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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE E-GOVERNANCE



On March 10, the first meeting of the state commission for the development of the electronic governance was held, led by the Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili.

The Prime Minister spoke about the importance of strengthening the local governments and referred to the commission with the

initiative to increase the number of the community centers.

The Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia introduced 2014-2018 Annual Action Plan and the strategy - "Digital Georgia" to the members of the commission, which consists of 11 priorities.

It was decided that working on the action plan will continue on every day basis within the working groups and the report will be submitted to the Prime Minister once in a month. The goal of the commission is to coordinate the implementation of e-governance with the help of the system, based on the informational-communication technologies in the country and take the appropriate decisions.



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E-GOVERNANCE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



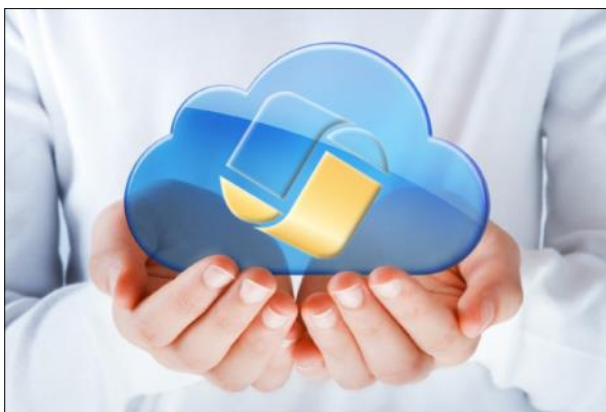
On March 4, Minister of Justice, Tea Tsulukiani opened a conference presenting final results of the project - "Introducing E-governance in Local Governments" - at the hotel Sheraton Metechi Palace. The event was attended by the Minister of Regional Development and Infrastructure, David Narmania; Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia, Boris Iarochvitch; Chair of the State Services Development Agency (SSDA), Levan Samadashvili; and representatives of the diplomatic corps, international organizations and Georgian municipalities.

The project - "Introducing E-governance in Local Governments" is being implemented by the State Services Development Agency with the financial support from EU.

The project aims to promote efficient administration of the municipalities through introduction of e-governance. The main purpose of introduction of the electronic system is the formation of municipal administration database, preparation of statistical reports based on these data, creating access to databases of various public and private entities for electronic document management and data exchange, which, will eventually cost-save the local human resources, staff time, and improve the quality public services.

The project consists of two main components: increasing availability of services and development of the cultural and educational infrastructure in rural areas, as well as providing local administrative units with respective e-governance software and equipment. The conference also presented survey results reflecting awareness and satisfaction with the performance of public centers. The surveys

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL AGENCY OF PUBLIC REGISTRY



The National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia finished working on "Cloud Technology". The Agency was the first among public organizations to use open source, which provides easy and quick access to desired services for the users.

The National Agency of Public Registry began working on the "Cloud" in August, 2013. At this stage, migration occurs from technical infrastructure of the agency to the "Cloud" infrastructure, which reduces the price of data keeping system and without any cost makes it possible to receive fast and flexible server service.

Such volume of information as Public Registry's Geoinformational systems, electronic maps, electronic programs for registering the real estate and businesses, electronic data of technical bureau and national archive are already saved in the agency's "Cloud" and are managed by the Cloud Technology.

The agency is ready to suggest new service to other public organizations, which are guaranteed that after transferring their information to "clouds" the information will not be lost or damaged. Besides, they will be able to manage technical infrastructure from any place where they will have an access to internet.

By joining the project organizations will not have to buy servers, create environment for effective functioning, regulate continuous electricity, cooling system, and hardware compatibility, and provide additional technical personnel for exploitation of servers and etc., all of which will reduce their financial expenses and minimize time needed to run the projects (Continued on p.3).

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IT infrastructure of the organizations involved in the project will be organized in the "Clouds" and supported by the National Agency of Public Registry.

The service will cost organizations exactly the same as the usage of virtual servers.

This project was created by the IT department employees of the National Agency of Public Registry without any expenses. The agency provides the security of the system by cooperating with the Data Exchange Agency.

During the year Public Registry is planning to introduce the product to the broader public, presentations and seminars with different organizations, and the students of Institutions of Higher Education are planned.

TFS IS IN A PROCESS OF FINAL TESTING



Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia is implementing the project of Trade Facilitation System (TFS). Georgian Revenue Service is actively involved in the development of the project. 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.

At this stage the system is undergoing an intensive testing modules and the process is due to end in a short period of time. 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).

PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF THE FINANCIAL ANALYTICAL SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED IN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUTONOMOUS REPUBLICS OF ADJARA AND ABKHAZIA



Financial Analytical Service continues the introduction and renovation of its electronic systems in different public organizations.

