



Observatory Network to Enhance ICT Structural Funds Absorption

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ONE enters its final stage

Happy New Year from the ONE project – here to help you figure out how to better tailor ICT interventions towards your specific regional needs, providing you with a proven methodology set of guidelines on how to develop and exploit ICT in your area. The project is now entering its final stage. A lot has been done since our 3rd newsletter and some of the project's highlights are planned for this period. Read on to see what!

ONE Conference Brussels 2014 – Policies (R)evolution & Every European Digital

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It is a great pleasure to invite you to the ONE Conference Brussels 2014 – „Policies (R)evolution & Every European Digital“, which will be held on April 24 in Brussels. The Future has begun. Member States and regions must lose no time in preparing the next generation of EU programmes for growth, says Commissioner Hahn after MEPs' vote on radical reform of EU Regional Policy in July 2013. The new programming period brings new investment budgets for Member States, seeking synergies between Regional Policy and Horizon 2020 in order to maximise the innovation opportunities.

The data-driven economy can provide Europe with a chance to emerge from the multifaceted crisis with new capabilities. Are Europeans ready for the Data Revolution? Are politicians able to make informed choices and manage changes?

The ONE Conference will facilitate the joint effort of EU partners to build links between information networks and ICT Observatories with the goal of reaching ambitious common objectives of Europe 2020. The ONE project will introduce final results of its findings and experience.

Registration is now open at: <http://oneproject.eu/registration>

From local to global

Since the ONE project finishes its mission next summer, the promotion of its now focuses on both the local as well as the pan-European and the global audiences.

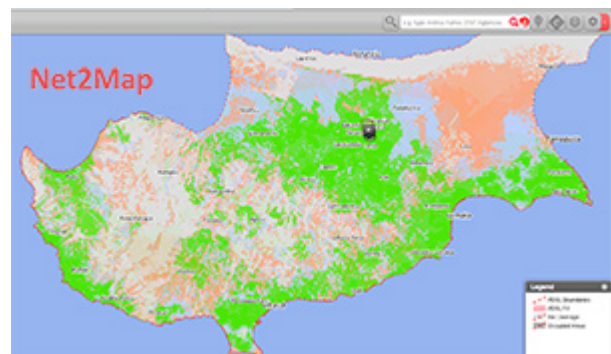
The ONE project results were promoted to participants from beyond Europe at the Global Forum 2013, Trieste (IT) which brought together experts from all continents.



The three EU projects Homer - Harmonising Open data in the Mediterranean through Better access and re-use of PSI, Open-DAI - Opening Data Architectures and Infrastructures of European Public Administration Cloud Infrastructure and ONE organised a satellite workshop in Brussels to explore synergies, share their approaches and improve the efficiency of their digital strategies.

Another ONE press conference was organized on 12th December 2013 in the Marshal's Office of the Lodz Region. It has been commenced with the speech of Witold Stępień, the Marshal of the Lodz Region who considers ICT Observatories to be a fuel for the regional development *"If we want to be more competitive, we should create such an institution in our region"*. The representatives of project partners Piedmont Region, Friuli - Venezia Giulia Region and Świętokrzyskie Region were present at the event. The conference has been enriched with the speeches of Désirée Bua, project coordinator from CSI-Piemonte and Gilda de Marco from Insiel. They gave interesting presentations on the functioning of ICT Observatories in their regions. It has been concluded that thanks to ICT Observatories regional authorities throughout Europe will be able to take informed decisions in terms of European funds absorption devoted to ICT.

The Cypriot Office of the Commissioner for Electronic Communications and Postal Regulation (OCECPR) introduced three tools for broadband access monitoring and telecom bundles comparison at its press conference in Nicosia. These tools are an outcome of the knowledge exchange that resulted from the participation in the ONE project. They will become a part of a local ICT observatory and will empower consumers.



Project results: Study visits and interregional workshop

Last two workshops and study visits were organised in the fourth semester of the ONE project. The series of study visits concluded a capacity enhancement part of the project. In this part the project partners had an opportunity to study different approaches and aspects that can be adopted during the development of regional ICT observatories.

4th workshop and study visit, took place in Trieste (IT). Insiel hosted the two-day meeting titled **"ICT Regional Organizational Model"**. Insiel has great experience in designing, implementing and

deploying complex IT architectures that integrate heterogeneous systems and/or are open to interoperate with other systems, with applications in the fields of e-government and e-health as well as in environmental, territorial and mobility management. The partners had the opportunity to see transversal activities of Insiel with a particular focus on services suitable for development of the idea of ICT Observatories. These highlighted regional broadband strategies and infrastructure development, use of regional services card (PASI), Master Data Management as well as regional cartography solutions. The partners visited a server farm – insides of the operation services - which provides a hardware infrastructure to run regional IT services and solutions.

Last workshop and study visit were organised by La Fonderie in Paris (FR) and aimed at regional ICT policies. ICT policy recommendations, as one of the core functions of an ICT observatory, should lead to maximum penetration of digital services and infrastructures. La Fonderie contributed to the exchange of good practices by highlighting emerging policies of the Region Île-de-France and new practices on the rapid development of innovation places (co-working spaces, fablabs, etc.). It is unquestionable that together with improvements of services and infrastructures governments should not underestimate the role of digital literacy. The educational premises of ESPACE 19 were shown as a local example of the fight with digital divide.



You can download all presentations from workshops and study visits or check out the links section on the ONE website!

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Project partners



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