HGI Hosts Smart Home Workshop in Germany

*Industry experts share ideas on energy management, home automation, comfort, home security, assisted living (AAL) and discuss relevant standards*

22 August 2012. HGI, which is shaping the way that services are delivered in the digital home, is hosting a Workshop for companies involved in the German and European Smart Homes industry on 11 September in Heidelberg, Germany.

During this Workshop, participants have the opportunity to review technical details and discuss the architecture of smart home services. The focus is on current developments in Germany and also discussing the situation in other countries.

The Heidelberg Workshop is free to attend upon prior registration for industry members; however the number of seats is limited.

Duncan Bees, HGI’s Chief Technology Officer, said much progress has been made since the start of the year with the Open Forum hosted by HGI in Paris acting as a catalyst for progress.

“The Smart Home services market is in flux, and both HGI and non-HGI members will have a great chance to share ideas about the latest market developments and technical requirements in our Heidelberg Workshop. HGI is working to connect homes and enable services by setting specifications for smart home architecture, building on the momentum of our service provider and manufacturer members and cooperating with other organisations that are approaching the same challenge from different perspectives,” said Bees.

Following the Workshop, HGI members will meet throughout the week to progress their work in the Smart Home, particularly focussing on Application Programming Interfaces suitable for services deployment. HGI members will also discuss Home Gateway requirements, testing and requirements for home networking.

The HGI Heidelberg Smart Home Workshop will take place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Kurfürsten-Anlage 1, Heidelberg, Germany. The workshop will continue into the evening with networking.

For additional information about HGI, including registration details for joining the HGI Heidelberg Forum and/or the quarterly meeting as an observer, please visit [www.homegatewayinitiative.org](http://www.homegatewayinitiative.org) and contact contact@homegatewayinitiative.org.

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The HGI, founded in 2004 by nine telecom operators, is shaping the next generation of internet and voice services. Starting from use-cases and service needs, the HGI sets requirements for Home Gateways, infrastructure devices, and the home network. The HGI now has over 60 members from across the globe, representing the entire spectrum of players in the broadband home area.

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