

New Chief Executive Officer for EIT ICT Labs

Prof. Dr. Willem Jonker will take up the position of CEO for EIT ICT Labs on September 14th, 2010.



Prof. Dr. Willem Jonker (1962) has a broad background in ICT, both in industry as well as in academia. He studied mathematics and computer science at Groningen University, worked at Delft University of Technology, received his PhD from the University of Utrecht, and is a part-time full professor in computer science at Twente University. His industrial experience covers telecommunications (KPN), IT (European Computer Industry Research Centre, Munich) and consumer electronics (Philips). He held several positions as researcher, international project leader, department head, sector head, and account manager. In 2006 he was appointed Vice President Philips Research. Prof. Dr. Jonker has served European ICT research in various ways amongst others as project leader, reviewer, and advisor.

“I’m proud to serve as CEO of EIT ICT Labs, which unites the top of European ICT research, education, and industry.”, Willem Jonker says, “ICT Labs has a clear mission to make Europe a global leader in ICT Innovation. Breeding entrepreneurial ICT talent and industrialization of research results will be key ingredients of our approach.”

“Having Willem on board is a big step forward for EIT ICT Labs. He is an excellent choice and the right person to develop it into a world-class organisation”, says Henning Kagermann, Chairman of the EIT ICT Labs Executive Steering Board.

Prof. Dr. Willem Jonker succeeds Prof. Gunnar Landgren (KTH, Stockholm, Sweden) who acted as the interim CEO right from the beginning and successfully built EIT ICT Labs to what it is today.

EIT ICT Labs is a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC) of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT⁺). The mission of EIT ICT Labs is to make Europe a global leader in ICT Innovation. EIT ICT Labs will operate from five Nodes in Berlin, Eindhoven, Helsinki, Stockholm and Paris, with associated Nodes in London, Budapest, and Trento.

+ The EIT aims to give Europe's innovation capacity and its readiness for the knowledge society a much needed boost. Its overall goal is to create a new European way of delivering essential economic growth and societal benefits through innovation. The mission of the EIT is to grow and capitalise on the innovation capacity of partners from the knowledge triangle from the EU and beyond, notably via highly integrated Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs).

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