



About E-government.ge

- The first ever web portal of electronic governmental recourses in Georgia
- User friendly interface
- Simplified search tools of information
- Growing popularity among customers

DEA Starts to Circulate its Monthly Newsletter

You are now reading the first issue of the newsletter from the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. From now on, all visitors registered on the website www.e-government.ge will receive the latest news from the agency on a monthly base.

You will stay up-to-date on ongoing events of DEA. Various interesting topics will be covered concerning information security issues, data exchange infrastructure and E-governance. Additionally, you will find it useful to receive notifications on new electronic services right after they become available.

We hope, the information we provide will raise your interest towards E-Governance related fields, which are crucial for the country's further development.

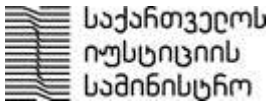
New E-Services Added to the E-government.ge Web Portal

The web portal crated by the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is being permanently updated. The number of new electronic services offered by the various governmental organizations goes is growing and the web portal momentarily features all new additions.

Recently added services enable customers to communicate with various governmental agencies in a much easier forms.

Among recently added services it is worth to mention Civil Registry's new online services: from now on citizens can apply for passports, copies for civil documents and register their presence in foreign countries to the consulates or embassies via the internet.

The web portal also enriched its collection by adding new online services from the Tbilisi City Hall's Property Management Agency and The National Center for Examinations.



## DEA`s Educational Course of Lectures in the 42nd Public School

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia has started educational course of lectures for the students of the 42nd public school of Physics & Mathematics. The Course of lectures will cover various interesting themes related to the modern information technologies. The lectures will be administrated by the agency`s employees under the specially elaborated program.

During the course students will become familiar with the role of information technologies in everyday life. The course will also review historical aspects of the development of computer technologies. Lecturers will discuss the importance of the World Wide Web, as integral part of modern life since its first steps of invasion. Another interesting part of the lectures will cover the objec-



## DEA and TAIEX Held Joint Workshop on Information Security

Data Exchange Agency (DEA) of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and European Commission`s Technical Assistance Information Exchange Instrument (TAIEX) held a joint workshop on information security issues on March 21-22 at Radisson Blue Iveria hotel.

In the frames of workshop, experts from the EC, both Public and Business sector representatives and other invited participants discussed numbers of issues related to the functions of the Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), current and expected global threats concerning cyber security and the adaption of standardized information security policies in public and commercial organizations.



The workshop was attended by the representatives from various ministries responsible for ICT development as well as individuals working in financial, insurance, health and telecommunication industries.

“DEA`s one of the core functions is to improve and monitor the environment involving information security as a critically important field for the country. We with our colleagues from Europe, who possess viable knowledge and experience on how to strengthen information security as a tool, will have productive discussions and the shared information will help both our public and private sector to correctly schedule their activities under the guidelines of information security.” – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman, DEA.

**About TAIEX:** TAIEX is the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange instrument managed by the Directorate-General Enlargement of the European Commission. TAIEX supports partner countries with regard to the approximation, application and enforcement of EU legislation. It is largely demand driven and facilitates the delivery of appropriate tailor-made expertise to address issues at short notice.

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Data Exchange Agency (DEA) started its operation on January 4, 2010. The agency operates under the status of LEPL (Legal Entity of Public Law) and is governed by the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. DEA's overall activity is divided into several directions. Each of them bears equal importance and strives to support the following fields: E-governance development, creation and installation of unified Georgian Governmental Gateway (3G) and its monitoring, establishment of data exchange infrastructure. Setting ICT standards for public sector entities and elaborating information security policies are the agency's another important responsibility.

Subsequently, the agency's core functions can be split into 3 directions:

- E-governance;
- Data Exchange Infrastructure;
- Information Security.

## E-governance

An effective tool to administrate and manage various-leveled governmental institutions and to boost their productivity through the active usage of electronic platforms. One of the models for E-governance is a one-stop portal, where citizens have easy access to a variety of information and services. The web portal of Georgian governmental electronic resources managed by the agency is one of the first steps to establish simplified forms of Government to Citizen, Government to Employees, Government to Government and Government to Business relationships. DEA is set to be the principal body in Georgian government responsible for E-governance development.

## DATA EXCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE

The government holds unprecedented amount of electronic information. Data exchange infrastructure guarantees fast, reliable and secure sharing of accumulated data between governmental public and other institutions. The well-developed data exchange infrastructure raises the level of government's flexi-



## INFORMATION SECURITY

E-governance functionality as well as data exchange infrastructure's activation poses increased threats for information security. Data exchange agency is a primary institution responsible for country's cyber and information security. To fully execute its duties connected with information security, DEA governs Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT's mission is to identify, register and analyze incidents of any origin threatening ICTs. DEA is also responsible for creating and implementing information security policies in various governmental institutions.

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