Project eSchool International

The Portuguese Government is promoting a project called eShool international, to be launched in the framework of the initiative *Connect a School, Connect a Community* of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU)*, that will make available* comprehensive technological solutions to schools of developing countries.

This project follows through on a commitment made by Portugal during the ITU World Telecommunications Policy Forum (WTPF), in Lisbon on 24th April 2009, and has been formally announced by Portugal and ITU on the occasion of the quadrennial ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference, held from 24 May – 4 June 2010 in Hyderabad, India.

Portugal's eSchool International is a project that acts as a major engine for promoting broadband internet access, as well as the e-inclusion of students, teachers and citizens in general. Through this action, Portugal aims to help participating countries experience the benefits of integrating ICTs in schools, making information and knowledge available for learning activities. The first phase will benefit twenty countries.

Through eSchool International, Portugal will deliver one connected school per country, by providing: laptops, including software and educational content; a smart board, connected to the laptops to allow for interactive e-learning; equipment for broadband internet connectivity and project implementation support.

The project will further test innovative approaches using ICT in the classroom, measure the impact, showcase the benefits and share lessons learned.