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### BIPT looks "Beyond"

**Brussels, 19 June 2015.** At an event called "*Beyond*" organised by BIPT and the SPF Economy in the Flagey building several CEOs and speakers from the telecom and postal sectors have explained how they think innovation in those sectors will continue to evolve. A number of high-tech demonstrations were conducted by various market players, manufacturers and students. This is an overview.

At the start of the event **Ericsson** demonstrated a live 4G+ (LTE) broadcast and gave a few flash demos of the evolution towards 5G. Belgian start-up **Parcelhome** presented its new intelligent mailbox that can receive parcels when nobody is home. The smartbox is operated by a smartphone app that enables both the addressee and the deliverer to open the mailbox. Users can also return or send parcels without having to go to a post office.

Teachers and students of the Design and Technology Department of **Erasmus University College Brussels** presented their new creations and prototypes, such as 'emotional' robots, smartwatches, beacons, experience design, Motion Capturing, Google Glass, Vuzix glass.

**BMW** showed the new 6 series, which has a key that is almost a fully fledged smartphone. The BMW 6, a concrete realisation of the connected and assisted car of tomorrow, is unlocked by swiping just like a smartphone. From a distance the car can be pre-heated and it can park fully automatically: the "augmented car" is a fact.

**BIPT** showed its high-tech equipment and monitoring vehicles that are used to locate radio interference. Indeed, BIPT is tasked with managing the electromagnetic spectrum and with policing the radio waves. It has to intervene in case of interference experienced by private persons, in professional networks, in networks of mobile operators or on air traffic frequencies. By means of monitoring equipment BIPT is able to locate the source of the transmission and to use means to put an end to it.

Finally, the website [www.surfmobile.be](http://www.surfmobile.be) developed by BIPT and the SPF Economy was presented, which had been launched earlier that day by Vice-premier and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecom and Post Alexander De Croo to promote mobile Internet in Belgium. The website aims to inform consumers about the advantages of mobile Internet and about the correct, safe and controlled use of it.

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