e-Inclusion means both inclusive ICT and the use of ICT to achieve wider inclusion objectives. It focuses on participation of all individuals and communities in all aspects of the information society. e-Inclusion policy, therefore, aims at reducing gaps in ICT usage and promoting the use of ICT to overcome exclusion, and improve economic performance, employment opportunities, quality of life, social participation and cohesion.

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Preliminary agenda (invited speakers)

09:30 eInclusion: the European perspective
Loris di Pietrantonio, Unit ICT for Inclusion, European Commission

09:45 Approches towards eInclusion:
- The classical approach: Assistive Technology
  Jennifer Stack, Inasmet-Tecnalia, Spain
- The emerging approach: mainstreaming eInclusion (Design for All)
  Pier Luigi Emiliani, CNR, Italy
Mainstreaming eInclusion - From Italy to India: a knowledge transfer partnership to speed up digital literacy
Vivek Jacob, Banyan Tree Holding

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Impact of future developments
Angelo Raffaele Meo, Politecnico di Torino

11:30 Panel
Chair: Laura Pontiggia, European Commission
- Loris di Pietrantonio, Unit ICT for Inclusion, European Commission
- Jaro Berce, Univerza v Ljubljani Fakulteta
- Hans Von Axelsson, Handisam-Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Coordination
- Franco Lisi, Italian Blind Association

12:45 Q & A

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