



ICT-enabled Development Strategies

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Report - Slide #1

Alvis Ancans provided an overview of the European Union and its commitment to further economic growth and the importance that the EU places on ICT to contribute to this. For example, in last 15 years, ICTs have contributed to more than 50% of Europe's growth in productivity and this trend is likely to continue.

This continued development will be encouraged through the Digital Action Agenda (DAE) one of seven action plans for Europe rolled out in 2010, which aims to spread access to all sectors of society.

Within the DAE are 7 challenges and 101 actions that aim to make access and use of ICTs ubiquitous throughout the EU by 2020.





Report - Summary

Alvis Ancans provided an overview of the European Union and its commitment to further economic growth to be stimulated by a Digital Access Agenda that aims to make access and use of ICTs ubiquitous throughout the EU by 2020.

