



Observatory Network to Enhance ICT Structural Funds Absorption

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ONE passes its mid-term milestone

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, is in the middle of its second year. A lot has happened since our 2nd Newsletter, read on to see what and to get an idea what is coming!

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The ONE project mid-term Conference took place on April 18th. It abounded with visionary presentations and fruitful discussions among the more than **150 participating** researchers and business representatives, decision-makers and political representatives and more than **30 speakers** from throughout the EU and beyond. The ONE project

coordinator, Desiree Bua from CSI and the Conference director Irina Zalisova from EPMA, officially commenced the proceedings. The following warm-up plenary moderated by Jeremy Millard of Danish Technological Institute was full of intriguing ideas; strategies and visions outlined by the keynotes were enriched by discussions at 6 parallel afternoon sessions. The proceedings were concluded by excellent talks on digital future from Graham Colclough from Capgemini and Sylviane Toporkoff from the Global Forum. Most of the presentations are now available on the Conference [website](#). All presented ideas are available in print in the **ONE Book of Proceedings**, which is also available on-line at the project [website](#)



We have also caught all the keynotes with a camera, you can watch the resulting short QandA sessions [here](#).

If you have missed this year's conference, mark the last week in April 2014 in your calendars, as then the ONE Conference Brussels 2014 will take place. Details about this event will be provided in our next newsletter and on are coming to the ONE project [website](#).

Other dissemination and liaison activities

The ONE Conference also brought together a number of other projects and initiatives, with which the ONE Consortium has been pursuing cooperation. These include the [ENGAGE](#) project, the [SEED](#) project, the OurSpace and [ELANET](#) initiatives or the [Open Discovery Space](#) and [Citadel on the move](#). The conference proved even further that liaison activities with these projects and initiatives may be mutually beneficial.



Italian partners have presented ONE through a stand and a workshop presentation at the [FORUM PA](#), the leading Italian exhibition for Public Administrations to showcase best experiences, also acting as an important observatory on changes, where it is possible to aggregate processes and innovative networks. Here ONE also met representatives of the [FINNO](#) project. The Project Coordinator was interested in ONE results, discussions about further developments of synergies among the two projects took place, leading to a successful agreement.



At the [4th Global Forum on Telecentres](#) the project was presented at one of the highly attended HUB sessions by EPMA representatives. This event brought together this year in Granada, Spain over 1 300 representatives of private, public, and nonprofit organizations from around the globe working in the field of ICTs for development (ICT4D). The ONE

Consortium was asked to showcase our project here, because creating an ICT Observatory is a significant step, when trying to achieve inclusive development on regional and local level.

Project results: Twinning, Study visit and interregional workshop

The **twinning activities**, during which one partner selects an issue they are highly interested in and observes its practice at the site of another in this issue more advanced partner, began taking place in the last period. Firstly OCECPR visited the Italian observatory. During this visit, the focus was on **Cyprus observatory activities in broadband**. Another visit led the Italian partners to the Manchester hackaton, where they observed the **Methodological support in the organisation of a hackathon**. The twinning delegation attended some of the conference workshops, which focused on three core themes that are considered instrumental in shaping the digital future: Creative Code, Future Cities and The Data Society.



Another **workshop and study visit** took place during this semester, this time in Stuttgart, Germany, hosted by MFG. Focusing on **Data Management**, the workshop highlighted utilization of data in the future and sci-fi technologies and predictive analytics software. It showcased data management in a local municipality and the approach of the Government of Baden-Württemberg to Open Data. On the second day the partners had the opportunity to visit former nuclear bunker used today as a highly secure data centre (www.comback.de).

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Project partners



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