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LEPL Data Exchange Agency of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and ICT Business Council organized 6th annual regional conference (exhibition, award) at hotel "Sheraton Metechi Palace" through November 28-29, and main subjects of the conference were issues related to Cyber Security and directions towards Information Technology development. Conference ended on November 29th with

award ceremony of this year's best IT project authors.

The event was opened by **Tea Tsulukiani**, The Minister of Justice of Georgia. **Dimitri Kumsishvili**, the Deputy of the Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, **Giga Shubitidze**, President of ICT Business Council, and **Christian Rupp**, Austrian E-governance Federal Executive Secretary also gave an opening speech to the participants of the conference.

This year's conference, which had a motto: "Information Technology for the Future", 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 second day of the conference was entirely dedicated to the Cyber Security issues. Worldwide recognized experts gave speeches about Cyber Security.

“Developing Information Technology is unimaginable without developing Information Security decisions. 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 towards which the LEPL Data Exchange Agency is working.” – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, Chairman of the LEPL Data Exchange Agency.

The conference traditionally ended with award ceremony. This year 50 different projects both from the public and private sector were presented for 17 nominations.

In previous years a number of winners were presented in the same competition: in year 2012 grand prize was awarded to the Ministry of Labor Health and Social Affairs of Georgia. In 2011 grand prize was awarded to LEPL National Agency of Civil Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, in 2008 and 2010 years prize winner was LEPL National Agency of Public Registry of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia and in 2009 – Ministry of Finance of Georgia.

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GEORGIAN DELEGATION, GUIDED BY THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF GEORGIA, PARTICIPATED IN “OGP” SUMMIT



Georgian delegation took part in Open Government Partnership Summit, which was held in the capital of Great Britain. Georgian Delegation was guided by the Minister of Justice of Georgia, **Tea Tsulukiani**.

The participants of the annual summit, more than 1000 delegates representing 61 countries, including governmental, civil society and business sector representatives, were addressed by David Cameron, the prime Minister of Great Britain.

After plenary session, parallel sessions were held. The Minister of Justice of Georgia took part in the works carried out by group working on data openness and information freedom. As stated by **Tea Tsulukiani**, Georgian government is appealed towards ensuring transparency in public sector.

“During last year, there was no initiative, which Georgian government did not agree with the civil society. One of our most active partners is the non-governmental sector, and we always take into account what the representatives of this sector think about the reforms we carry out,” – said the Minister. According to the Minister of Justice, there is shortest period – 10 day term for submitting public information in Georgia.

Tea Tsulukiani also talked about the duty of publishing the information proactively, which is the duty of Georgian government since September 1, 2013. Suggested by the Ministry of Justice, Georgian government approved the list of information, which is necessary to be published.

More than 80 journalists and bloggers took part in London summit. Press Conferences were held by the leaders of the delegations, including Tea Tsulukiani. The Minister talked about the Open Government Partnership plan achievements and Challenges in Georgia. Each country represents one ambitious commitment on the summit, and this commitment is reflected in the action plan.

Tea Tsulukiani named Georgia’s commitment data.gov.ge – development of unified data base of public information – which will give citizen a chance to download already existing proactive public information, or request desired information electronically.

DEA CHAIRMAN PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



On December 2-3, DEA Chairman Irakli Gvenetadze joined the international conference - Global Cyber security Cooperation: Challenges and Visions (<http://bakucyber.az/en/>), which was organized by the World Bank and the Ministry of Information Technologies of Azerbaijan.

The conference of that type was held for the first time in the capital city of Azerbaijan and gathered participants from various countries. Special concentration was given to the countries from Asia.

On behalf of Data Exchange Agency, Mr. Gvenetadze made a speech on the activities of the agency and cyber security challenges Georgia and other countries of the region are currently facing.

"The event was very important in terms of establishing vital contacts with cyber security experts from international organizations and Asian countries. I would like to mention the importance of establishing such contacts with

Azerbaijani colleagues. They expressed their will and readiness to work together in the future." – **Irakli Gvenetadze**, DEA Chairman.

