

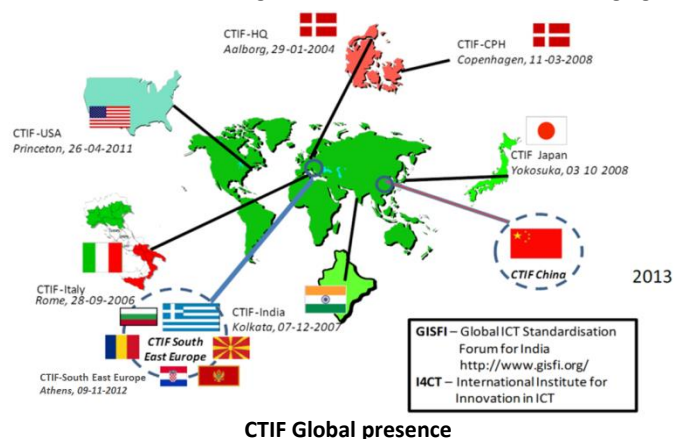
Inauguration of CTIF South-East Europe

Date: 9th November 2012

Venue: 19 km, Markopoulo Ave. 19002 Peania, Athens, Greece

Center for TeleInfrastruktur (CTIF), is a world-wide research center with headquarters at Aalborg University (AAU), Denmark. CTIF is a paradigm shift in innovative research and higher education in the area of emerging communication technologies. The Center for TeleInfrastruktur South-East Europe is a division of CTIF-Global, which is the part of CTIF that facilitates global research and educational activities.

CTIF South-East Europe complements the CTIF-Global cross-border educational and research activities by strengthening the existing CTIF networks in the region of South-East Europe and by introducing new scientific potential to those existing collaborations.



The mission of CTIF-South East Europe is to build upon the cooperation framework of CTIF-Global to establish a Telecommunications Laboratory for Fundamental and Transformative Research with Global Impact while supporting virtual student and research staff mobility. CTIF-South East Europe will function as a research and academic center within CTIF-Global with focus on fundamental telecommunications research and education. Both, fundamental theory and business perspectives will be part of the educational program. Major outcomes of the CTIF South-East Europe activities will be **Innovation, Standardization** and **creation of Start-ups**.

The initial partners of CTIF South-Europe are: **Athens Information Technology** (Greece), **University of Zagreb** (Croatia), **Technical University of Sofia** (Bulgaria), **University Politehnica of Bucharest** (Romania), **University of Montenegro** (Montenegro), **University of Cyril I Methodius** (Republic of Macedonia). The seating of CTIF South-East Europe will be at AIT in Athens, Greece. Each country will expand its participation with more partners that will be identified by the initial partners.

Under the umbrella of CTIF South-East Europe, these cooperation will produce an increased number of students graduating with a single or joint degree, and will give the benefits of a foreign study culture to the students of the countries part of the CTIF South-East Europe at a low personal cost and a beneficial spillover of the higher education sector of the country of their origin. Financial support will be sought by means of project funding from industrial, EU and national funds. CTIF South-East Europe will therefore be an important center of innovation in South-East Europe addressing both academia and industries.

The inauguration of the Center for TeleInfrastruktur South-East Europe will take place on the 9th of November 2012 in Athens Information Technology (AIT), Athens. **Prof. Ramjee Prasad**, Director of CTIF Global, together with **Prof. Finn Kjærdsdam**, Rector of Aalborg University will announce the official launch of CTIF South-East Europe, in an event that will bring a large audience from different countries, including chief governmental executives, CEOs from industries, university professors, researchers and students. Keynote speeches will be given from honorable guests. Prior to the inauguration event a workshop on “**Personalized Medicine – ICT trends and Innovation**” will be open to the public.

Program:

14:30 – 16:30 Workshop on “Personalized Medicine – ICT trends and Innovation” (detailed program tba)

17:00 – 18:00 CTIF South-East Europe Official Inauguration Event (keynote speakers tba)

18:00 – 20:00 Reception