accessibility for All: Open Source-based Generalised  
Accessibility Support for Mainstream ICT  
Devices/Applications’*

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2009, London, UK**

### INVITATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Having affordable accessibility support into mainstream ICT devices/applications is much wanted in the disability community. Accessible devices and applications offer the backbone to many people with disabilities across Europe and beyond to maintain their autonomy as this is associated to a better quality of life.

Supported by the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme on Research and Technological Development of the European Union, the ÆGIS (Open Source-based Generalised Accessibility Support for Mainstream ICT) project aims to develop an Open Accessibility Framework (OAF) through which aspects of the design, development and deployment of accessible mainstream ICT are addressed. The OAF will provide developers with embedded and built-in accessibility solutions, as well as toolkits for “engraving” accessibility in existing and emerging mass-market ICT-based products, thus making accessibility open, plug and play, personalised and configurable, realistic and applicable in various contexts. Simultaneously, the project will provide Open Source Accessible Desktop Applications to the end-users (people with disabilities, older people)

On behalf of the ÆGIS Consortium, we kindly invite you to participate in its first Pan-European Workshop that will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Research In Motion UK Ltd, Slough, Berkshire, United Kingdom.

This workshop will present the preliminary findings of the project related to the Use Cases selection and preliminary user requirements, thus stimulating discussions on these issues between both end-users and application developers. Its outcome will be taken into account by the Consortium during the further course of the project. Key stakeholders from relevant areas are expected to participate (such as end users’ representatives and organisations, EC representatives, technologies developers, etc.). This workshop therefore is an excellent chance to meet experts from relevant fields.



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Participation to the ÆGIS workshop is **free of charge**. However, due to space limitation, participation will be on a first-come first-served basis. We would appreciate it if you could **return the enclosed registration form before Thursday, 30 April 2009**.

For further information about the ÆGIS project, please visit the ÆGIS website at [www.aegis-project.eu](http://www.aegis-project.eu).

We are looking forward to welcome you on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June!

Yours sincerely,

**Dr. Evangelos Bekiaris**  
ÆGIS Coordinator

**Peter Korn**  
ÆGIS Technical Manager

### Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
8.30 – 9.00	Registration	
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome and Aim of the Day	EPR
9.10 – 9.35	EU Policies on eINCLUSION	EC representative
9.35 – 9.50	ÆGIS at a Glance	Dr. Evangelos Bekiaris (CERTH-HIT)
9.50 – 10.10	First feedback as collected during user forum	FONCE
10.10 – 10.40	Demos and Technical Overview	Peter Korn (Sun Microsystems)
10.40 – 11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.30	ÆGIS Draft Use Cases and discussion	Dr. Evangelos Bekiaris (CERTH-HIT)
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 14.30	Standardization and Harmonization Issues on eINCLUSION	Dr. Christian Galinski (TBC)
14.30 – 15.00	Accessibility overall	Gregg C. Vanderheiden Ph.D. (TBC)
15.00 - 15.30	Coffee break	
15.30 – 16.30	Round table	Moderated by Dr. Evangelos Bekiaris (CERTH-HIT) and Peter Korn (Sun Microsystems)
16.30 – 17.00	Conclusions	



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### Date and location

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, at Research In Motion UK Ltd, 200 Bath Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 3XE, United Kingdom.

