



## **The 20 Nominees for the European IST Grand Prize announced**

**Independent experts from Euro-CASE have proposed 20 “Nominees for the European IST Grand Prize” to the European Commission.**

**The European Information Society Technologies Prize is the most distinguished award for groundbreaking products that represent the best of European innovation in Information Society Technologies. It is organised by Euro-CASE\* with the support and sponsorship of the IST Programme of the European Commission.**

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The 20 Nominees for the IST Grand Prize have been proposed to the European Commission by independent experts from 16 European countries, nominated by Euro-CASE and agreed by the European Commission. The 20 Nominees for the Grand Prize have been drawn from a pool of 66 Nominees for the European IST Prize. They come from the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain and UK.

**See the 20 Nominees for the European IST Grand Prize on [www.ist-prize.org](http://www.ist-prize.org).**

The 20 Nominees for the Grand Prize represent the best in European Information Society Technologies. They will exhibit their products at the European IST Prize Exhibition at the European Commission in Brussels on 30 November – 1 December 2005.

From amongst the 20 Nominees for the Grand Prize, Euro-CASE will propose 3 Grand Prize Winners to the European Commission.

The European Commission will select up to 20 European IST Prize Winners and up to 3 Grand Prize Winners.

The European IST Prize Awards Ceremony will take place on 23 March 2006 at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna.

Experience from the past eleven years demonstrates that the European IST Prize facilitates the start-up phase and access to finance for the Nominees, Winners and Grand Prize Winners. The criteria of innovation and market potential used for the European IST Prize reveal solidity and sustainability.

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