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The annual [United Nations Public Service Awards](#) is a prestigious international competition aimed at giving recognition to excellence in public service across the world. This year's awards ceremony will take place in Vienna, Austria, on 26 June 2007.

The competition is aimed at rewarding the creative achievements and contributions of public service institutions to a more effective and responsive public administration in countries worldwide. Awards are divided into three categories: 'Improving transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the public service'; 'Improving the delivery of services'; and 'Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms'.

This year, eGovernment projects in Austria, Slovenia and Switzerland are recognised for their contribution to the improvement of public service.

Austria was nominated European winner in the category 'Improving transparency, accountability and responsiveness in the public service', for its [eLaw](#) project which implemented a completely electronic process for creating legislation, from initial drafts to the final passing and publication of laws. The Slovenian eVEM on-line one-stop shop for entrepreneurs, launched by the Slovenian Ministry of Public Administration in July 2005, was named as one of the finalists in this category, as was another Austrian project, the 'Amt der OÖ'.

In the category 'Fostering participation in policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms', two European finalists were recognised: Switzerland, for Geneva's [eVoting](#) project; and Italy, for Emilia Romagna's [Partecipa.net](#).

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