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ERIS@ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGIONE PIEMONTE (IT)

SUMMARY

- 1: What is this thing called « eris@ » ?
- 2: What are its origins?
- 3: Its values?
- 4: Who are its members?
- 5: What objectives, services, products ?
- 6: Why eGov ? Which eGov and where?
- 7: Some regional examples: Piedmont

Questions/Answers

eris@, What is it ?

European Regional Information Society Association

- **Non Profit International Association under Belgium law (1998)**
- **HQ, office and staff (3 persons + ~3 stagiaires) in Brussels**
- **Statutes, General Assembly, Board of Directors (9 directors)**

Which origins?

- The 1994 IRISI (Inter-Regional Information Society Initiative) initiative, 6 regions (in Germany, Saxony). In 1998, 22 regions come on board: RISI (Regional Information Society Initiative),
- For these regions ICT, far from being a panacea, is an efficient means to an end: contribute to the reconstruction of regions facing severe structural difficulties (Obj 1),
- They developed a working relationship based on networked, peer to peer exchange of success (and failure) stories, regional benchmarking, research and conduct of common projects (EU funded, SF, DG Regio, DG Info),
- At the end of the RISI project in 1998, these 28 regions decided to sustain this initiative, and created an association: eris@, the European Regional Information Society Association.

Which values?

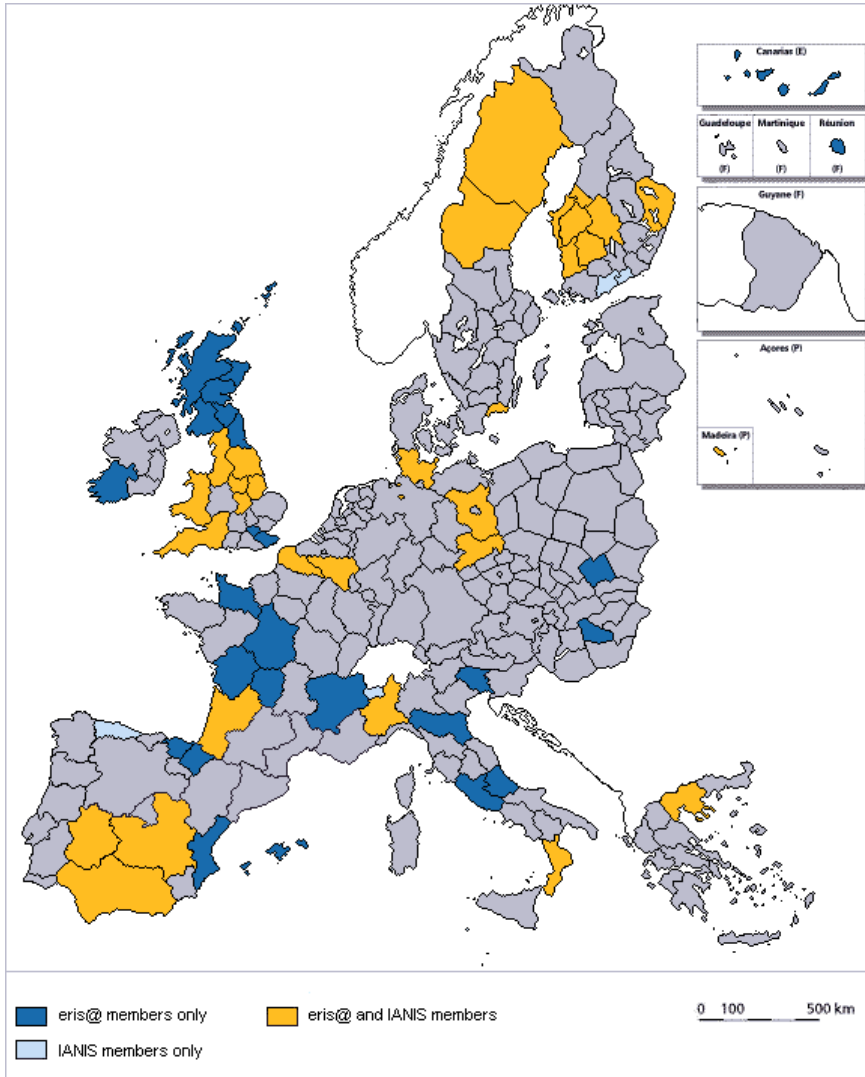
- 1/ Region is the right level,
- 2/ Work within a European network of regions is beneficial to them,
- 3/ There's no « technodeterminism»,
- 4/ Public sector must intervene,
- 5/ Civil Society must be associated