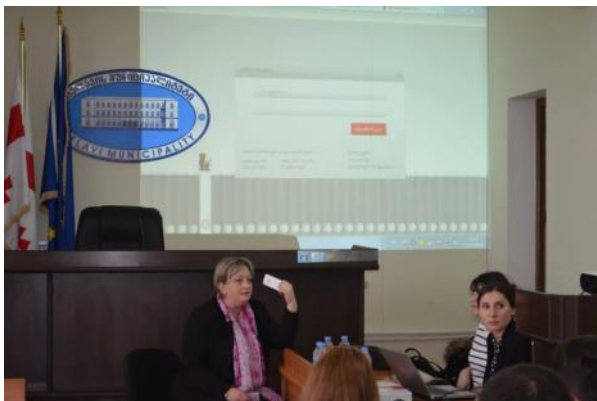
On the basis of the request from the Government of Autonomous Republic of Adjara, Public Finance Management System was introduced in the Ministry of Finance and Economics, which includes electronic management of the budget and electronic service systems of the treasury. The above-mentioned system was modernized in the Ministry of Finance and Economics of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia (Continued on p.4).

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This is a modern specialized computer system, with the help of which budget planning and execution processes, and transfer of budget organization salaries, pensions, and other appropriate funds of the Autonomous Republics of Adjara and Abkhazia are carried out electronically.

This system will help the Governments of Autonomous Republics of Adjara and Abkhazia to carry out their activities in a transparent and effective way with less waste of time and money.

DOCUMENT EXCHANGE SYSTEM OF THE FINANCIAL ANALYTICAL SERVICE IN THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND CITY HALLS



On the basis of initiative of the Minister of Finance, LEPL Financial Analytical Service began the introduction of its new product – “eDocument” in Georgian Regional Administrations, Municipalities, City Halls, and City Councils.

During February-March, 2014 the above-mentioned system was introduced in the Regional Administrations of Kakheti, Imereti, and Samtskhe-Javakheti, in Kutaisi City Hall, and City Council, in Batumi City Hall, and City Council, in the Government and Higher Election Commission of the Autonomous Republic of Adjara.

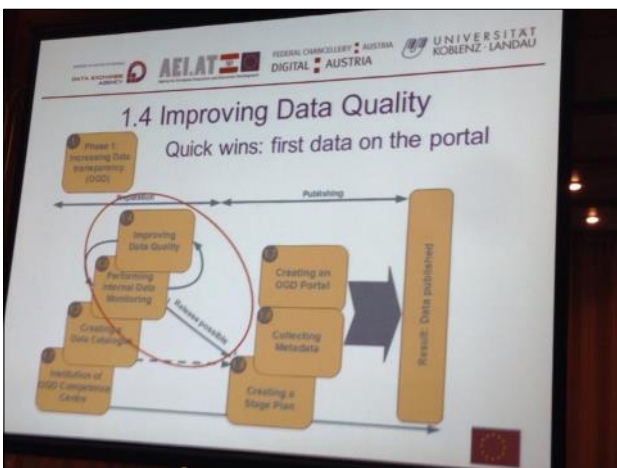
Before the introduction, the representatives of Financial Analytical Service trained civil servants of these organizations.

The goal of the Automated Chancellery System is to simplify and computerize Chancellery procedures and make them more accessible. The system provides effective e-governance for the office documents and quick access to the needed documents and tasks. With the help of the system it is easier to monitor tasks, react to them and handle different organizational issues.

System is simple and flexible to use; it takes less time and resources to complete a task; administrative costs are reduced and the quality of work is better; optimized process of monitoring the decisions received from managers and their completion.

It should be mentioned that the implementation and usage of the Automated Chancellery System for the Regional Administrations and Municipalities were carried out free of charge.

OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA WORKSHOP



on March 18-19, in the frame of EU TWINNING Project, the second round of workshop dedicated to the Open Government Data issues was held at the Sheraton Me-techi Palace Hotel.

Austrian Experts invited to the seminar, presented detailed information before the representatives of various public and non-governmental organizations about processing, storage and accessibility of open government data. Models of implementation of Open Government and the examples of best EU practices available in this direction were also discussed during the seminar.

Worth to note that Open Government is a core strategic item of the strategy - “A Digital Georgia”

TWINNING PROJECT: DATA EXCHANGE AGENCY HELD THE SECOND SEMINAR FOR JOURNALISTS



Seminar on the topic – “covering E-governance through mass media – sharing EU best practices” was held at Training Facility of Justice in Kvareli on March 20-22.

Audience invited to the seminar – representatives of Georgian mass media were introduced to stages of E-governance development in Georgia, and ongoing situation; they met experts from European Union invited for this event, and were informed about EU best practices in reporting E-governance issues. Diverse thematic information was introduced. Seminar participants were also actively involved in different group discussions.

The second day of the seminar was filled with presentations from the public institutions involved in E-government development. Current projects, achieved results and upcoming plans were presented by the representatives of Data Exchange Agency, State Services Development Agency, National Agency of Public Registry, Public Service Hall, Ministry of Finance and Competition and State Procurement Agency.

The final goal of the seminar is to share EU best practices, and supply the representatives of Georgian mass media with complete information about E-government/E-governance issues in Georgia, taking into account Georgian reality, in order to let them cover these issues in an understandable manner for Georgian society.

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