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EC website to advertise 112 emergency number Wednesday 4th June 2008

The European Commission has launched a 112 website in a bid to promote the use of the free European emergency number.

The 112 website will tell citizens how to use the service, what to expect from it and how it differs between member states.

EU Telecoms Commissioner Vivianne Reding said: "The millions of EU citizens going on holidays this summer only need to remember one emergency number: 112.

"While 112 is now available in all but one country across the EU, I call on member states to make 112 better known and more effective. All EU citizens should know they can dial 112 to reach emergency services.

"I especially urge those member states yet to introduce caller location, which helps emergency services find accident victims, to do so for all 112 calls as soon as possible."

The website compares 112 performances and shows that at least 97% of 112 calls are answered within 20 seconds in the Czech Republic, Spain and the UK and a least 71% within 10 seconds in the Netherlands and Finland.

An exhibition on 112 is to take place today, opened by Comissioner Reding and Diana Wallis, Vice-President of the European Parliament.

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