DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY STARTS THE PROJECT "CYBER CLASS"

Computer Emergency Response Team - CERT.GOV.GE of Data Exchange Agency of Ministry of Justice of Georgia starts a new project, which aims to help the talented young (20-25 years old) professional special-ists to learn the basics of cyber security, also to share them the acquired knowledge by the agency in this direction.

The project "Cyber Class" gives students the opportunity to acquire both theoretical and practical skills free of charge in the following disciplines: information system collection, penetration testing, malicious code analysis, the so-called "Pcap" and log file analysis, information security fundamentals.

In order to pass the course , students should have a basic knowledge of the following areas: net-working, cryptography and web development.
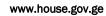
"It is one of our priorities to educate and master the young generation. That's why we decided to start a new project, called "cyber class", which aims to give the students a chance to expand their knowledge in the area of cyber security at no cost. In today's conditions it is very important to achieve and maintain a high level of cyber security, which of course needs the qualified spe-cialists, who have the appropriate skills and knowledge. This is a unique opportunity for young people who are interested in this direction, to acquire basic knowledge in cyber security grounds", - Irakli Gvenetadze, Chairman of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

The full course includes 6 training weeks. A week provides 2-3 hour session. Each lecture will include a special laboratory work with theoretical material. The manual guides and practical ex-ercises will be prepared for the course ., as well as according to specific a topic ,a number of experts and specialists will be invited to conduct the workshops.

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Each lecture will be held on the following plan:

- Presentation and pre-planned theme discussion;
- Discussions around the laboratory work and review of the presentations prepared by the students;
- Giving materials of pre-defined topic;
- Giving an explanation of laboratory work and a relevant task.

Interested individuals are asked to send their CVs electronically no later than September 18 at the following address:
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CERT.GOV.GE SIGNS MEMORANDUMS OF COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Ministry of Justice of the DEA computer incidents fast aid governmental group CERT.GOV.GE continues to sign memorandums of cooperation with the South Caucasus and European groups.

CERT groups of Latvia and Armenia signed a memorandum of cooperation in August. The memorandum was signed by officials from the respective organizations.

Signing the memorandum of cooperation is a common practice in groups of CERT activities, which is largely based on the principles of trust and international cooperation. According to the memorandum, the crisis occurs, the Parties shall co-operate closely with the obligation, to identify computer and cyber security incidents on the information exchange mechanisms ,they agree to conduct joint projects and trainings.

The international seminar which was held in July in Tbilisi, contributed to the interest of CERT groups from different countries to sign memorandum with the relevant organization of Georgia, which was devoted to cyber security protection and development issues in the region. During the seminar, special attention was paid to cooperation between CERT teams.

Besides Armenia and Latvia , memorandums are already signed with Azerbaijan and Moldova, and active negotiations are under way with the relevant organizations of Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary and Italy to the relevant organizations.

THE SECOND EU TWINNING PROJECT IS SET TO BE LAUNCHED AT DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is in an active preparation stage to launch its second EU TWINNING Project in September, 2015 aiming at the STRENGTHENING OF E-GOVERNANCE IN GEORGIA II".

At this time, the winner unveiled through the tender is an Estonian-Italian Consortium, which for the duration of 18 months will implement the project with Data Exchange Agency - acting as a beneficiary body. The aim of the project is to strengthen the institutional and human resource capacities of Georgian public institution with necessary skills and knowledge in e-government and information security training, consultancy, benchmarking and promotion in line with the European Union standards.

TFS IS IN A PROCESS OF FINAL TESTING

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is implementing Trade Facilitation System (TFS), which aims at harmonization of the electronic flow of information among key participants in the logistics, shipping, and transport industries, both public and private. TFS enables traders, customs brokers, freight forwarders, shipping lines, and other players in international trade to submit information through a single entry point.

The first stage of the project implies the establishment of automated information sharing tool, which affects all parties involved in the container import/export operations. The various components of the system are currently being tested for proper operation. In particular, from August 31 till September 11, an intensive test modes will be launched on the systems' import functionality portion aiming at the final preparation of the entire system for switching into an actual test mode. During the process, all parties involved in the project will once again get acquainted with the whole cycle of import process and identify any weaknesses, the system might unveil during the test mode.

