

Development of Information Society and eGovernment in Poland

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Concept of the Information Society

(operational definition)

- a future kind of the Polish society
- using a new modern telecommunications network
- with common access for all in Poland
(citizens, businesses and administration)
- to public information resources
- at a reasonable cost

Point of view

Focus on:

- information technology (ICT) and public administration, esp. governmental p.a., relation
- at the national level
- for the economy in transition
- time period of 3-4 years ahead

How to achieve it?

- *Strategy for the informatization of Poland – ePolska (ePoland) in 2003 – 2006;*
- eEurope 2002: an Information Society for All
- eEurope 2005
- National Development Plan of Poland

Institutional settings (2002 -)

- **Ministry of Science and Informatisation** esp. strategies for IS development and promotion
- **Ministry of Infrastructure**
incl. telecommunications infrastructure (ICT)
- Ministry of Economy, e.g. e-commerce
- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration;
national registers for administration
- other ministries and agendas

Legal background

1. Draft law on informatisation of tasks performed by public organizations, adopted by the Polish Council of Ministers in June, 2003.
2. the minister for informatisation
3. basic aims:
 - co-operation of teleinformatics systems and the national registers
 - legal framework for e-government development
 - public budget for informatisation activities and investment in ICT infrastructure
 - public services quality and efficiency

Priorities of the Strategy

- E-government development (services)
- Broadband access to Internet in schools
- Polish contents in Internet
- Education by Internet
- Digital divide avoiding

the key projects

- Broadband access to Internet in schools
- Access infrastructure to Internet
- Internet infrastructure for science
- Internet network safety
- „Polish gateway”
- „Polish gateway to Europe”
- Central data bases and registers (administration)
- Polish contents on Internet

The key projects (2)

- On-line education
- Electronic commerce
- Common computer literacy
- Digital divide avoiding
- Vocational education with computer

Governmental activities

(selected)

A) „*Wrota Polski*” project

Aims:

- information flow improvement, esp. to citizens
- electronic interactions between citizen, businesses and the public administration
- exchange of information between public administration offices
- electronic application of citizens for personal documents
- easier access to health and insurance data

Governmental activities (2)

- b) Projects related to the Sectoral Operation Plan (1.5): *Increase in enterprises competition* (Structural funds of UE)
- c) Information society promotion projects:
 - Polish olimpic portal (sports and games on the Internet)
 - New technologies portal
- d) PBI project: contents of Polish libraries on the Internet
- e) Common system of computer literacy
- f) School informatics and access to Internet
- g) Public access to Internet, esp. in the less populated areas
- h) International co-operation in the field of IS development

Concluding remarks

- the Polish government has changed the basic institutional framework to be prepared for IS development
- A new law is being introduced to improve the relation between modern information technologies (ICT) and the public administration, taking into account the budget limitations and the Structural Funds (EU)
- It is expected the changes will be good for improving the service relations between citizens, businesses and the public administration in Poland to meet the international standards in the field.