

## 6DISS PROJECT WILL DELIVER THE IPV6 MESSAGE WORLDWIDE

The 6DISS project (IPv6 Dissemination and Exploitation) held its kick-off meeting on 18-19 April 2005 in Brussels. 6DISS is a specific support action in the 6th Framework Programme of the European Union. Its aim is to promote the adoption of IPv6 technology in various parts of the world.

The 6DISS project exploits the experiences of key players in the Internet research community who have participated in major IPv6 related European projects, including 6NET and Euro6IX. These project participants are committed to assist the deployment of new Internet protocols and services in the developing regions of the Balkans, the southern Mediterranean countries, sub-Saharan Africa, southern Africa, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Caribbean, the Asia-Pacific region, and South and Central America. Information on best practices will also be exchanged with groups involved in similar deployment work in China and India.

6DISS will provide training courses and practical workshops aimed at people who are **responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the national research networks in the various regions. The workshops will also inform decision makers in these countries of the benefits of deploying IPv6.**

In addition to the workshops, the 6DISS project will provide support and collaboration through access to experts (the so-called "Tiger Team"), especially in relation to technical queries and operational support. Moreover, training of additional trainers will be offered, and European manufacturers will provide information about new features and products.

The co-ordinator of the project is Martel GmbH (Switzerland). The other project partners are Cisco Systems Belgium, Renater, GRNET, University College London, the University of Southampton, FCCN, Alcatel and TERENA.

The project has started on 1 April 2005 and will run for a period of 30 months. The project budget is slightly more than 1 million euro, of which 900,000 euro will be contributed by the European Commission. TERENA will lead the "project support and visibility" work package of the 6DISS project. TERENA will maintain the 6DISS website, on which various materials to assist in IPv6 deployment will be published. TERENA will also organise the 6DISS training workshop for Central and South America, in collaboration with FCCN.

For more information please see: <http://www.6diss.org/>

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