Parties involved in the project include: Revenue Service, Georgian Railway, Poti and Batumi Sea Ports, shipping lines, terminals and expeditors.

Entities involved in the trade facilitation system are well aware of the barriers and obstacles, still found in the reality. With the help of Trade Facilitation System Entities involved in the trade operations will deal with the applicable public and private institutions in a simplified and coordinated manner. They shall benefit of a so called one-stop-shop service principle. Establishment of the Common Trade network will facilitate the inflow of new investments to Georgia and further improve the alluring reputation of a business-friendly country.

Trade Facilitation System is another example of public-private partnership in Georgia. The establishment of the system has been carried through an immediate support of USAID and its Economic Prosperity Initiative (EPI).

TRAININGS IN INFORMATION SECURITY FUNDAMENTALS FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF GEORGIA

The training featured awareness rising tools for the requirements of information security, as well as stages of planning, implementing and auditing of information security management system.

During the training, participants have acquired appropriate knowledge on the ways of practical implementation of information security, thus enabling their representing organizations to be in compliance with the requirements of Law of Information Security of Georgia.

The training sessions were held on August 3-7 and completed with testing for the candidates of information security managers, on the results of which relevant certificates were issued.

At the Training Center of Justice, Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia held training sessions in the fundamentals of Information security for the representatives of LEPL Cyber Security Bureau of the Ministry of Defence of Georgia.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUDIT AT THE GEORGIAN STATE ELECTRO SYSTEM

The audit of SCADA and IT Department of Georgian State Electro System, carried out by DEA's Division of Information Security and Policy, has been successfully concluded.

Within the audit, current state of the department was assessed and compared with the best available practices. Based on the results of the audit, relevant recommendations have been issued that would provide clear understanding for the top-management of Georgian Electro System on the importance of compliance with the requirements of Georgian Law on Information Security, DEA's 27001:2011 standards, COBIT and business continuity practices.

THE SERVICES OF SAKPATENTI ON THE CITIZEN'S PORTAL

As a result of joint work of Data exchange agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and SAK-PATENTI was formed a task about the creation of an informational service about the trademarks on the public portal.

As a result of the realization of the service, users will be able to see the registered trademarks on the Citizen's Portal, when they were registered and who was involved in the registration process.

,,Adding a new services on the Citizen's Portal is a continuous process. We are actively working to give more opportunity to our users to get more online services. It is important to place a wide range of necessary services for users on the public portal.'' – Mr. Nikoloz Gagnidze, the head of the Infrastructure Division of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

The service will become available in the nearest future.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR KHASHURI AND KARELI MUNICIPALITIES

State Services Development Agency, handed the computer equipment to Khashuri and Kareli municipalities within the project ''Introduction of E-governance in local self-governments''. Computers will be distributed in the municipal Governments and relevant departments of the City Council according to the needs.

Within the project have been selected five pilot municipalities: Khashuri, Kareli, khobi and Kvareli, where a variety of activities have been going on for the introduction of the electronic systems .At the initial stage, 70 computers have been purchased for 5 municipalities.31 of them were given to the municipalities of Khashuri and Kareli.

"The ultimate goal of the project is to introduce the electronic systems of the services management and workflow to the pilot municipalities. These systems will allow to improve the control of the provided services, the terms of service acceptance will be reduced and operational and human flaws will be minimized, the decision-making process will be transparent. The project is extremely important and we are pleased that the Service Development Agency, in partnership with the Swedish International Development Agency, has an opportunity to promote the introduction of e-governance in municipalities and go to the modern standards, "- **Shio Khetsuriani,** Chairman of SDA mentioned.

The process of transmission of computer hardware to the municipalities of Akhmeta, Kvareli and Khobi, will be finished next week. Parallel selection of 5 more pilot municipalities will already be started, for whom 50 computers will be purchased in order to implement e-governance in selected regions.

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