Phone: 01753 667 000

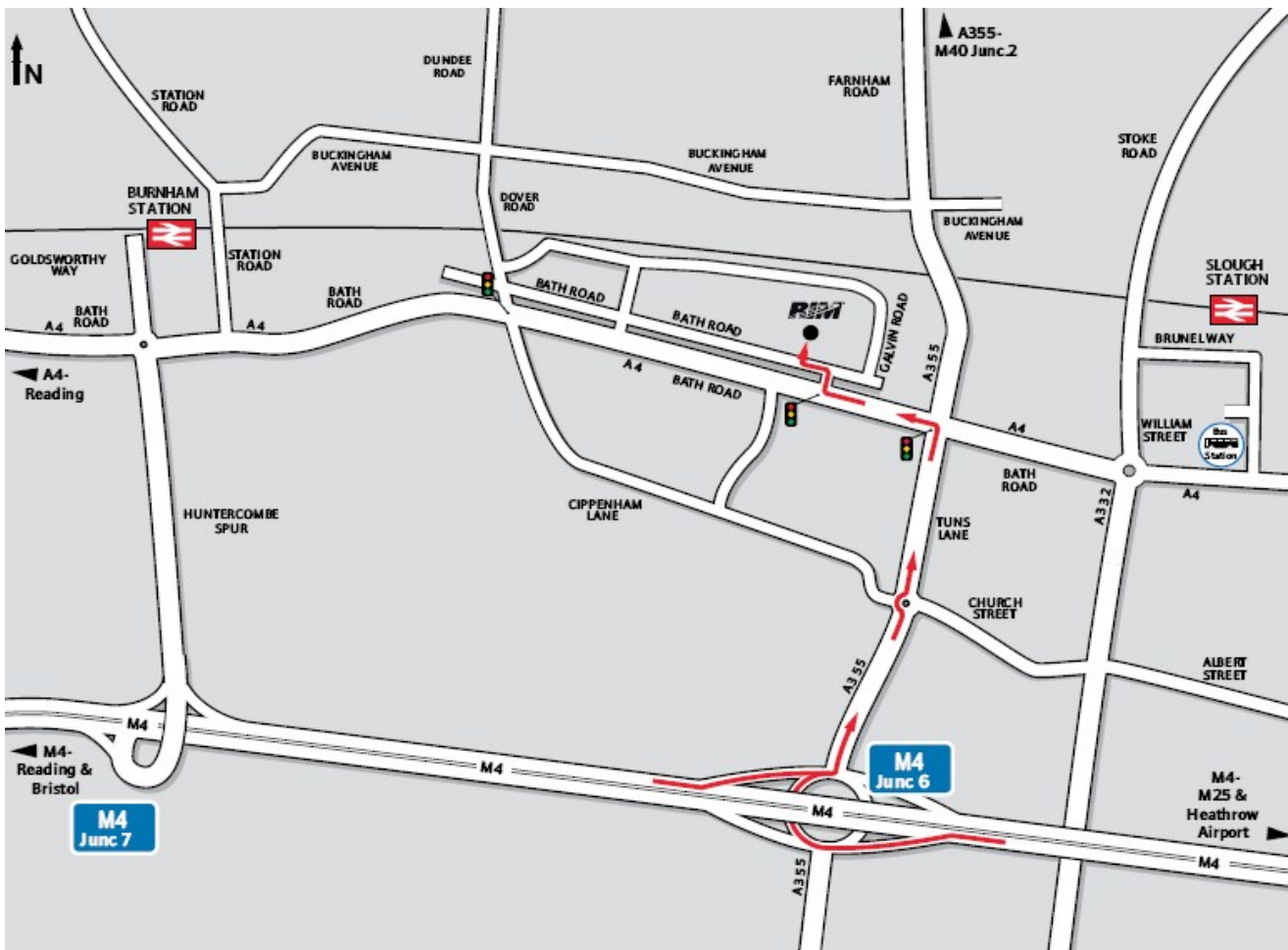
### Transportation

*Arriving by plane:*

The RIM offices are located 20 minutes drive from London Heathrow.

*Arriving by car:*

- Take Junction 6 from M4.
- Go north, on Tuns Lane, towards Slough.
- At the junction with Bath Road/A4, turn left onto Bath Road.
- After about one-third of a mile, turn right at traffic lights.
- Then immediate left onto the Bath Road trunk road.
- Research In Motion is second on the right.



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### *Arriving by train:*

The nearest rail station is Slough, 200 Bath Road is about 1.5 miles from the station.

If staying in Windsor, there is a train from Windsor to Slough which takes about 6 minutes. Then conference attendees would need to take a taxi from the Slough station to RIM – a 5 minute ride.

If staying in Slough, conference attendees would need to take a taxi from the hotel to RIM.

For those who prefer to stay in the London area there is a train from London Paddington to Slough. The taxi ride from the Slough station to RIM is 5 minutes.

It is preferable that attendees use public transportation/taxi as there is very limited visitor parking.

### **User Forum languages**

The working language of the User Forum will be English.

### **Facilities**

The venue setting for the User Forum caters for wheelchair users

If you require additional information regarding the venue, contact Ms. Simona Giarratano ([simona.giarratano@epr.eu](mailto:simona.giarratano@epr.eu)).

Whilst some assistance is available the organisers recommend talking to us about your needs and where possible bringing along additional assistance for your own specific needs.

### **Hotel information**

Please find below a list of suggested accessible hotels in the proximity of the event venue.

<b>HOTELS SLOUGH</b>	
Holiday Inn Slough Windsor	1 Church Street Chalvey Berkshire Slough, SL1 2NH Tel: 44-1753-551551 Fax: 44-1753-553333 <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/lonw/i/transportation">http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/lonw/i/transportation</a>
Copthorne Hotel Slough	Cippenham Lane Slough Berkshire, SL1 2YE Tel: 44-1753 516222 Fax: +44-1753 51623 <a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/cophorneslough">http://www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/cophorneslough</a>



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### HOTELS WINDSOR

Royal Adelaide Hotel

46 Kings Road, Windsor,  
Berkshire, SL4 2AG7  
Tel: 44-1753 863916  
Fax: 44-1753 830682  
<http://www.theroyaladelaide.com>

The Harte and Garter

High Street  
Windsor, Royal Berkshire, SL4 1PH  
Tel: 44-844 855 9131  
Fax: 44-1753 830 527  
<http://www.foliohotels.com/harteandgarter/>

Sir Christopher Wren

Thames Street  
Windsor  
Berkshire, SL4 1PX  
Tel: 44-1753 861354  
Fax: 44-1753 860172  
<http://www.sirchristopherwren.co.uk/>

Marriott Windsor

Ditton Road, Langley  
Slough, SL3 8PT  
Tel: 44-1753 544244  
Fax: 44-1753 540272  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/lhrsleathrow-windsor-marriott-hotel/>

Mercure Castle Windsor

18 High Street  
Winsor, SL4 1LJ  
Tel: 44-1753 851577  
Fax: 44-1753 856930  
<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6618-mercure-castle-hotel-windsor/index.shtml>



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or e-mail [simona.giarratano@epr.eu](mailto:simona.giarratano@epr.eu)  
to Ms. Simona Giarratano before 30 April 2009

NAME: .....

ORGANISATION: .....

ADDRESS: .....

COUNTRY: .....

TEL: ..... FAX: ..... E-MAIL: .....

SPECIAL NEEDS: .....

DIETARY REQUEST: .....

**Will you be attending the Workshop on 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2009?**

Yes

No

No, but I would like to receive further information about the project or future events

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Thank you very much



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