The Future of Information Society and Challenges for Good Governance

GOALS OF THE 11th BLED FORUM ON EUROPE FORESIGHT CONFERENCE:

1. to contribute to the further advancement of future oriented and knowledge based good governance in the world, in Europe and particularly in South Eastern Europe
2. to identify some of the key challenges in the future development of Information Society and put forward internationally coordinated responses to the identified challenges
3. to present examples of good practice in policy making and utilisation of foresight results
4. to organise foresight capacity building workshop (Western Balkan Futures) and facilitate networking and mutual learning and
5. to further develop a comprehensive view for Information Society development in South Eastern Europe (post-Malmo and eSEE Agenda +)

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Thursday 11th of March

14.00 **Opening and introduction:**
    - Mr. **Blaž Golob**, Director, Centre for eGovernance Development (CeGD), President, Bled Forum on Europe

Welcome Addresses:
    - Mr. **Aleš Dobnikar**, Ministry of Public Administration, Government of Slovenia
    - Mr. **Sanjin Arifagić**; Head of Unit on Economic and Social Development, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
    - Mr. **Franci Demšar;** Director, Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS)
    - Mr. **Miroslav Polzer;** Director, Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana (ASO Ljubljana)
    - Mr. **Matej Potokar**, Director, Microsoft Slovenia

14.30

Key note speech:
Global Challenges and Information Society Development
Mr. Jerome C. Glenn Director of Millennium Project

15.10 -16.30
SESSION I: THE FUTURE OF INFORMATION SOCIETY
Chairperson: **Mr. Niko Schlamberger**, President, Slovenian Society INFORMATIKA

Cloud computing: A productivity opportunity, a policy challenge!
Mr. Wilfried Grommen; RTO Microsoft CEE, Microsoft Public Sector Headquarter Central Eastern Europe

Visualisation of Digital Divide in the World
Mr. Pavle Sicherl; SICENTER

Cross border co-operation and Interoperability (20 min)
Mr. Yannis Charalabidis; Assistant professor at University of Aegean, Greece and Manager of the Greek Interoperability Centre (GiC)

Discussion

16.15 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00
**SESSION II: EU AGENDA FOR INFORMATION SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT /
POST MALMÖ TO- DO-LIST**
Chairperson: **Ms. Maja Zupančič**, Ministry of Public Administraton, Government of Slovenia, member of CeGD Programme Advisory Committee

Results of the 5th Ministerial eGovernment Conference, Malmö, Sweden 2009
Ms. Alenka Žužek Nemec, Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Government of Slovenia

The Impact of Social Computing: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe
Mr. Yves Punie, European Commission JRC/IPTS

Innovative Cross-border eRegion Development in the Living Labs Environment
Mr. Jože Gričar; Director eCenter University of Maribor

Discussion

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19.00

Presentation on Social Responsibility of Leaders (IEDC Bled School of Management)
Ms. Danica Purg, President, IEDC Management School
Ms. Nadya Zhexembayeva; President, UN Global Compact Slovenia

19.30
Networking gathering at IEDC

Friday 12th of March

9.00 - 10.30
Session III Good practice cases on eGovernance
Knowledge Sharing Platform
Chairperson: **Mr. Dušan Zupančič,** Director, Association of Informatics and Telecommunications, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

eServices Facilitating Research and Financing of Research
Mr. Franci Demšar; Director, Slovenian Research Agency

Collaboration – The Next Wave of "e-Business"
Mr. Jožek Gruškovnjak; Director Internet Business Solutions Group (IBSG), Cisco

Mapping eDemocracy in SEE: from UN eParticipation index to NGOs cases in Slovenia
Mr. Simon Delakorda; Executive Director, Institute for Electronic Participation - INePA

eSecurity & eHealth
Mr. Robert Sraka; Research Director, Vzajemna

Discussion

10.40 – 11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00 – 12.30
Session IV: **Regional perspectives for progress and development**
Chairperson: **Ms. Jana Kolar,** Ministry of Higher education, Science and Technology, Government of Slovenia; Director, Directorate for Science

Development of Knowledge Based Society in South Eastern Europe / the role of RCC
Mr. Mladen Dragašević; Head of Unit on Building Human Capacity and Parliamentary Cooperation, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

Cross border co-operation and potentials of South Eastern Europe
Mr. Goran Radman; Dean, Vern University, Chairman Business Advisory Council;

Strategic eGovernance initiatives and overview of IT industry in India
Mr. Jose Jacob K., Independent consultant and former faculty member, Xavier Institute of Management, India

Extending future EU-Western Balkan ICT RTD cooperation through ICT priority setting and activities contrasting the current barriers**: the [SCORE]** and [**WINS-ICT**] **FP projects**
Ms. Désiréé Pecarz, Project Manager, Unit for Research Policy and Development, Centre for Social Innovation

Fast Track Interreg project ([B3 - Regions for Better BroadBand Connection])
Mr. Enrico Ferro, Senior Researcher, Technology & Business Intelligence Area, Istituto Superiore Mario Boella

Conclusion to the 11th Bled Forum on Europe

12.30 – 13.00 Presentation of Western Balkan Futures: Foresight 2020 Project
   Mr. Blaž Golob (Centre for eGovernance Development) and **Mr. Ozcan Saritas**
   (Manchester University)
   Contribution of Western Balkan Countries to the Future of Europe -Knowledge Society
   Development Foresight for Western Balkan countries;

13.00 -13.15 XI. Bled Forum Declaration on Information Society and Good Governance
                  VII PILLARS of eGOVERNANCE

   Mr. Tomaž Boh; (Head of Science Sector, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and
   Technology, Vice President Bled Forum on Europe)

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