Who are its members?

Four different kinds of members, according to the statutes:

- **Regions [Right to Vote]**
- **Private sector**
- **Associate members**
- **Individual members**

All must be ratified by the General Assembly



45 regions

- Belgium: 1
- France: 9
- Greece: 1
- Ireland: 1
- Poland: 2
- Spain: 8
- U.K.: 3
- Finland: 4
- Germany: 4
- Hungary: 1
- Italy: 7
- Portugal: 1
- Sweden: 2
- Czech Rep: 1

1 associate member

- Slovenia

3 businesses

- Microsoft Cisco HP

Which objectives, services, products?

- To promote regions and their economic and social development through the information society,
- To support member regions in the development and implementation of their strategies and action plans,
- To facilitate working relationships between regions and the development of joint projects,
- To provide a platform for the exchange of experience, expertise and good practice,
- To represent the interests of the regions to the EU Commission and other EU institutions on policy matters,
- To network and liaise with other information society stakeholders (industry, academia, other networks, ...).

Services

- **Communications platform**
- **Conferences & workshops**
- **Newsletter & information dissemination**
- **Thematic work groups**
- **Policy Forum**
- **Collaboration with other European & International Networks (e.g. IT4ALL)**
- **Research & benchmarking.**
- **Evaluation**
- **Consultancy**
- **Partnership brokering & project design**
- **Process advice & facilitation**
- **Lobbying & policy-shaping**

Communication platform

The screenshot shows the eRegion Hub website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, About us, Contacts, News Archive, Events, Repository, Photo Gallery, Regional Pages, Regional Profiles, ICT Projects, Domain Experts, Calls for Tender, Partner Search, Useful Web Links, Competence Centre, Forum, and Study Visits. The main content area features a central banner for 'Sunday 02nd, October 2005' with language options (English, Français, Español) and a 'Register Now!' call to action for 'BILBAO2005' in Bilbao, Spain (9-11 November 2005). Below the banner, there are three news articles: 'Commission unveils plans for European digital libraries', '66 Nominees for the European IST Prize announced', and 'Commission launches public consultation on European Institute of Technology'. The left sidebar contains 'Communities of Interest' and 'Applications & Services' sections. The right sidebar has 'Quick Links' and 'Commission sites' sections. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various open applications and the system clock at 18:31.

Events

Regional pages

Regions profiles

ITC projects data base

Regional experts data base

Partners search

Calls for projects

Resource center (guides)

