

# 20th anniversary of ERCIM

## Standardisation of research results

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## ETSI – Who are we?

- Key player in ICT (Information Communication Technology)
- Independent, not-for-profit, created in 1988
- 750+ Member from 63 countries
- European Standards Organisation status
- Direct participation by organisation
- 20,000 publications – available for free!
- Success stories e.g. GSM, DECT, TETRA



## Key Challenge for Successful Innovation

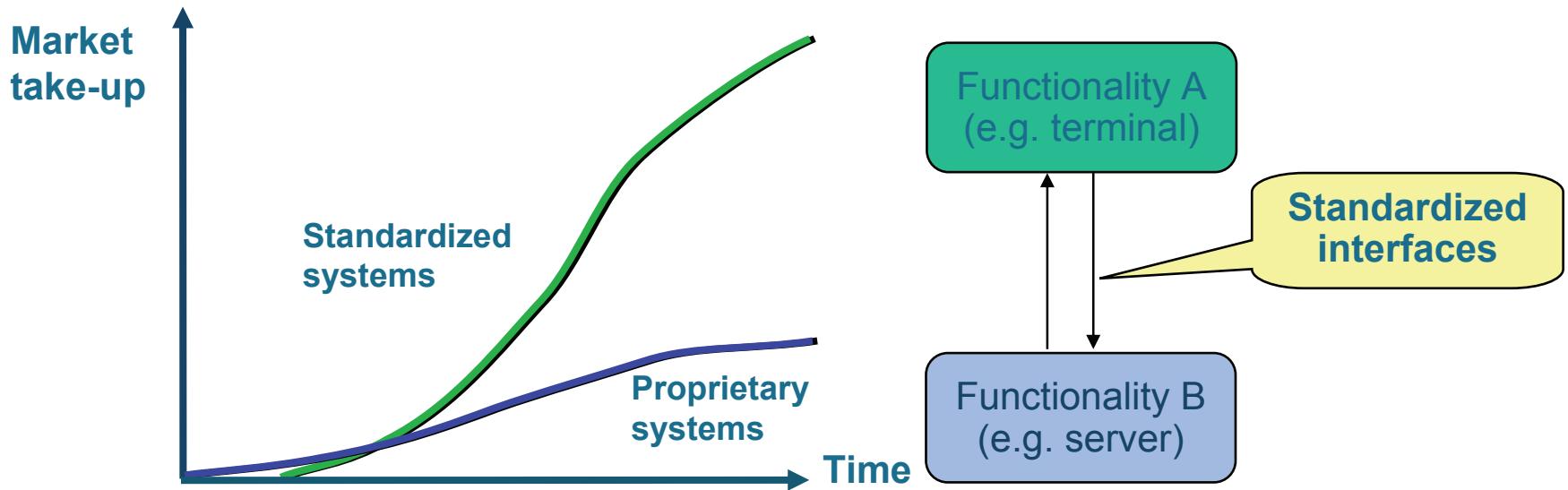
-> Transform Innovation Leadership into Market Leadership

- The innovation environment is evolving
  - Accelerating innovation cycles, increased market segmentation, faster product & service takeoff, and increased investment in R&D
  - Globalisation offers opportunities for outsourced R&D as well as new markets
  - Open innovation and networked R&D are providing new challenges
- It is not sufficient to be innovative, or to master the innovation environment
- How to ensure first mover / innovative advantage is not wasted

## Trend: ICT is becoming THE enabling technology in many fields

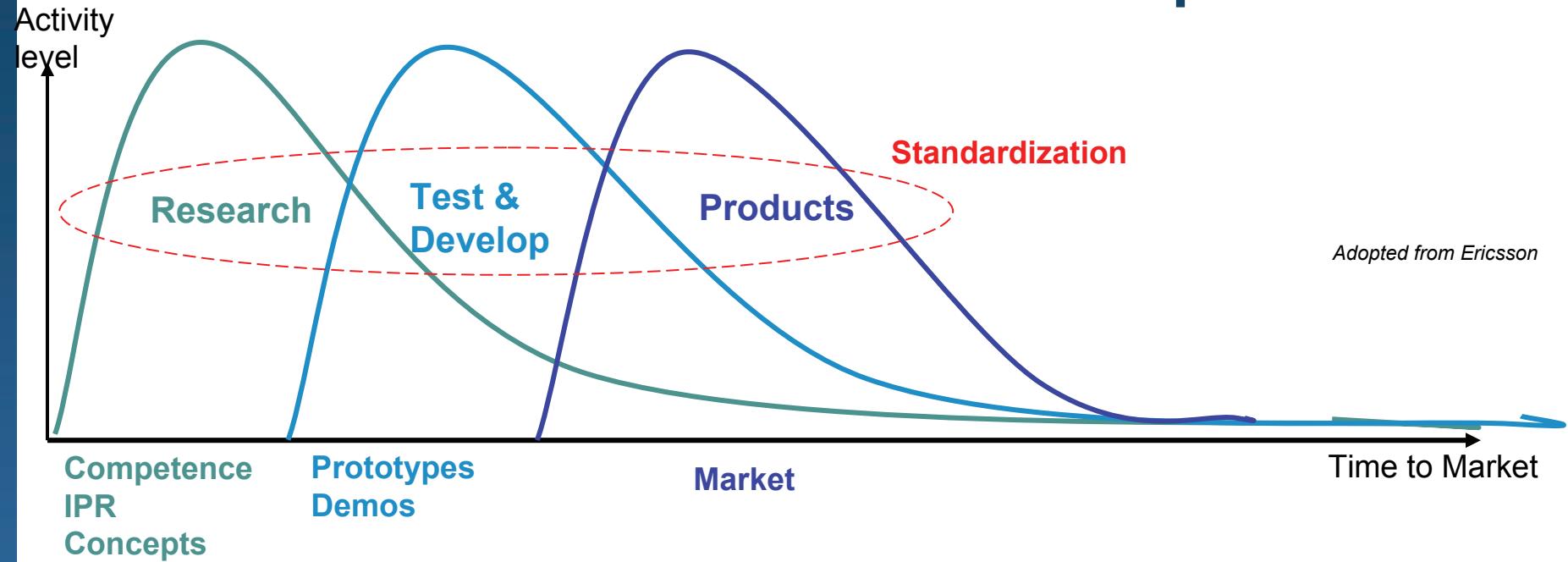
- Intelligent transport systems
- Railway systems
- Aeronautical, maritime products
- E-Health
- Industry automation (wireless factory)
- Logistics (RF-ID, Internet of Things)

