The DLM Forum is calling for the submission of proposals for papers to be presented at the DLM Forum Conference 2008 in Toulouse (France) on 10th – 12th December. Participation of experts in the fields of public administration, records management, archives and research will be welcomed.

**Scientific Committee**

The DLM Forum Scientific Committee will evaluate the proposals submitted and select the speakers. The Scientific Committee consists of representatives of the European Union Member States and regions and of information management in the private sector.

**Submission of papers**

- Proposals of papers submitted to the DLM Scientific Committee should consist of an abstract (400-600 words)
- Proposals should indicate which of the main topics they address (see the preliminary conference topics listed below)
- Proposals may be in English or French
- Submissions must include the name(s) and short CVs of the authors and full addresses including an e-mail address
- Each submission will be examined on the basis of its clarity, quality and adherence to the main topics of the conference
- Selected papers will be presented in 30 minute sessions (translation provided from English, French and German)

**Deadlines**

(a) Proposals should be sent in electronic form to Christine Martinez (christine.martinez@culture.gouv.fr) no later than 23rd May 2008.

(b) Notification on the result of selection will be given to submitters in July 2008.

If many proposals are received, some submitters might be proposed to show a poster instead of speaking during a session.

(c) The selected speakers will have to provide complete papers for publication (2000-4000 words) and Powerpoint presentations no later than 31st October 2008.

Expenses for travel and accommodation for selected speakers and chairs of sessions will be met by the conference hosts.

Vendors may submit papers on relevant case studies, with the agreement of the concerned user; the vendor, whose expenses for travel and accommodation cannot be refunded, will then act as a supporting speaker for the user.

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Conference topics

Cross cutting themes

- Co-operation & Partnerships
- Shared projects and systems
- Compliance & standards
- Incorporation into technology platforms
- Training and user take-up

These cross cutting themes are issues that can be addressed in the different topics listed below. Speakers are invited to highlight these themes in their presentations.

Main topics

e-Government and standards
How do European countries consider standardisation in the development of e-Government? What is the role of records management or archival standards/bodies in this?...  

Managing and accessing e-information
Sharing e-information; technology and organisational issues; implementation of the EU directive on the re-use of public sector information; protection of personal data; ease of use for users; meeting sectoral compliance requirements;...  

From records management to archives – developing strategies for transferring records
How to transfer/export data from record keeping to archiving systems?; semi-active records: responsibilities, resources, budget, outsourcing; applying records schedules; matching between records management and archival standards/terminology/habits; file formats;...  

Long term preservation
Digital preservation systems and standards; diverse views and requirements for different needs; shared systems; cooperation between national/local authorities; file formats for long term preservation;...  

Certification
Audit and certification allow to evaluate the compliance of systems, services or software with standards and create a stable and trustworthy market. How do these systems (audits / certification by professional communities / certification by public or State accredited bodies) work? What role do national, European and international actors play?;...  

Strategies for records management and archiving services
Security policy; information architectures; outsourcing and shared systems; format registries; hybrid paper/digital environments;...