Study visits & mission reports

Forums

Working groups

Guides

Regional eAdoption by Businesses & Communities

Regional Broadband via Satellite

eHealth Applications for Regions

Programme Evaluation in the context of the Regional Information Society

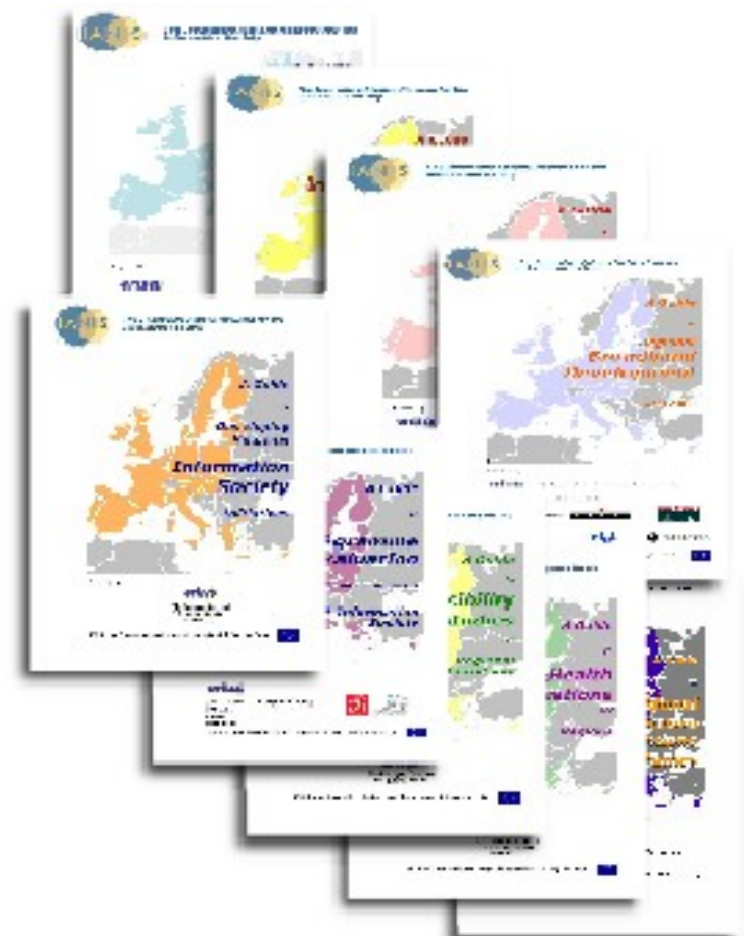
Feasibility Studies for Regional Initiatives

Interoperability for Regional Initiatives

Developing Regional Information Society Initiatives

Regional Broadband Deployment (Revised Edition)

Regional Innovative Actions Programmes



RECENT PROJECTS OF *eris@*

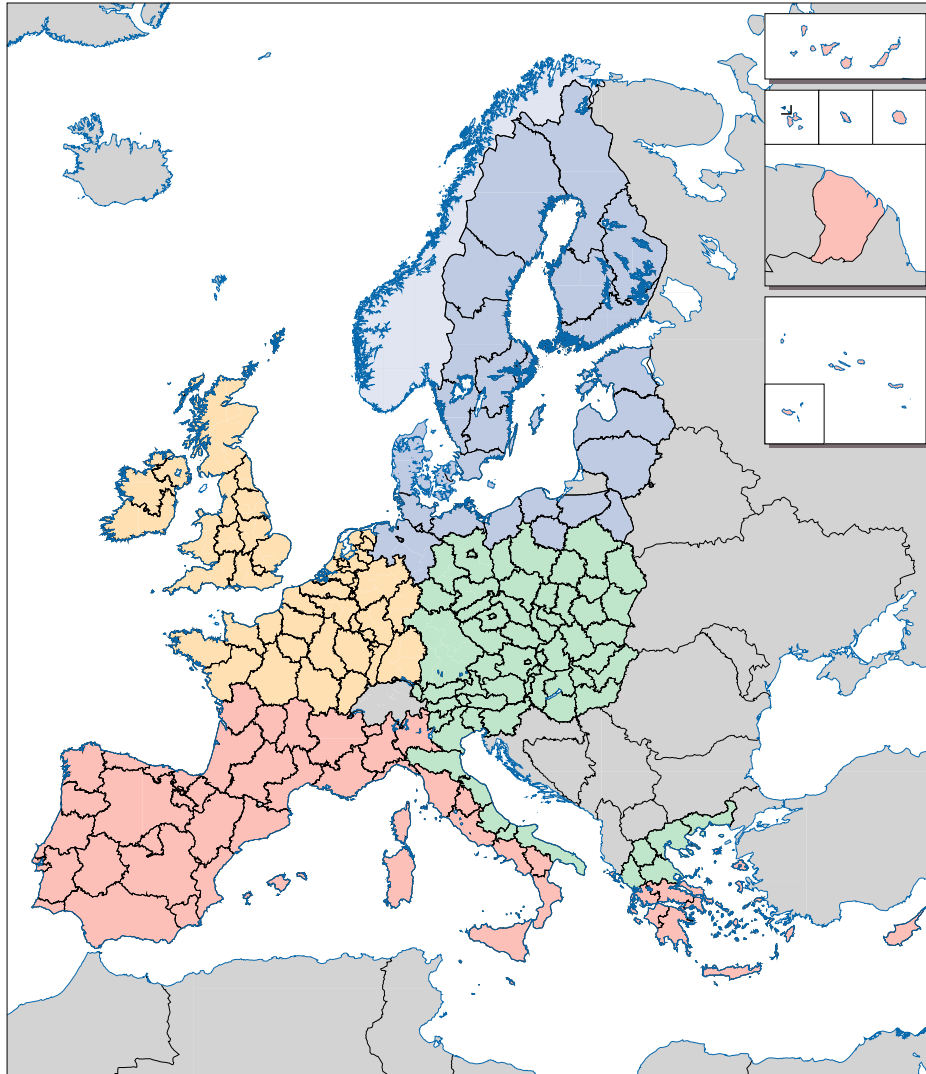
eris@ engages in a number of activities at the European, national and regional levels: for example,

