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Leipzig celebrates World Telecommunication Day

The city of Leipzig in Germany will celebrate World Telecommunication Day 2003 with a special event bringing together private industry and students. From the 25 000 Students in Leipzig, nearly a quarter of them are studying subjects like information, communication and media sciences, informatics, telecommunication networks, systems and services, communication policy, economy and law. The planned event will include both a special "Leipzig Telecommunication Lecture" and concrete interactions between students and industry players such as *Siemens AG*, *Deutsche Telekom AG*, *Alcatel-SEL*, *Thales Information Systems* and *IBM*. Discussions will centre around the political, economic, cultural and social role of telecommunication and the future of the labour market — issues which are on the agenda of the forthcoming World Summit on the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003.

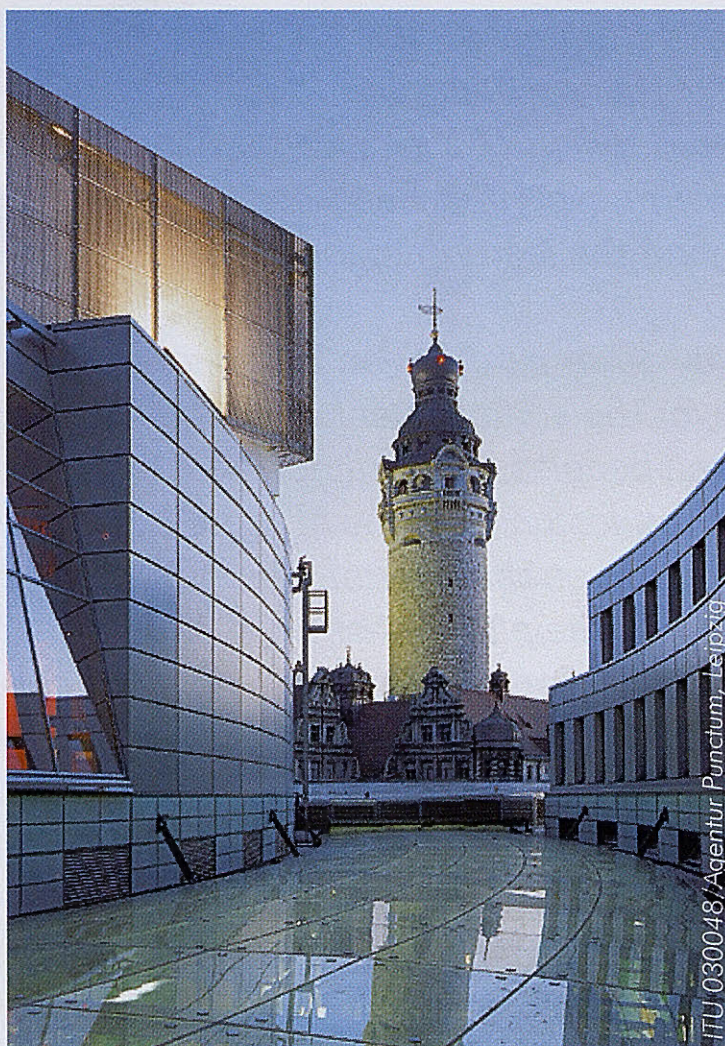
The event is supported by the Federal Ministry for Economics and Labour. Leipzig's Lord Mayor, Wolfgang Tiefensee, President of Euro-Cities, will chair the event. The "Leipzig Telecommunication Lecture" will be given by visionary Robin Mansell from the London School of Economics, who will speak

about "Inside the Communication Revolution: Evolving Patterns of Social and Technical Interaction after the .com Euphoria".

Leipzig was well known worldwide as the "Book City" in the 19th century with numerous famous publishing houses. The first German newspaper was published in this city 300 years

ago. After Germany's unification in 1990, the city of Leipzig has developed and implemented a strategy towards the information society. It is now well recognized as "the media city of the East". About 15 per cent of the local labour force works in the information, communication and media industry. The local Internet penetration in private households and small and medium-sized enterprises is approaching the 50 per cent line. Deutsche Telekom invested more than one billion Euros into the local infrastructure. Siemens, IBM, Thales Information Systems and other "big players" have affiliations in Leipzig, which is also

the seat of the *Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk*, Germany's fourth biggest public broadcaster. New players like PC Ware Information Technologies AG or LINTEC AG have made a remarkable development in the last years despite the bursting of the ".com" bubble. ■



View of the new Town Hall of Leipzig