DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF GEORGIA

DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY

WWW.MY.GOV.GE NEWSLETTER

Issue #34   May, 2014

DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY FINISHED THE TWINNING PROJECT

Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia together with Austria's European Integration and Economic Development Agency held an official closing event of the TWINNING project.

The goal of the TWINNING project was to strengthen the development of e-governance in Georgia and provide long-term cooperation in this direction.

The event was opened by the deputy of the Minister of Justice of Georgia, Alexandre Burchuladze. The Ambassador of the Austrian Republic, Sylvia Mayaer-kajbich and The Head of EU Delegation in Georgia, Boris Yaroshevich also addressed the public.

The project was divided into three main stages: 1) Adaption of best practices in the direction e-governance development from EU countries' models in Georgian reality; 2) Implementing relevant regulations and standards; 3) Ensuring Information Security Systems functioning with the help of strong institutional mechanism – Computer Incidence Response Team (CERT.GOV.GE).

Approximately 75 expert missions, and 8 study visits were held in the scope of the project during which the employees of Data Exchange Agency got known to the best practices in the direction of the development of e-governance, Information Security, and Legislative Bases in European countries .

Ministry of Justice of Georgia
www.justice.gov.ge

PUBLIC SERVICE HALL
www.house.gov.ge

my.gov.ge
www.my.gov.ge

www.sda.gov.ge

NATIONAL AGENCY OF PUBLIC REGISTRY
www.napr.gov.ge

National Archives of Georgia
www.archives.gov.ge

www.nbe.gov.ge

www.notary.ge

www.matsne.gov.ge

www.eAuction.ge
www.eauction.ge

www.tbilisi.gov.ge

(Continued from P.1)

Different public organizations which actively participate in the process of the development of e-governance in Georgia were involved in the meetings held during the expert missions. European Experts also held 2 offsite seminars for the representatives of Georgian media.

"The goal of the project was to help Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia to effectively implement the e-governance strategy. This strategy was prepared as a result of active cooperation between the European experts and the representatives of public sector of Georgia in the scope of the TWINNING project. E-Georgia strategy is prepared for years 2014-2018. TWINNING project also helped us share the best practices in e-governance issues adapted in EU countries and establish business contacts which is very important for us." – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman of the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

TWINNING project started in December 2013, lasted for 18 months, and the budget of the project was 1.2 million euros.

"The goal of e-governance is to increase the effectiveness and quality of public administration. E-governance simplifies communication of citizens and businesses with the state, reduces costs, and makes the procedures of implementing state governance faster. Therefore, the term e-governance is thought to be a symbol of the modern state. We are happy that we got a chance to cooperate with Data Exchange Agency and other Ministries and Agencies within the public sector of Georgia during 18 months." – **Christian Rupp**, Federal Executive Secretary of Austrian e-governance, Austrian Federal Chancellery.

The project was implemented in the scope of the TWINNING program.

DEA DISPLAYED CITIZEN'S PORTAL MY.GOV.GE AT THE EXHIBITON SITE ON RUSTAVELI AVENUE

On Independence Day of Georgia citizens had a chance to get known to the principles of citizen's portal's (MY.GOV.GE) operation and register throughout the day in the pavilion of Ministry of Justice of Georgia held on Rustaveli Avenue.

Citizens also had a chance to get known to the main directions of cyber security and received illustrated material at Data Exchange Agency's booth.

"People expressed their interest in Data Exchange Agency's Citizen's Portal. Many of them visited our stand throughout the day and our employees registered them on Citizen's Portal. I would also like to mention that illustrated calendar about cyber security, which gives useful information about internet, mobile devices, and antivirus programs, was also appreciated by the visitors." – said **Irakli Gvenetadze,** Chairman of the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

Ministry of Justice of Georgia unifies most of the state services under its guidance. Legal Entities of Public Law under the control of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia offer citizens fast, high quality, and simplified e-services.

THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORKING GROUP TOGETHER WITH OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED FINAL REMARKS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN E-GEORGIA STRATEGY

Another meeting was held in the Ministry of Justice of Georgia where in the scope of e-governance development facilitation state commission working groups made clear their final remarks that should be taken into account in e-Georgia 2014-2018 strategy document.