- **THEMIS:** The THEMatic evaluation of the Information Society in the structural funds, 2000-06, for DG Regio.
- **NEMESIS:** NEW MEMBER States' plans for the Information Society under the Structural Funds, 2004-06, for a private client.
- **AEGIS:** Analysis and Evaluation of Greek regional Information Society business plans for the Greek National Ministry for the Economy.
- **PRELUDE:** Key partner in a 5th Framework (FP5) project preparing the ground to support the local and regional dimension in the FP6 (IST).
- **IANIS:** Innovative Actions Network for the Information Society, coordination of a 2-year work programme for a consortium of 28 regions under the Innovative Actions programme

Some CURRENT PROJECTS and PROPOSALS

- **TerreGOV and COCOON:** 2 Integrated projects of FP6 working on interoperability of regional (government and health) systems.
- **BENTLi:** eLearning project under the eLearning Programme, benchmarking regional eLearning systems.
- **IANIS+:** Successor to IANIS with a consortium of 44 regions. Starting now.
- **TRANSFORM:** Researching the transformative uses of ICT at individual, organisational and territorial levels. In negotiation.
- **PEARDROP:** Promoting Ecosystems and Regional Development in support of Regional Operational Programming

... with others in preparation.



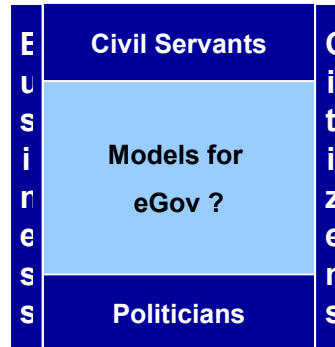
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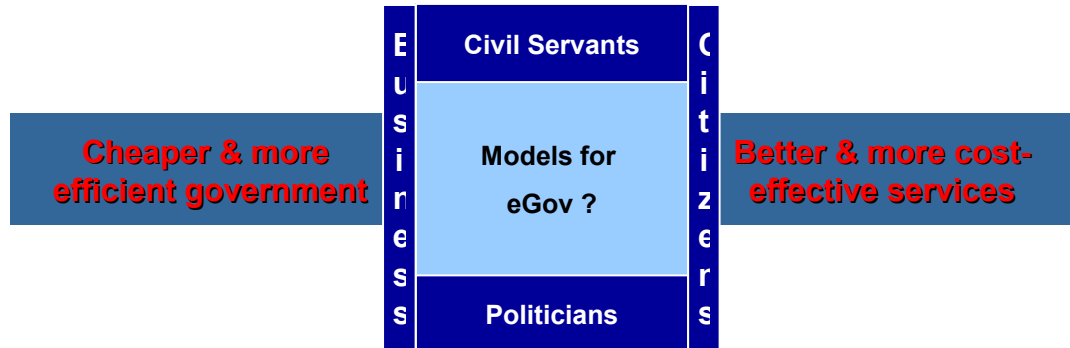
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One obligation:**

