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### **eTEN Enlargement Study**

The so-called “eTEN Enlargement Study” was contracted in July 2004 following an Open Call for Tenders. The Final Report was delivered at the end of February 2005.

The prime objective of the Enlargement Study was to make operational recommendations to both the European Commission and New Member States on possible actions which might be taken to ensure the effective participation of New Member States in the eTEN Programme. During the course of the Study information about eTEN was disseminated and there were discussions with stakeholders. As a result New Member States participated successfully in eTEN in 2004 and 2005 as judged both by their financial return and also by their widespread collaboration with organizations in the majority of existing Member States.

The Final Report of the Study identifies strengths and weaknesses in the availability of eServices in New Member States. It also contains recommendations for the future evolution of the eTEN programme which are being taken into account in current planning processes. These are summarised in the Executive Summary.