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Europe's Largest Televoting Platform from ECT Ready for the Song Contest

Platform from ECT allows up to 2,000 Calls Attempts Per Second

Munich, April 13th 2011: ECT (European Computer Telecoms AG), a leading provider of voice and multimedia value-added services, will be helping to answer the question as to who Lena's successor as the Grand Prix winner will be, or whether the reigning champion from Hanover will be able to defend the title in her home country.

Munich-based ECT provides the technology with which the German television audience will be voting for the next winner on 14th May 2011. In addition to the platform, ECT provides an Application Programming Interface (API) that can be used to analyse the voting progress and results. ECT's **effective**[®] televoting platform, which will be used for the competition in Germany, is the largest of its kind in Europe.

All calls for a contestant which are received from Germany run over the ECT solution. The system can handle up to 2,000 calls attempts per second (CAPS). Callers can vote by placing voice calls or sending an SMS over the same platform. Last year, the German part of the televoting also ran on the ECT platform.

Interactive TV formats like the Song Contest, but also other casting and game shows are becoming increasingly popular. According to a study published by the VATM (Association of Telecommunications and Value-Added Service Providers) in Germany, televoting is the only value-added voice service which showed an increase in revenue in 2010.



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