Workshop: Needs for eGovernment Research Management – regional aspect

Krakow, 26th of June

Venue:

Hotel Stary
Szczepańska 5
Krakow

Dear Sirs,

Polish Ministry of Interior and Administration organizes 4th workshop on Needs for eGovernment research management, within the project eGOVERNET\(^1\). The event includes round table discussions on the findings from previous work.

Invited – stakeholders with impact on eGovernment RTD

Stakeholders of eGovernment research programmes:
Managers of research programme (in disciplines such as ICT, public administration, socioeconomic), managers of eGov deployment programmes, public administration managers, internal/organizational policy

Stakeholders of eGovernment research:
eGovernment managers, business as users, politicians, civil society organisations e-government employees, ICT industry, Industry developing solutions, eGovernment researchers, private providers of services, citizens as users

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The aim of the 6FP project eGOVERNET is to coordinate the creation of national eGovernment RTD programmes/initiatives, as well as to stimulate the integration of existing national eGovernment programmes.
The background of the workshop initiative
The development of eGovernment would benefit from a clearer picture and better understanding of the needs of eGovernment research in the regions. Due to the nature of eGovernment research (multi-disciplinary, a large variety of stakeholders, huge potentials in many sectors, etc.) there is a lack of well-founded analysis on how the research in eGovernment should be managed. Fragmented research-funding mechanisms, low visibility and low, or absent, trans-national coordination of national and regional eGovernment-research policies are some of the obstacles. This workshop is part of the work in facing these problems and built an international knowledge and agenda for eGovernment research management.

Topic and areas addressed by the workshop
The workshop will address a broader perspective on needs of eGovernment research in the regions and penetrate some areas in more detail. Input from the expertise of the participating audience will be welcomed and highly valued.

The broader perspective on eGovernment research management needs
- What are the major challenges of regional eGovernment RTD programme implementation? Resources necessary? Knowledge gaps? Organisational weaknesses? Obstacles related to culture and tradition?
- Which research areas contribute to the development of eGovernment RTD programmes?

The workshop programme includes presentations of both research findings and practical experiences, aiming to stimulate the discussion and to provide an interdisciplinary approach to the questions above.

A report on the findings of the workshop will be published on the eGOVERNET website (www.egovernet.org) together with the case studies, once these have been validated in the workshop.
Provisional Workshop Agenda

The workshop will be moderated by Krzysztof Głomb, Chairman of the association “Cities on the Internet”

Time and date: 09.00 - 16.15 on the 26th of June, 2006

09.00 – 09.30 Registration and coffee

09.30 – 09.45 Welcome speech
Andrzej Sasuła, Deputy Marshal of Malopolska Region

09.45 – 10.00 Introduction to eGOVERNET
Madeleine Siösteen - Thiel, project coordinator
VINNOVA, Sweden

10.00 – 10.30 Future of eGovernment Research in the EU
Robert Link, European Commission (tbc)

Session 1. The major challenges of regional eGovernment RTD programme implementation

Chairman: Borys Czerniejewski, Institute of Control Systems, Poland

Using the expertise of the participants the session will seek answer to questions like: Do we need regional research strategies in this field? What is needed to provide successful regional eGovernment research programmes?

10.30 – 10.50 Experience on supporting research in eGovernment – regional aspect
Sandra Lotti, Emilia Romagna Region, Italy

10.50 – 11.20 e-City Readiness: How is Europe progressing and what are the implications for future policies (local and regional implications)?
Krassimira Paskaleva-Shapira, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis (ITAS), Germany

11.20 – 11.50 Coffee break

11.50 – 13.00 Discussion forum

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
Session 2. Identification of areas where RTD organizations are weak or lack relevant knowledge and resources

Chairman: Trond Knudsen, Research Council of Norway

What should regional eGovernment research programmes cover? How should results from eGovernment research be promoted? Which competences and resources are needed?

14.00 – 14.20 Regional eGovernment research
Sara Eriksen, School of Engineering, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden

14.20 – 14.35 Effective implementation of eGovernment solutions - need for general education,
Bartłomiej Seidel, Lower Silesian Voivodeship Office, Poland

14.35 – 14.50 e-Government in Ukraine, the present and the future
Oleksii Oletsky, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

14.50 – 15.20 Coffee break

15.20 – 16.30 Discussion forum (continued)

16.30 – 16.45 Summing up and closing statements