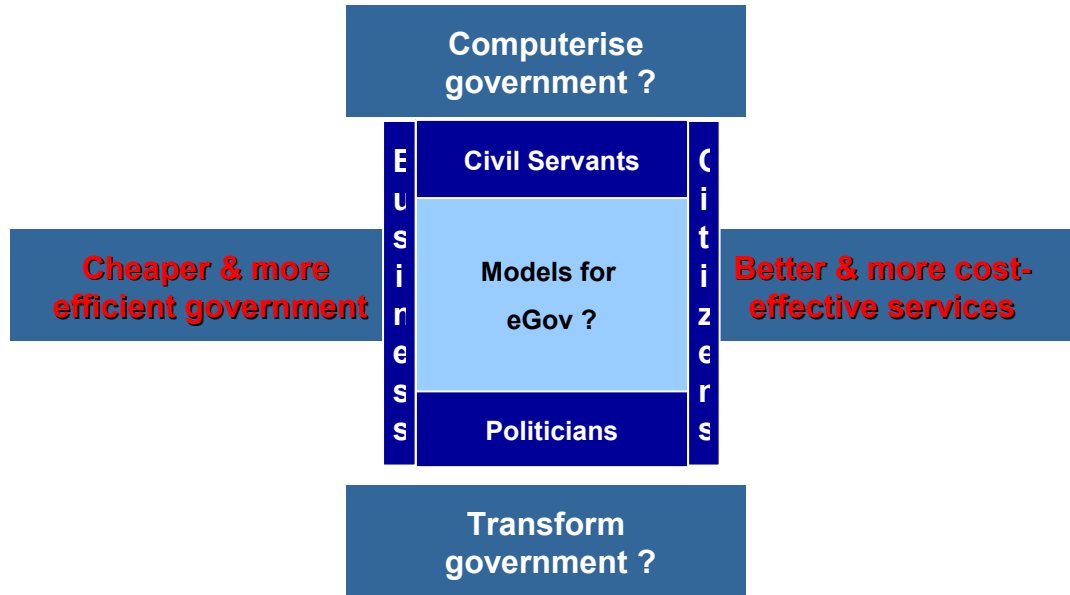
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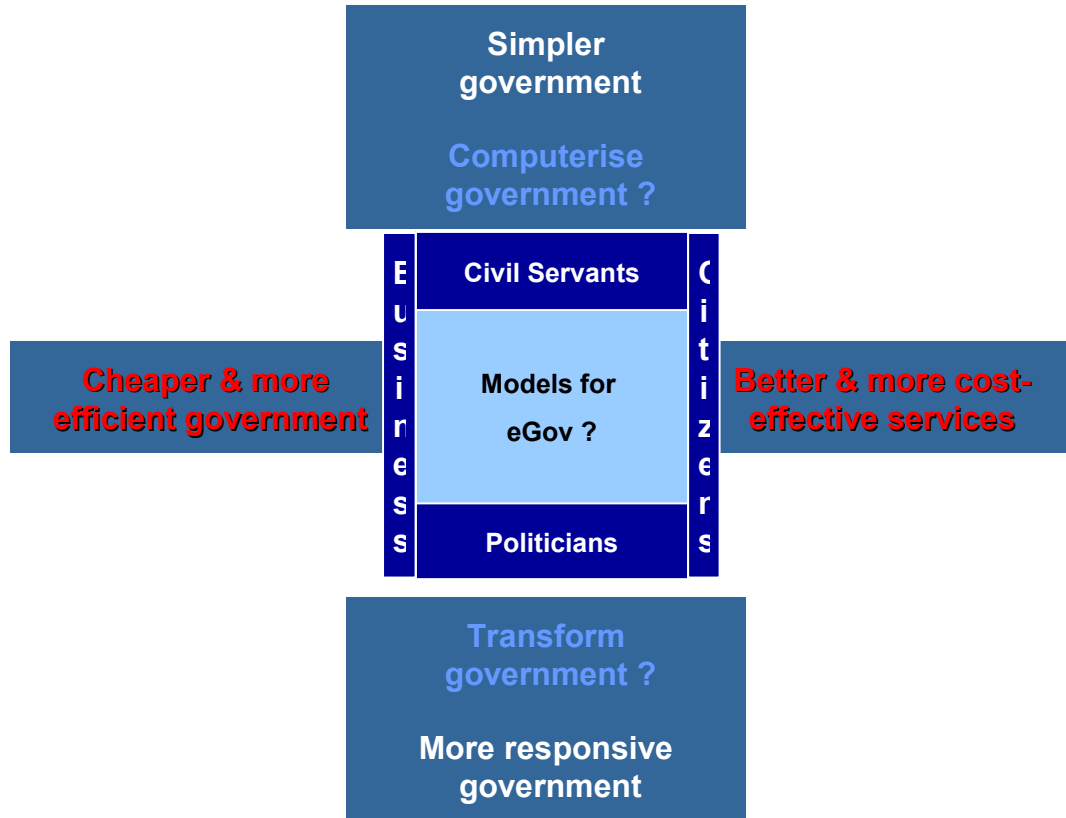
