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TWINNING FOR STRENGTHENING E-GOVERNANCE IN GEORGIA - KICK-OFF MEETING



On December 7, 2012 at Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel Data exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and European Integration and Economic Development Agency of Austria held an inaugural event of TWINNING Project.

TWINNING for strengthening E-Governance in Georgia aims at future application of information and communication technologies in the public sector to better perform government's administrative responsibilities and to facilitate an efficient, speedy and transparent

dissemination of information to other agencies and the public.

Mr. Alexandre Baramidze, the Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia and **H.E. Philip Dimitrov**, EU Ambassador to Georgia made opening remarks for the event participants.

The project aims to strengthen the E-Governance in Georgia through 1) implementation of best EU practice in e-Polices and e-Government legislation; 2) implementation of interoperability framework including relevant regulation and standards; 3) effective functioning information security system with institutionalized strong and efficient CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team).



"The overall objective of the Project is to provide essential support to the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia for implementation of recently initiated e-governance Strategy. I am delighted that the European Delegation along with other partners is deeply involved in the process. Having an opportunity to learn and acknowledge the best EU practice in this direction is very important for us. We appreciate their aspiration for helping to make Georgia a better place in terms of ICT development." – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman, DEA commented
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This project is funded by the European Union and carried out by the Data Exchange Agency. The estimated budget of the project is € 1.2 million (App. 2.59 million GEL) with duration of 18 months.

"The goal of e-Government is strengthening and improving the quality and efficiency of public administration. Communication is made easier for citizens and businesses, costs are lowered and at the same time internal processes are speed up substantially. The quality and transparency of public services is increased considerably to the benefit of all. The term e-Government has therefore become synonymous for a modern state. Our consortium in this EU twinning is proud to work together with DEA on this vision for e-Georgia!" – **Christian Rupp**, Federal Executive Secretary for e-Government Austria commented.

Realizing the importance of sharing best international practices in the sector, the project takes the form of a twinning. This Twinning project provides effective tools to consequently implement the best and the most suitable e-policies in Georgia based on EU practice.

THE 5TH JUBILEE GITI 2012 CONFERENCE AND AWARDS



GITI 2012 conference organized by the ICT Business Council of Georgia and Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia successfully ended up with unveiling the best IT projects of the year. The motto of the event, which was held on 15-17 November, was "IT for the future".

The aims to establish and promote effective partnerships among the public and the private sectors, associations and other IT&T industry related organizations in the Central and East Europe, Baltic States, Caucasus and Middle Asia region to promote competitiveness, innovation and security.

The event was officially opened by the first Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia, Mr. David Jandieri. Opening remarks were also made by Mr. Giga Shubitidze, President of ICT Business

Council of Georgia, Christian Rupp, Federal Executive Secretary for E-Government Austria and Mr. Arslan Avsarbey, Head of Administrative Development, Prime Minister's Office of Turkey.

The conference, which is held annually, has become a flagship event in the field IT and Cyber Security. The conference provides a high-powered environment in which experts, information security professionals, government officials, businessmen and other "bright minds", who strive to make life more challenging through the extensive use of ICTs are able to network, establish essential cooperation mechanisms and exchange views on best practices. More than 400 participants from over 30 countries attended the conference.

During the conference, special attention was paid to the e-governance development projects, currently undergoing in Georgia and in region as well. Using technological novelties in the process was also discussed.

The 3rd day of the conference featured cyber and information security event. Industry's experts, analysts and other professionals discussed current challenges of information and cyber security and its increasing impact on our lives.

Traditional award ceremony unveiled 15 winners in 15 nominations from both public and private sectors. For the best ICT projects developed throughout the year, grand prix was awarded to the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social affairs of Georgia.

Special supporter of GITI 2012 is USAID's Economic Prosperity Initiative (EPI)

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INFORMATION SECURITY WORKSHOP HELD WITHIN GITI 2012 FORMAT



Representatives of DEA's Information Security and Policy Division held information security workshop in parallel to the main session of GITI 2012. According to the workshop agenda, during the event information security related presentations were made for targeted audience. Georgia's Legal base of information security, new challenges of cyber protection, CERT.GOV.GE activities and other related themes were covered by the presenters.

"Meetings of such format are very important. We were able to address targeted audience and present information, which was part of an interest of attendees. Presentations made by our staff members sparked very active discussions, which meant

the workshop was successful. It was also very important that we had an opportunity to talk about our CERT.GOV.GE team and its activities, which recently masterminded some very interesting investigations." – **Irakli Lomidze**, DEA, Head of Information Security and Policy Division.

FIRST COMPANY REGISTERED ONLINE IN GEORGIA



On November 30, 2012 first company was registered online. **Vladimer Tkeshelashvili**, the founder of LTD Mercatus Capital used the function of online registration of Citizen's portal MY.GOV.GE.

Regarding this fact, **Irakli Gvenetadze**, the Chairman of Data Exchange Agency, awarded **Vladimer Tkeshelashvili** with a special certificate.

"I have always observed the development of new technologies with a huge interest. I am glad to be the first who registered the company online. This is a simple procedure you can accomplish without leaving your house or office. The registration pro-

cedure is 100% online, which is very comfortable." – **Vladimer Tkeshelashvili**, the founder of LTD Mercatus Capital commented.

TRAINING IN IMPLEMENTATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES



USAID Good Governance in Georgia Program (G3) organized trainings, which were administrated by Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. Training courses covered information security policy implementation (Lead implementation) in compliance with International Standard - ISO 27001. The training also covered business continuity management process. The training was conducted by the leading British company - BSI (<http://www.bsigroup.com/>). 15 different state agencies participated in the training who passed the certification test (ISO 27001 Lead implementation) and become certified specialists in information security implementation.

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