e-Power
A European Network of RTCs for RTCs
3rd Special Interest Group Meeting

**The 3rd SIG meeting sponsored by e-Power will take place on
15th October 2002, and it will be held in UTIA, the Institute of Information
Theory and Automation of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic**

**UTIA, Pod vodarenskou vezi 4, 182 08 Praha 8, Czech Republic
http://www.utia.cas.cz**

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Who Should Attend :

Regional Technology Centres and other Regional support organisations that are looking for ways to improve the services they offer to their local SMEs, and wish to act as catalysts for developing business relationships between SMEs.

Purpose :

To understand the issues of information exchange associated with Inter Organisational Business Relationships. Centred on Engineering and Manufacturing we will discuss the issues and approaches to exchanging and sharing information in support of business partnerships. Previous analyses have been conducted from a Supply Chain Product viewpoint. These discussions will look at the business environment from a suppliers view serving multiple products.

The meeting report will provide the directions for e-Power analysis of information services and tools (e-Business) supporting collaborative group working from an SME's viewpoint.

The RTCs will gain an understanding of the impact of new added value services and identify needs common to all RTCs. The structure of the Panel Session will encourage discussion of issues and provide approaches for future business opportunities and partnerships.

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Tentative agenda

09.30	**Welcome and Introduction**	
	Welcome	**Jiri Kadlec**, UTIA
	e-Power overview – the benefits of membership	**Colin Piddington, CSC**
10.00	**View of an RTC**	
	How are the SMEs engaged in Czech Republic? How many, who, where?	**Stanislav Cerny,** UNIS Brno
	The RTC position and approach in the Czech Republic will explained and the regional Business Scenarios that they operate within.	**Jiri Kadlec**, UTIA **who else?**
	Czech Republic requirements for National European Collaboration Networks will be explained.	
11.00	**Break**	
11.15	**Presentations**	
	SMEs have multiple customers and multiple environments.	**Vinesh Raja, Warwick**
	Market places – OEM driven (1 input, many outputs)	**who else?**
	SME need Supplier marketplace (many inputs, 1 output)	
11.45	**Discussion**	
	Q1 Transaction information	
	Q2 Engineering / manufacturing data	
	Design / Manufacturing	
12.30	**Lunch**	
	Networking. Exchange of business cards.	
14.00	**Solution Scenarios**	
	Technical Solutions – SDEs (Private Networks)	**software vendor?**
	You can do it, if you try	**Kul Pawar, Nottingham**
	Examples of use	
15.15	**Break**	
15.30	**Why is it not happening?**	
	Panel Session (Vendor Panel)	**Francisco Restivo,** IDIT
	3 Vendors, 1 EU rep., 1 Czech Republic rep.	**who?**
	Q1 Information sharing	
	Q2 Support: Who? How?	
	Q3 Information transaction consistencies	
	Q4 External Services	
16:55	**Summary**	
	Synergies, Summary & Action Plan	
17.00	**Close**	