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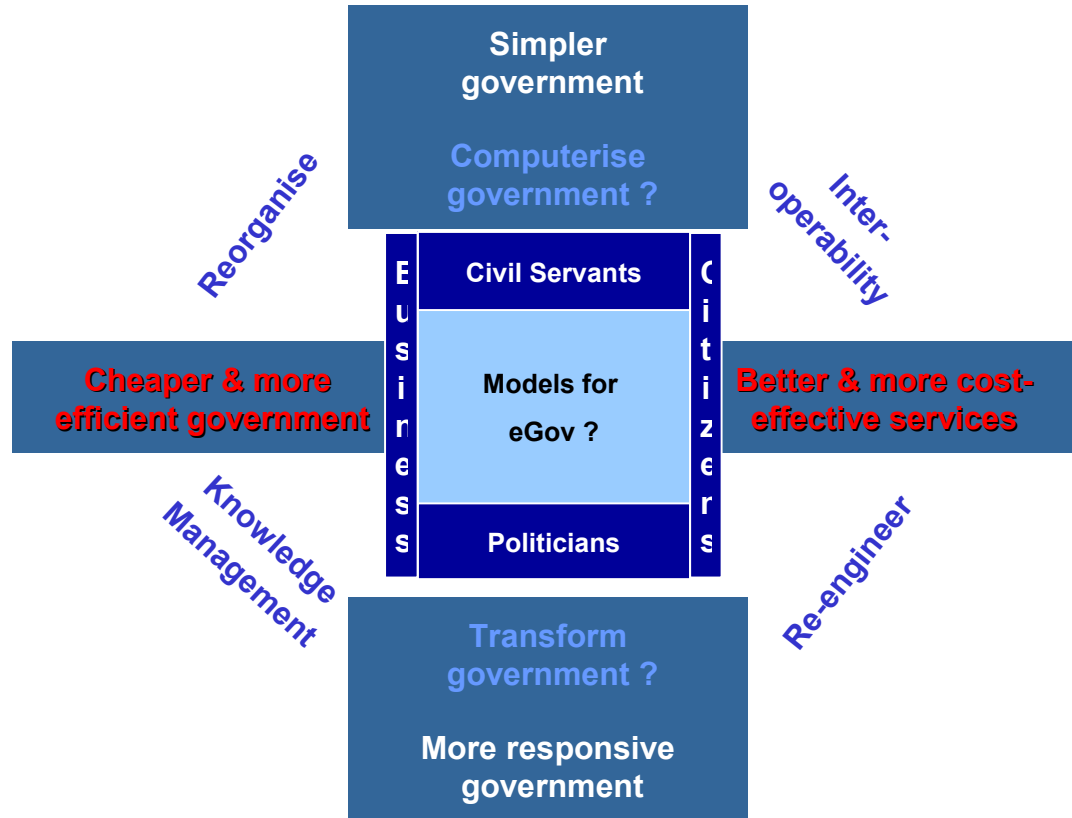


