

Annual Report Luminus

Ambient Intelligence is a vision of the future where the world will be surrounded by electronic environments sensitive and responsive to people, wherein devices work in concert to support people in carrying out their everyday life activities, in an easy and natural way. This edited volume is based on the workshop Multimedia Techniques for Ambient Intelligence (MTDAI08), held in Mogliano Veneto, Italy in March 2008. Contributed by world renowned leaders in the field from academia and industry, this volume is dedicated to research on technologies used to improve the intelligence capability of multimedia devices for imaging, image processing and computer vision. Focuses on recent developments in digital signal processing, including evolutions in audiovisual signal processing, analysis, coding and authentication, and retrieval techniques. Designed for researchers and professionals, this book is also suitable for advanced-level students in computer science and electrical engineering.

Despite acknowledging that a 'handful' of providers give him concern, the Regulator is reluctant to give them lower financial viability ratings, fearing that doing so might trigger an upward re-pricing of their debt. Instead, the Regulator uses governance ratings to signal concerns about financial viability. This practice lacks openness and should stop and accurate financial viability ratings should be published. The fear of triggering a re-pricing also prevents the Regulator from using many of his statutory powers, preferring to adopt informal approaches instead. This lacks transparency and risks too close a relationship developing between the Regulator and providers. The devolved administrations' housing regulators, not to mention regulators in other sectors, must encounter similar dilemmas. The Regulator should work with them to see how they have addressed his concern that the use of statutory powers could prove counter-productive. The Committee's concerns are underlined by the case of Cosmopolitan Housing Group, which came close to insolvency in 2012. The Regulator only lowered its financial viability rating for Cosmopolitan in December 2012, despite the fact that he had been monitoring the situation for months and the possibility of insolvency had been raised in the media two months previously. The report also raises concerns about how effectively the Regulator is discharging his remit for consumer regulation. Noting that of 111 complaints related to consumer standards referred to the Regulator no case of serious consumer detriment was found, the Report calls for an annual external check to be carried out to provide assurance that the Regulator is discharging his duties effectively

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A directory to the universities of the Commonwealth and the handbook of their association.

How can governments support the private sector's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? This book investigates the contribution of firms to the SDGs, particularly through their core business, taking into account inter-sectoral linkages and global value chains, using novel techniques and data sources.

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experience with great stories, compelling photography, and sound advice while honoring the traditions hunters and fishermen have passed down for generations.

Aan de westkust van Turkije ligt het eiland Lesbos, dat door een lagune vrijwel in tweeën is verdeeld. Dit is de plek waar, 2400 jaar geleden, Aristoteles besloot zich te gaan verdiepen in de natuurlijke wereld. Iedereen kent Aristoteles als filosoof – maar dat hij ook voor de biologie van enorm belang is geweest, is een beetje vergeten. Hij schreef alles op wat hij over de dierenwereld kon zeggen, teksten die bekendstaan onder de naam *Historia Animalium*. Eeuwenlang trokken wetenschappers er niet meer op uit om te kijken hoe de natuur erbij lag: ze sloegen simpelweg Aristoteles erop na. Vanaf de zeventiende eeuw kwam het tegengeluid: 'Bestudeer de natuur! Niet de boeken!' Zo verdween Aristoteles langzaam uit de wetenschappelijke canon. Nu is het tijd voor een herwaardering: Armand Leroi herstelt in dit boek de reputatie van Aristoteles de wetenschapper. Niet alleen was hij de eerste bioloog, hij is nog steeds een van de grootste. Met *De lagune* geeft Leroi werkelijk een nieuwe visie op leven en werk van de filosoof.

As economic crises, growing inequality and climate change prompt a global debate on the meaning and trajectory of development, increasing attention is focusing on 'social and solidarity economy' as a distinctive approach to sustainable and rights-based development. While we are beginning to understand what social and solidarity economy is, what it promises and how it differs from 'business as usual', we know far less about whether it can really move beyond its fringe status in many countries and regions. Under what conditions can social and solidarity economy scale up and scale out - that is, expand in terms of the growth of social and solidarity economy organizations and enterprises, or spread horizontally within given territories? Bringing together leading researchers, blending theoretical and empirical analysis, and drawing on experiences and case studies from multiple countries and regions, this volume addresses these questions. In so doing, it aims to inform a broad constituency of development actors, including scholars, practitioners, activists and policy makers.

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