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Editor's note

The autumn of 2011 was very inspiring and challenging period for the CeGD team.

CeGD successfully coorganised the second eDemocracy conference in Ohrid, Macedonia. The event was coorganised with Macedonian Parliament, Nextsense and with help of Official Development Assistance of Slovenia.

The very first Ljubljana Forum conference was successfully organized in the beginning of October 2011 in Ljubljana Castle, Slovenia. City Developers Foresight Conference: European Metropolitan Growth Area 2027 was an impressive vision building event where business, knowledge and ambitious urban SEE projects met in one place. Ljubljana Forum 2011 hosted 150 participants from 29 different states.

In November the High level meeting on information society development was held within the framework of the Electronic South Eastern Europe (eSEE) Initiative in Tirana. Blaz Golob, director CeGD identified areas of cooperation in respect of Information society development and joint initiatives for preparation of projects with cross border dimension.

In November there was PADGETS plenary meeting held at Google premises in Zurich in Switzerland. CeGD presented its user case scenario.

Dynamic autumn inspired CeGD team for new challenges in winter of 2011. In February the second Microsoft envisioning event will take place in Bled as well as 13th Bled Forum on Europe with prominent speakers and guests will be held in the beginning of March of 2011.

Readers are still welcome to help us create the upcoming issues of the CeGD Newsletter by submitting ideas for topics, specific articles, interviews, presentations of eGovernance solutions and ICT solutions, highlighted topics and provide feedback. For comments and inputs please contact the CeGD Newsletter editor at anja.polajnar@cegd.eu.

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Wishing you a pleasant reading,

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e-DEMOCRACY Conference 2011

25th - 27th September 2011, Ohrid, Macedonia

CeGD and Nextsense organised the second e-Democracy Conference that was held in Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia from 25th to 27th September. The conference brought together the top of the e-government community and provided a unique opportunity for an interactive forum that allowed the participants to exchange their knowledge, thoughts and results regarding the e-Democracy concepts in the region.

The e-Democracy Conference 2011 addressed from both the policy and technical perspectives, how the use of ICT can help improve democracy, transparency, accountability and effectiveness in the public institutions.

At the conference, members of public institutions: parliament, government, and Official Journal, experts from international organizations and academics who work with information and communication technologies in the legislative process had the opportunity to exchange ideas and views about the ICT in public institutions, analyze good practices and learn from each other's experiences.

The e-Democracy Conference lasted two days, starting on Sunday, 25th September with an opening cocktail and ending on Tuesday, 27th September 2011 with the Final remarks and conclusions session.



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Blaž Golob, director of CeGD, presented the model of public private partnership in the field of government development and information society.



From left to right: Mr. Chris Henshaw - National Democratic Institute - NDI Macedonia Country Director, Mr. Blaž Golob - Director, CeGD, H.E. Ivo Ivanovski - Minister of Information Society and Administration, Macedonia, Mr. Vasko Kronevski - CEO Nextsense, Mr. Igor Andonovski - COO Nextsense

- National wide integrated legislative knowledge management
- How ICT can transform the work of parliament and government
- Parliament and Democracy in the Twenty-first century
- Open government
- e-Participation

The conference included case study presentations about the e-Cabinet 2.0 solution implemented in the Government of the Republic of Albania and presented by the National Agency for Information Society of Albania and the System for the Approximation of national legislation to the EU Acquis, implemented in the Ministry of European Integration of Albania.

More about the Conference: <http://www.edemocracy.mk/abouted.html>

More about Nextsense: <http://www.nextsense.com/default-EN.asp>

Urban Foresight Conference for South Eastern Europe: The Ljubljana Forum 2011

13th-14th October 2011, Ljubljana Castle, Slovenia



Ljubljana Forum 2011 hosted 150 participants from 29 different states. Foresight ideas and good development practices from the region of South East Europe were presented. At the same time investors encouraged concrete cooperation among influential stakeholders in the field of development urban projects in the region. The many cases of good practice, presented in Ljubljana Forum, have shown that changes are possible, publicly desired and positive. We have to think smart and act smart, which requires thinking 'outside the box' to form creative ideas for creative projects, and acting in a manner that brings positive consequences not only today, but also for the future.



Mayor of Ljubljana, Mr. Zoran Janković on the round table of mayors emphasized that cities in South East Europe can be even more connected since cities in the region are mostly older than states with tradition of cooperation and connection. Futurist **Jerome C. Glenn** stressed the

role of collective intelligence systems that will improve urban governance. **Architect Boris Podrecca** presented the creativity space of the region between Milano, Vienna, Belgrade and Adriatic sea whith a realized architectural projects.

