

Title of Project: Ethical, legal and social aspects of new developments in ICT

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Outline of Project.

The intern will work on an EU funded project (ICTEthics) under the 7th Framework Programme.

ICTEthics is a major initiative exploring the Ethical, legal and social aspects of new and future developments in ICT. These four developments are, a) the emergence of intelligent environments; b) the convergence of the physical, mental and virtual; c) the internet of things, and d) ICT for security.

Cesagen's role in the project is to provide an ethical analysis of these four developments as well as to contribute to the integrated analysis of all four developments working in close co-operation with the partners. One of the aspects of this work will be the development of a master class programme. Master classes will be short overviews of the key issues and topics involved in these developments and will be offered to public policy actors (such as parliamentarians or their assistants) as well as actors within industry involved in strategic research and development.

It is expected that the intern will assist the supervisors by:

1. Identifying reading material relevant to the topic of the master class
2. Assist in the writing of standard course materials for one master class (these will be reused by other partners in the project)
3. Attend and participate in the organisation of the master class
4. Provide a summary of the master class and analyse the feedback provided by participants on the quality of the master class.

Outcomes:

The intern will:

Improve their writing skills particularly in relation to writing for policy people and those involved in strategic research and development in industry

Improve their organisational skills through assisting in the planning of the master class

Improve their analytical skills by assisting in the analysis of feedback from the master class from participants.