

Press Release

SECOVIA – “Assessing the state of the art on advanced ICT solutions for virtual accessibility in South East Europe”

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One of the most important goals the SECOVIA project has set regards the assessment of the current status quo of virtual accessibility needs, infrastructures and public services in South East Europe (SEE). This knowledge will enable us to understand the extent of the digital divide in SEE concerning the provision of virtualized eGovernment services to citizens (G2C) and businesses (G2B), while it will also help us identify the most appropriate course of action to tackle any challenges and deficits.

In this scope, the SECOVIA consortium will perform an analysis and comparative assessment in relation the following topics:

- IT infrastructures, platforms and services in SEE that promote virtual accessibility (in operation, planned)
- Virtual accessibility strategies, initiatives and projects implemented in SEE
- Funding mechanisms for public & private investments on virtual accessibility in SEE
- Organisational and technical needs of territorial administrations regarding shared virtualised IT resources and infrastructures in SEE
- Organisational and technical needs of territorial administrations regarding shared internet-based platforms and applications for digital public services in SEE

Data will be collected from the SECOVIA Stakeholders’ network. For this purpose electronic questionnaires are prepared for every different topic. Within the next days, the questionnaires will be publicly available and the SECOVIA’s stakeholders across the SEE area will participate in the survey in order to share their valuable experience in the virtual accessibility and eGovernment domains.

In parallel, a preliminary data collection and analysis initiative was launched. This initiative aspires to actuate SECOVIA stakeholders’ network and to provide a first impression on the state-of the art regarding virtual accessibility and eGovernment needs, infrastructures and public services in SEE. The data were collected during discussions which were organised by the SECOVIA partners with approximately 20 stakeholders across SEE countries. The data analysis followed and its conclusions are going to be published on SECOVIA’s website within the following days.

More information

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