# Why work in standards? Enable growth and innovation



- First movers set the standards and use them to impose their market leadership
- Standardization is a main “market access tool”
- Participation in standardization offers competitive & market intelligence

## Standardization is a business process



**Successful innovation needs to manage increasing ‘overlaps’ in business processes**  
-> closer link between research and standardization

## Standardization offers a path to exploit R&D results

- Europe excels at collaborative R&D programmes: €53.7bn FP7 programme, of which €9.1bn on ICT. Also Eureka programme, and future Joint Technology Initiatives
- It is not enough to disseminate R&D project results into standards bodies as one-off submissions after they have been achieved
- Longer-term participation in standardization process is required
- Funding gap exists: Governments and industry

# Closing the gap between Research and Standardization

- The gap between research projects and standardization
  - Standardization can take time
  - Funding shortfall
  - Different objectives between R&D project and standards committee
  - Population differences
  - Too much choice of Standardization bodies
  
- What ETSI does
  - Reduce barriers to input from R&D projects
  - Incubator or pre-standardization groups for new topics: “ISG”
  - Improve visibility of R&D project impact on standards
  - Increased dialogue between ETSI and R&D community
  - Reduced membership fees

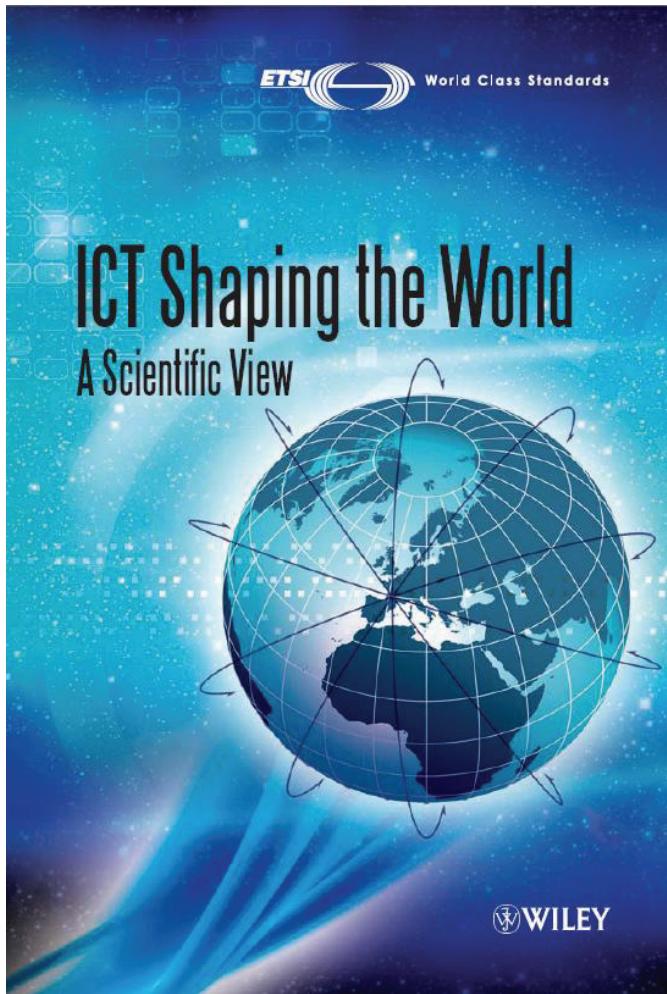
## Co-operation ERCIM - ETSI

- ERCIM and ETSI have 5 years shared Grid technologies experience
- ERCIM and ETSI have already partnered in EU Project COPRAS
- Success story QKD (Quantum Key Distribution): 16 contributors, 8 specs in pipeline
- ETSI direct briefing for ERCIM project co-ordinators
- Close cooperation on FP 7 projects
- And the **Infinity** Initiative: 2009 on Bio-ICT (Virtual Physiological Human)

# The Infinity Initiative

- A series of envisaged joint ETSI / ERCIM events to include futuristic workshops, seminars and meetings aiming to strengthen the links between standardization and research and which have the support of the European Commission
  
- From ETSI point of view: a chance to ‘stretch’ ETSI to connect with new emerging ICT fields, for which we don’t yet have the right population, but for which ERCIM does

## ICT Shaping the World – A Scientific View



- Celebrating our 20th birthday
- 30 of the world's leading ICT scientific thinkers accepted to contribute
- 16 articles giving a state-of-the-art view
- Editorial board
  - Prof. Michel Cosnard
  - Dr. Keith Dickerson
  - Prof. Keith Jeffery
  - Prof. Gérard Pogorel
  - Prof. Ramjee Prasad
  - Dr. Alois Sieber
  - Dr. Walter Weigel



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ERCIM!**

**ETSI is looking forward to the next  
success stories with you!**