More about Ljubljana Forum 2011: <http://www.ljubljanaforum.org/>
More about City Municipality of Ljubljana: <http://www.ljubljana.si/en/municipality/>



Anton Rop, Vice president of European Investment bank (EIB) emphasized that Slovenia still does not have a chance of borrowing a loan from EIB even though there are many new development projects in the region. The speakers of the conference were also **Mr Ivan Curzolo from IPA funds for SEE, Ms Corinne Hermant Catallay from European Commission Directorate for Development of Regions, mayors of Podgorica, Zagreb and vice mayors from Budapest and**

Vienna that together with representatives of corporations present projects, good practice cases and open possibilities for establishment of development circle - more concrete project cooperation in the region of South East Europe.



Blaž Golob, director of Center for eGovernance development and initiator of the Ljubljana Forum said that new way of governance is needed for successful development of Danube region and prosperity of future of cities. He said

“Slovenia is positioned as a promoter of trends and developments and that is why the purpose of the conference is to connect projects, promoters of development of urban regions of South East Europe with knowledge and experiences.”

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9 messages by the Millennium Project Node

On the 15th of October Global Day of Action at 15.00 the Millennium Project Node for South East Europe delivered 9 messages on improving governance of cities. Messages were consulted with the Millennium project nodes and participants of Ljubljana Forum.

Although "one size does not fit all" here are the general themes for improved governance:

1. Inclusion of the full-range of stakeholders and bottom-up participation in policymaking through a variety of means including social media as well as in-person public participatory methods
2. Integration of long-term foresight, use of the 15 Global Challenges of The Millennium Project as a framework to assess policy implications, setting and tracking of measurable goals for human security and sustainable development
3. Use of new development/wealth indicators beyond traditional GDP
4. Insistence on transparency to reduce corruption
5. Gender-balanced and age-balances
6. Use of collective intelligence systems to support knowledge-based governance, and identify and test innovations and emerging new practices
7. Transinstitutional approaches and multilevel governance alliances
8. Improve cities' building codes and zoning laws to encourage sustainable technologies
9. Commitment to knowledge sharing among the global community of cities



More about the Millennium Project:
<http://www.millennium-project.org/>
More about 15 Challenges of the Millennium Project:
<http://www.millennium-project.org/millennium/challenges.html>

The CeGD future of internet in the Western Balkans Study presented at the Samos 2011 Summit

3rd to 8th July 2011, Samos, Greece

The study on The Future of Internet in the Western Balkans by Mr Blaž Golob, director CeGD, Ms Helena Habjan, CeGD and Mr Andrej Krenker, director Consalta d.o.o. was presented by Mr Krenker at the Samos 2011 Summit, which took place at Samos, Greece from 4th to 6th July 2011.

Information and communication have been major factors of progress, throughout history of human civilization. In the last decades societies are transforming and adapting to the ever evolving ICT solutions and services. Today's national/regional rate of ICT development is an important indicator for evaluating today's national/regional prosperity and - even more - its future potentials.

For that reason, future Internet development is recognised as an important

goal in European Union's future research and development objectives. The main goal of EU is to become a leading player in the field of ICT services and solutions development. EU is aware that, for achieving such an important goal, investments in research and development are of crucial importance as also the integration and cooperation of different parts of Europe, due to focusing on common European goals, must not be neglected.

West Balkan Countries have made a great leap forward in ICT development



in recent years, however there are still some obstacles and technology gaps to be dealt with. Nonetheless, there are numerous pools of excellence to be found in Western Balkan Countries today. Those inovative pools represent an important opportunity for Western Balkan Countries' future development as they are also to be recognised as an important opportunity for common future European ICT development.

You can find more information about the Summit here: <http://samos-summit.blogspot.com/>



Transnational Foresight for a Black Sea Higher Education Area

August, 31st - September, 2nd 2011, Bucharest, Romania



Mr Blaž Golob, director CeGD met with Academician Mircea Malita, Founding President of Black Sea University Foundation.

Mr Blaž Golob, director CeGD, was a speaker at the Transnational Foresight for a Black Sea Higher Education Area event. He addressed the audience with a speech entitled Setting Visions and Exploring synergies in South East Europe and Beyond.

More about Black Sea University Foundation: <http://www.blacksea.com/?q=node/14>

Danube Region Business Forum

3rd-4th November 2011, Vienna, Austria

The first Danube Region Business Forum was held in Vienna.

The aim of the conference was to bring together companies, especially small and medium enterprises via business to business meetings as well as the private sector with academia and the public sector of the Region to stimulate growth, innovation and competitiveness in the Danube Region.

The theme of the Forum were Renewable energy - energy efficiency about energy issues and the reduction of energy consumption. Another theme was Digital agenda about latest developments in e-Government. Blaž Golob, director CeGD identified areas of cooperation in respect of Information society development and joint initiatives for preparation of projects with cross border dimension. One of them is eTurism.

More about the Danube Region Business Forum: <http://www.b2match.eu/danuberegionbusinessforum>

High level meeting on information society development in Tirana

6th-8th november 2011, Tirana, Albania

The high level meeting on information society development was held within the framework of the Electronic South Eastern Europe (eSEE) Initiative in Tirana.

Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha opened the meeting and emphasized that “digital technology is in many aspects the Archimedes’s screw to overcome hard times, catch up for the lost time, offer citizens best services, but also to establish the foundation of transparency as a major condition for good governance”.

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In scope of the conference the Ministers adopted a joint statement. The declaration acknowledges the success of the Centre for e Governance Development (CeGD) in establishing a public-private partnership for addressing the training,



educational, consulting and research issues related to eGovernance in the region. It welcomes the results of the capacity building and exchange of best practices through the CeGD eGovernance Academy and results of CeGD policy analyses and ICT research. The ministers commit to continue our active involvement in steering of the CeGD activities through high level participation in the Programme Advisory Committee and take full advantage of the CeGD participation in EU funded FP7 project Padgets.

As a side event of the conference the Public Advisory Committee has been held. It was attended by 11 representatives of the Public Sector in the region. CeGD systematically gathered inputs by members of PAC in order to include them in the One Year Operational Plan 2012.

More about High level meeting on information society development in Tirana: <http://www.undp.ba/index.aspx?PID=7&RID=717>

Highlighted by CeGD

PADGETS project

Slovenian Padgets user case presented at Padgets plenary meeting at Google

15th-16th November 2011, Zurich, Switzerland



Mr Blaž Golob, director CeGD presented the Slovenian user case in the Padgets project at Google premises in Zurich.

CeGD will test user case scenarios with the Slovenian Member of the European Parliament. The Slovenian MeP will stream her messages through 3 different channels - her social media platforms, through social media of CeGD as well as through social media platforms of Institute of electronic Participation. With that CeGD will be able to measure the impact of the application on different public.



Presentation of eGovernance Curriculums in Kosovo

10th June 2011, Prishtina, Kosovo



Mr Blaž Golob, director CeGD met Mr. Mahir Yagcilar - Minister of Public Administration of Kosovo and discussed education eGovernance curriculums. Mr Golob was accompanied by Mr Visar Dobroshi, CeGD Private Sector Advisory Committee member.

More about Ministry of Public Administration of Kosovo: <http://map.rks-gov.net/en/>

4th Anniversary of Institute for Electronic participation (InePA) The power of informed citizenship in a crisis of democracy

4th October 2011, City Museum of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Institute for Electronic participation organised its 4th Anniversary in the beginning of October in City Museum of Ljubljana. In scope of the Anniversary the panel discussion about the power of informed citizenship in a crisis of democracy was organized.



Under the slogan "Contribute to the development of democracy with socially innovative use of internet" the invited speakers and the audience discussed about actual challenges of political democracy from aspect of crisis in democratic processes and institutions, transformative power of civil society, practices of electronic cooperation and involvement of citizens.

Mr Blaž Golob, director of CeGD emphasized that some e-tools are set up just to classify our country by individual indicators to a good position, but there is no emphasis on content. He claims that from 700 e-services there are only 10% used in Slovenia.

To a question if people are dissatisfied with representative democracy Mr Golob answered, that in time of crisis a representative system is a way where



interests of citizens are forwarded through intermediary bodies. "Aware citizen" is a "frustrated citizen", because "he can not achieve what he wants" he says.

The main message of expert discussion was about the importance of informing citizens about content of democratization and co-design of appropriate tools of electronic participation. An important role and responsibility for that is in the hands

of media, nongovernmental organisations and good practices of electronic integration of citizens into decision processes of democratic institutions on national and European level.

More through: <http://www.inepa.si/component/content/article/34-novice-institut-za-elektronsko-participacijo/98-drzavljanje-ozavestiti-vsebina-demokracije-sooblikovanje-participacija.html>

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Upcoming events in 2012

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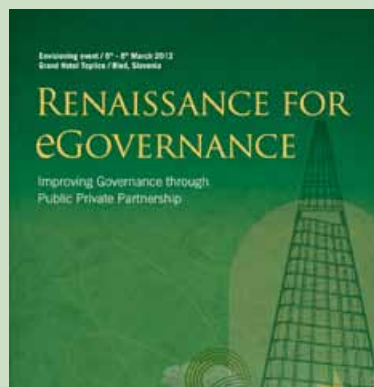
13th Bled Forum on Europe
Foresight Conference
**Beyond Smart
/ Inclusive /
Sustainable**



March 29th - 30th 2012

Duration: 2 days
Venue: Bled, Slovenia

Renaissance for eGovernance
**Enabling
Prosperity /
Governance /
Cloud Computing**



March 6th - 8th 2012

Duration: 3 days
Venue: Bled, Slovenia

Moldova
eGovernment
Summit 2012



May 2012

Venue: Chisinau, Moldova

Ljubljana Forum
2012



beginning of October 2012

Venue: Ljubljana Castle, Slovenia

eDemocracy
conference 2012



September 2012

Venue: Ohrid, Macedonia

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