SECOVIA: Why fund the proposal?

South East Europe jointly developed common advanced virtual accessibility solutions to support public services

Project proposal. SOUTHEAST EUROPE PROGRAMME. 4th CALL

Priority axis:
Improve the accessibility

Area of Intervention:
Develop strategies to tackle the "digital divide"

Duration: 7/2012 to 6/2014

ERDF contribution:
1,275,127.50 €
IPA contribution:
261,718.40 €
Total budget:
1,808,054.00 €
What SECOVIA aims to achieve?

SECOVIA promotes experience exchange and cooperation among territorial administrations on:

- setting up {transnational} organisational structures to support common, cross-border sharing and provision of {cloud-based} digital public services and IT resources in SEE.
What e-services can be better provided through interregional cooperation?

**G2G**

Government to Government

Common IT infrastructures; virtualised platforms and applications; shared and distributed e-administration systems; public e-procurement; common data storage and repositories; data management and security systems

**G2C**

Government to Citizens

E-identification; e-health services; e-learning and education, job search, open public data repositories (e.g. statistics)

**G2B**

Government to Businesses

Company registration; employee income tax payments; VAT; construction/ environmental permits; electronic cadastre; public e-procurement; public data for digital applications development
Why is it better to cooperate?

Gaining through cooperation

✓ sharing and re-using IT solutions and resources is more cost-efficient

✓ avoid duplication and waste of resources: more services to citizens & businesses for the same investment

✓ joint, one-stop solution providers to cover ICT needs in SEE territories: single deployment serving multiple users, areas and stakeholders across borders
Who benefits from interregional cooperation?

Territorial administrations
- **Cost savings** through shared and reusable IT resources & infrastructures
- Innovative **organisational models and structures for sustainable ICT provision** through scalable IT resources & infrastructures
- Improved **ICT provision** in so far underserved areas

Citizens
- Improved **public IT services** covering so far underserved territories or end-users
- Access to key **cross-border digital public services** (e.g. e-identification, e-health)
- **Savings of taxpayers’ money** through shared resources and re-usable solutions

Businesses
- Better access to key **cross-border G2B digital services** (e.g. e-tax services)
- More opportunities in **public procurement of ICT**
- More opportunities in ICT investments, innovation and **ICT-based growth**
What is the CLOUD? What new does it bring?

Cloud computing describes delivering software-based services delivered over the Internet. Cloud services are scalable and are delivered (and paid for) to any user with an internet connection on an on-demand basis. Infrastructures, platforms, or applications are offered “as-a-service”. 

Examples:

- Salesforce
- Zoho
- Rackspace
- Microsoft Office 365
- Google Apps
What advantages does the CLOUD bring for regions?

- **fast, agile deployment**
- **economies of scale**
- **remote access**
Why policy cooperation for interregional cloud solutions?

- **need to set the ground**: meeting the political, organisational and administrative prerequisites towards cloud-ready territorial administrations in SEE

- **need to setup innovative organisational models, structures and roadmaps** for common cloud solutions

2012: European Cloud Partnership
What concrete outcomes does SECOVIA bring?

- New transnational cooperation models for IT procurement and provision of cloud-based solutions in SEE

- New, jointly developed, endorsed inter-institutional organisational structures for shared cloud solutions and digital public services
Who is involved?

10 out of 16 SEE Programme countries represented

13 partners;
7 regions / regional entities
3 territorial associations
2 knowledge institutions
1 SMEs development centre
Who is involved? The partnership

IT
Lepida SpA, LP
TECLA - Association for the Transregional, Local and European Cooperation

BA
Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency

AT
ZVK - Centre for public administration cooperation

RO
CDIMM
The Development Centre for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

SI
Regional Development Agency of Gorenjska / BSC

HU
Pannon Novum Westtransdanubian Regional Innovation Nonprofit Ltd

BG
Regional Authority Kyustendil

MK
Centre for Development of Skopje Region

AL
Association of Albanian Municipalities

GR
Region of Western Greece
IMIS / Institute for the Management of Information Systems
ICCS/National Technical University Of Athens