

Development of Information Society in South East Europe

Centre for eGovernance Development for South East Europe (CeGD), located in Ljubljana Slovenia was established in January 2008 when six stakeholders (Stability Pact – eSEE, Government of Republic of Slovenia, European Foundation, UNDP, INA Academy and SRC d.o.o.) and two recognized partners (Microsoft and Siemens) signed the Memorandum of understanding. The Memorandum of understanding recognizes the importance of regional cooperation and public-private partnership in the development of information and communication technologies in South East Europe and the critical role played by eGovernance programs in democratic political, economic and social development in the 21st century.

Advisory bodies as a link to the needs of South East Europe (SEE)

The CeGD is composed of three executive and two advisory bodies. The Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) represents the ideas, and needs of governments from the SEE region, while the Private Sector Advisory Committee (PSAC; <http://www.seeictforum.org/default.aspx>) represents the business sector, its ideas, needs and ICT solutions in connection with regional initiatives. The actions of both advisory bodies ensure that the CeGD is up-to-date with the ICT needs and developments in the SEE region. The director of the centre, the Supervisory Board and the Management Board act as executive bodies. The first, founding director, Mr. Blaž Golob had been appointed in May 2008. Mr. Golob took on the responsibility of setting up the CeGD, its main activities and founding documents, among them the One Year Operational Plan (2009) and the Long Term Programme (2009-2013).

CeGD knowledge sharing services

In 2009, equipped with a young, enthusiastic and motivated team, which in addition to Mr. Golob, includes Ms. Tina Vuga, the eGovernance Academy Coordinator and Mr. Tit Neubauer, the Knowledge Platform Coordinator, the CeGD began implementing its first activities.

Deriving from the vision & mission of the CECD, the eGovernance Academy and the Knowledge Platform are the two primary fields of activities, providing research, education, analyses and dissemination of knowledge and results to eGovernance actors in the SEE region.

Development of "CeGD 7 ePillars model"

The CeGD utilizes a methodological approach for building a comprehensive eGovernance development model for the SEE region. The CeGD 7 ePillars model for successful development of Information society focus seven key spheres introduced through seven pillars - eGovernment; eDemocracy; eBusiness; eEducation, eResearch and eCulture; eHealth; eJustice and eSecurity. Within the context of each ePillar a model for successful development will be formulated, which will follow the motto "NOT TO FIT FOR ALL" (marking that the model takes into consideration specifics and particularities of each country in the region). Each model provides specific guidelines for the formulation and implementation of strategies and action plans (policy model) on a specific ePillar (e.g. eHealth, eDemocracy, etc.), gives direction on the necessary legal framework for eGovernance implementation and finally provides good practice cases of ICT business solutions. By providing step-by-step guidelines for eGovernance development the CeGD wishes to complete the objective put forward in its vision.

The first CeGD eGovernance Academy seminar

One of the first activities to be implemented in 2009 had been the organization and successful realization of the first eGovernance Academy seminar. The seminar, organized between the 28th and 30th of January 2009 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, was entitled "eGovernment Solutions for Successful Regional Cooperation". In three days the seminar hosted approximately 65 participants from 10 countries in the SEE region. The participants were able to hear and discuss all major topics on the issue of eGovernment, ranging from legal framework

and legal dimensions to eGovernment components and ICT business solutions. Among the speakers from the business sector was Mr. Vasko Kronevski, the CEO of NEXTSENSE (www.nextsense.com), who presented a good practice case on how ICT business solutions can assist governments in fighting corruption. Mr. Nemanja Malbašić, the deputy director of SRC (www.src.si) also gave a lecture on available ICT business solutions for eGovernment development in the SEE region. The end result and output of the seminar was the development of the CeGD eGovernment model, which provides all the necessary data for eGovernment development in the SEE region.

Blaž Golob



Blaž Golob, director of CeGD, presenting the CeGD eGovernment model at the "Seminar on eGovernment Solutions for Successful Regional Cooperation", Ljubljana, Slovenia 30th of March 2009

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