

eSEE Working Group Meeting

Date and time of the meeting: Thursday 20 October 2005

Venue: Grand Hotel Union, Room: "Zeleni Salon", Ljubljana, Republic of Slovenia

Draft Agenda of the Meeting

09.00 Opening speech

Dr. Gregor Virant, Minister of Public Administration, Government of Republic of Slovenia

09.10 Introductory Remarks

Dr. Marijana Vidas- Bujanja, Chair of the eSEE Initiative
Mr. Michael C. Mozur, Deputy Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for SEE

09.25 Adoption of the Agenda of the Meeting

09.30 Progress Report

- I) Briefing on the progress made by the signatory countries since ministerial conference in Thessaloniki in relation to:
 - a) National Strategy for IS Development, and
 - b) Establishment of the Cabinet Level Body for IS Development
 - c) Other eSEE Agenda items

II) Next steps to fulfil the commitments of the eSEE Agenda

Appointed Senior Policy Officials/ e-Envoys: Presenters are asked to make a ten-minute oral presentation and to submit a one-page summary in written format on the situation in each country. The presentations are followed by an exchange of views.

III) Latest status of the Matrix of eSEE Agenda fulfilment
Ms. Nera Nazečič, Head of eSEE Secretariat

10.20 Presentation on IIMC International Information Management Corporation and potential opportunities for cooperation between IIMC and the eSEE Initiative

Mr. Paul Cunningham, President & CEO

10.35 Best practice showcase

Presentation about the e-government solution implemented by SRC.SI for the Slovenian Government. Meeting participants will have an opportunity to visit the Slovenian Parliament on Friday, 21st October.

Mr. Andrej Brlečič, Executive Director, SRC.SI

11.20 Coffee break

11.35 Presentation of findings of Interim Impact Assessment "Mid-term evaluation of the implementation of the eSEE Agenda in the Western Balkans countries from the information society policy change perspective

Mr. Yuri Misnikov, ICT4D Advisor, UNDP, Europe and the CIS, Bratislava Regional Centre

12.00 Discussion about future development plans and continuation of eSEE Agenda

Discussion facilitated by Dr. Marijana Vidas- Bubanja, Chair of the eSEE Initiative and Mr. Michael C. Mozur, Deputy Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for SEE. e-Envoys are expected to prepare in advance for this discussion and to provide their input and ideas.

Mr. Michael C. Mozur will also introduce the following new topics:

- a) e-procurement possibilities in SEE region. Best practice in Romania.
- b) Intensification of cooperation with business sector. Cooperation with IBM.

e-Envoys are expected to provide overview about e-procurement experience in their respective countries

12.40 Representation of eSEE Initiative at World Summit for Information Society

Mr. Yuri Misnikov, ICT4D Advisor, UNDP

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Initiative for Broadband in SEE: "bSEE"

Initial consultative session regarding Initiative for Broadband: "bSEE"

Facilitated by Dr. Marijana Vidas- Bubanja, Chair of the eSEE Initiative
Dr. Diana Šimić, Appointed Senior Policy Official of Croatia,
Mr. Ioannis Konstas, SETA Coordinator

16.00 Presentation by The European Commission

Ms. Cindy Van Den Boogert, Administrator, Directorate-General for Information Society and Media

16.20 Report on the recent activities and announcing of the upcoming events

- Report on effects of eSEE Ministerial conference for Information Society in Thessaloniki on 1 July 2005.
Presenter: TBC
- Report on WSIS PrepCom 3, 19-30 September 2005, Geneva
Dr. Diana Šimić, Appointed Senior Policy Official of Croatia
- Report on INFOFEST, 25 September- 01 October 2005, Budva
Presenter: TBC
- Report on iMacedonia conference, 28 September 2005, Skopje
Mr. Robert Nesimi, Advisor for Telecommunications, Cabinet of the Minister, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Republic of Macedonia
- Announcing upcoming IS events in the region

16.50 Conclusions of the meeting

17.00 Date and venue of the next meeting