GEORGIA IMPROVED ITS RATING BY MOVING 23 POSITIONS UPPER, RANKING NOW 65TH IN THE NETWORKED READINESS INDEX

Georgia improved its rating in The Network Readiness Index and moved 23 positions upper and is on 65th place in the rating whereas it was on 88th place last year. According to what the representatives of The Ministry of Economics told "Inter press news" Georgia is the only country which managed to improve its rating by so many positions in one year. Rating includes data of 144 countries.

The Network Readiness Index is a complex index, which reflects the quality of information-communication technology development in the countries worldwide. The above mentioned rating is annually published in the scope of the world's economic forum. Network readiness index is unified in three major groups and calculated according to 53 parameters: 1. Relevant conditions for the development of Information-Communication Technologies (ICT) – from the ICT viewpoint the overall conditions of Business and Normative-Legal environment, the existence of healthy competition, innovative potential, necessary Infrastructure, the opportunity of financing new projects, regulative aspects and etc. 2. Readiness of the citizens, business circles and public institutions towards using ICT – state's position towards development of Information Technology, state expenditures in this field, availability of Information Technologies for businesses, availability of Internet Networks and the degree of penetration, the cost of mobile networks and etc. 3. The degree to which ICT is used in social, commercial and state sector – number of personal computer, internet, and mobile network users, availability of existing internet resources in public institutions, production and usage of information technologies in the country.

TWINNING PROJECT: THE WINNERS OF MEDIA CONTEST- "EGEORGIA - THE FUTURE IS NOW"/EGOVERNANCE IN A CITIZEN'S DAILY LIFE UNVEILED



On November 29, at the closing ceremony of the 6th regional conference GI-TI 2013, Data Exchange Agency named the winners of media contest. eGovernment/eGovernance is the synonym of a modern country and efficient customer orientated public administration. The contest acknowledged journalistic works that have contributed to promoting a better understanding of the values of eGovernment/eGovernance/eServices/ICT and Cyber Security.

The winners were named in 3 categories: the best article (newspaper/magazine/website); the best social media profile/blog; the best streaming/broadcasting.

"We are delighted that we were able to organize media contest with Data Exchange Agency. This was the first attempt to run a media contest in ICTs and eGovernance. We are happy with the results we have received and we would like to thank all the journalists who participated in this contest." –

Christian Rupp, Project Leader of the EU TWINNING for strengthening of eGovernance in Georgia.

CONT_ACT RIGA 2013 – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN LATVIA



On November 21 – 23, 2013 the brand new international conference entitled “CONT_ACT RIGA 2013: E-Government CONTENT and ACTIONS – Effective Public Services” took place in Riga.

The aim of the international conference was to bring together up to 250 e-governance experts and decision makers to share experiences of the governments and ICT industry and to look for ways to increase the efficiency of governments and a public service delivery by broadening the use of modern electronic tools.

The conference was organized by The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with Latvian IT Cluster.

From Georgia, the conference was attended by **Nata Goderdzishvili**, Head of Legal Division of Data Exchange Agency. Mrs. Goderdzishvili made a presentation for the conference audience about Georgia’s successful E-government journey, current and upcoming projects and the role of the agency in this process.

TRAINING SESSION IN INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

on November 18-22, Data Exchange Agency organized training sessions in Information Security Management at the justice training facility. The training was attended by 16 representatives of critical infrastructure system subjects.

The goal of the training was to raise awareness about the requirements of information security and to introduce the stages of information security planning, implantation and audit.

Training participants were also introduced to the ways of practical use of information security to ensure that the organizations they represented will later be in compliance with the law on information security.

The training program covered three main directions: introduction to information security management; implantation of information security management system; information security management system audit.

The training was administrated for 5 days at the training facility of justice. After the completion of the program, the participants took the final test to qualify for the status of information security manager.

PRESENTATION OF THE ELECTRONIC CATALOGUE AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES



The presentation of the electronic catalogue was held at the National Archives of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.

Teona Iashvili, General Director of the National Archives of Georgia mentioned that “the annotations of the fonds, descriptions and files, as well as, the digital copies of the documents will be located in the catalogue. The annotations are composed according to 3 international standards – ISAD, ISAAR, ISDF. For the present time about 20 000

annotations of the files and digital copies of the 34 000 pages of documents are located in the program. Besides, about one million pages are already scanned and they are uploaded in the catalogue permanently”.

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