"E-Georgia strategy document is the main plan in accordance to which we should ensure high level of e-governance in Georgia. This document was created with the help of cooperation between European experts and almost every state organization in Georgia, and we are finishing working on the final v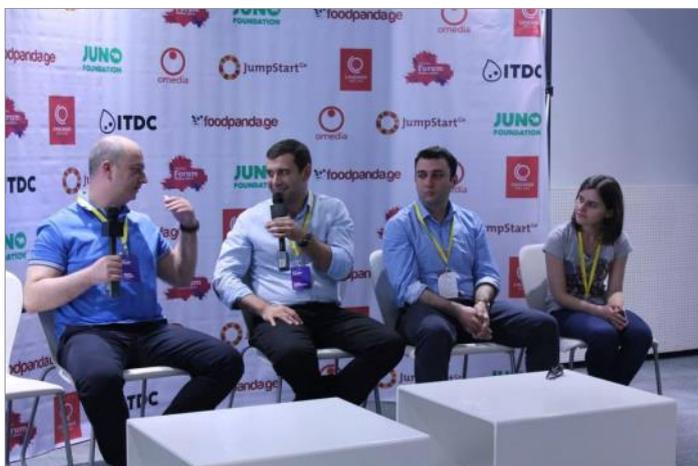ersion of the document." – **Irakli Gvenetadze,** Chairman of the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

Participants of the working group who guide the Information-Communication directions of different state organizations also got known to the project presented by the Service Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia during the meeting. This project takes into account the delivery of services through mobile centers, which makes the procedures of using the services owned by the agency easier for citizens.

Participants of the meeting also discussed issues connected to activation of e-services and electronic signature, and changes needed to be carried out in the regulatory base. The importance of effective and collaborative involvement of all organizations is needed for a broader use of e-services and electronic signature, which are two important components needed for the development of e-governance.

"As signature is one of the means of expressing human willingness, it is more important to fulfill the Legislative base. Electronic signature has legal power and because such signature simplifies relations, more effort is needed to set up everything on a legislative level." – said **Irakli Gvenetadze.**

TBILISI INTERNET FORUM 2014

Tbilisi Internet Forum was held on May 24 and gathered bloggers, online activists, developers, and other interested parties. Throughout the day 9 sessions were held in the scope of the forum which included presentations about different issued, and discussions between speakers and visitors. Issues were diverse and included everything – blogging, online activism, trolling, open governance, and civil journalism as well.

Irakli Gvenetadze, Chairman of the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia also made a speech on the forum. He spoke about issues connected to "Open Governance" and the engagement of Information Communication technologies in this process, he stated an example of Citizen's Portal MY.GOV.GE, which besides other e-services, offers citizens a chance to obtain public information from different state organizations electronically. Discussion of "Open Governance" issue was participated by the representatives of Jumpstart, "International Transparency – Georgia", Data Exchange Agency, and IDFI, and turned out to be very interesting to the public.

WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE (NSDI) ACTION PLAN FOR A DIGITAL GEORGIA

On May 7, Seminar on National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Action Plan for a Digital Georgia was held at the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel

The Seminar was attended by the Deputy Minister of Justice Mikheil Sarjveladze, Chairman of National Agency of Public Registry Papuna Ugrekhelidze and a number of official representatives from the various ministries (Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment Protection, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Energy and other relevant agencies).

Core issues related to the National Spatial Infrastructure were discussed during the seminar. Special attention was paid to the current situation, future challenges and action plan, which became available with the help of Austrian experts. Demo version of the Geoportal – a special online tool through which spatial data will be available for public and private entities – was also presented to the seminar participants.

The seminar was held within the frames of EU TWINNING Project for strengthening eGovernance in Georgia, which was administrated by the Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

VISIT OUR WEB SITES
www.dea.gov.ge; www.my.gov.ge

DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY

2 St. Nicholas/N. Chkheidze Str.,
Tbilisi, 0102 Georgia
Phone: (+ 995 32) 291 51 40
Email: info@dea.gov.ge

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF GEORGIA

DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY

If you are a new or returning customer and wish to receive DEA's newsletter, please reply to the following address: info@dea.gov.ge. Please indicate "Subscribe" in the subject line or register your email at: www.e-government.ge

If you wish not to receive DEA's newsletter, please reply to the following address: info@dea.gov.ge. Please indicate "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.