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On November 6-7, Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and ICT Business Council organized the 7th annual regional conference (exhibition, award) at "Sheraton Metechi Palace" hotel. Main subjects of the conference were issues related to Cyber Security and directions towards Information

Technology development. Conference ended on November 7th with award ceremony of this year's best IT project authors.

The event was opened by the first Deputy Minister of Justice **Alexander Baramidze**.

This year's conference, which had a motto "Partnerships for Competitiveness, Innovation and Cyber Security", hosted an unprecedented number of participants. Approximately 400 participants representing 20 countries registered to take part in the conference, discussed the issues related to the development of Cyber Security and Information Technology, presented innovative IT projects developed during the year, and got known to the achievements of other countries in the above mentioned issues. (Continued on P. 2).



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Special attention was given to E-governance development projects in Georgia as well as in the entire region, and the introduction of technological innovation processes in those projects.

“The annual conference used to climb a new stage of development during these last 7 years of its existence. Today, we can safely declare that the conference organized by Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and ICT Business Council is one of the trusted and well-established events in the region dedicated to IT and information security issues. GITI brings together a number of leading players in ICT industry from the US, Europe and Asia, representatives of public and private bodies and renowned experts. It is really important that the conference, during the period of last 7 years, has created a unique example of Public-Private Partnership, under which private and governmental organizations are working hand in hand for ensuring a robust development of ICTs.” – **Giga Shubitidze**, President of ICT Business Council commented.

The second day of the conference was entirely dedicated to the Cyber Security issues.

FIRST'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN GEORGIA

On October 14-16, FIRST - the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams – with the support of Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and its subsidiary unit CERT.GOV.GE held the first international symposium at Courtyard Marriott Tbilisi hotel.

The aim of the symposium is to support the process of exchanging information on cyber challenges and sharing experience in this direction for maintaining a high level of protection in today's rapidly changeable world. The first day of the event was filled with plenary sessions featuring presentation made by visiting and local experts and 2 remaining days were dedicated to training sessions (Continued on P. 3).

“Developing Information Technology is unimaginable without developing Information Security solutions. Nowadays Georgia is facing an important stage of E-governance development. Different public institutions develop a number of services based on information technologies, which simplifies and brings the relationship of state and citizens to a new stage. This process is correlated to Information Security. As a result the conference is given a big importance. E-governance and Information Security issues are main directions Data Exchange Agency is working for.” – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman of the LEPL Data Exchange Agency.

The conference traditionally concluded with an award ceremony. This year 50 different projects both from the public and private sectors were presented in 15 nominations. This year, by the decision of organizing committee, the holder of Grand-Prix was not unveiled and the value of every single project registered in various nominations was specially praised.

In previous years a number of winners were presented in the same competition: In 2013 Grand-Prix was awarded to the National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. In 2012 - Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. In 2011 Grand-Prix was awarded to National Agency of Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. In 2008 and 2010 National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia claimed the title, and in 2009 – Ministry of Finance of Georgia.

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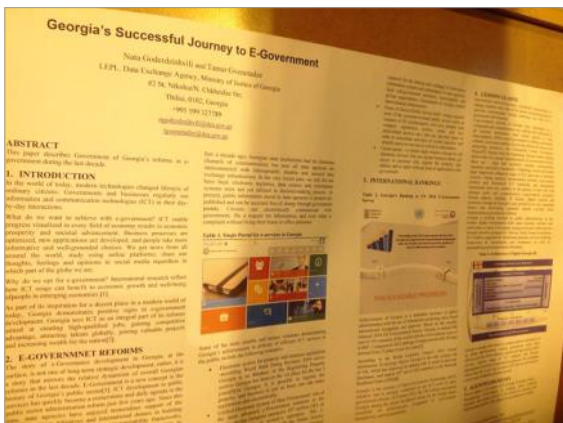
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“It is important that FIRST, which is very authoritative organization, has made decision to held the first international symposium in Georgia fully dedicated to information and cybersecurity issues. Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and its subsidiary unit CERT.GOV.GE were actively involved in the process of organizing this event. We believe that the events of this kind will stirring up our efforts to achieve a high levels of information and cybersecurity.” – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, DEA Chairman.

FIRST, founded in 1989, brings together a wide variety of security and incident response teams including especially product security teams from the government, commercial, and academic sectors. CERT.GOV.GE is a full member of FIRST.

ICEGOV 2014



Through October 26-31, ICEGOV 2014 – International conference on e-government related issues was held in Guimarães, Portugal, which became available with the support of Government of Portugal and the United Nations University (UNU). Nata Goderdzishvili, Head of DEA's Legal Division, participated in the conference and made presentation about e-government development in Georgia.

The program, which lasted 4 days, included the following topics: e-government theory and practice, open government and open data, information security and the best practices from various countries based on the showing of practical examples.

“On the opening day of the conference, I made a presentation and spoke about Georgia's successful journey to e-government, which evoked significant interest. It is very important to disseminate as much information as possible on e-government development in Georgia in a forums like this held in Portugal. It is interesting that we are currently working on organizing ICEGOV 2015 in Georgia.” – **Nata Goderdzishvili**, Head of Legal Division, DEA.

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