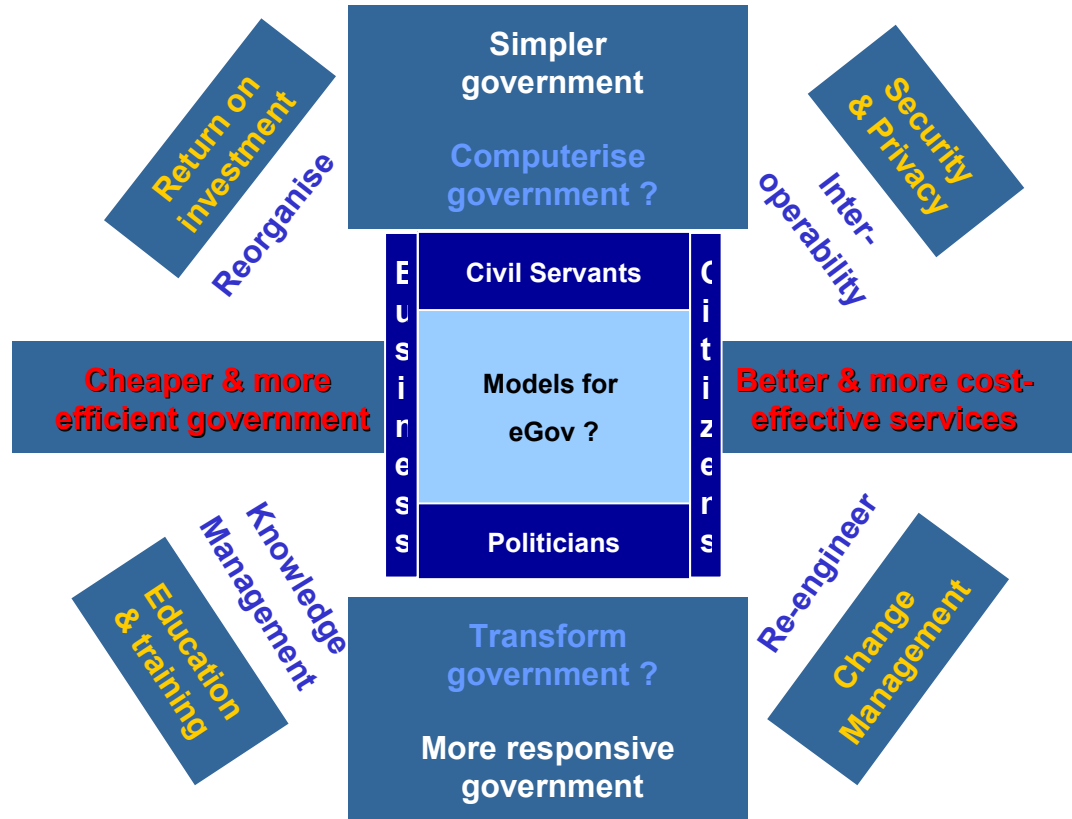


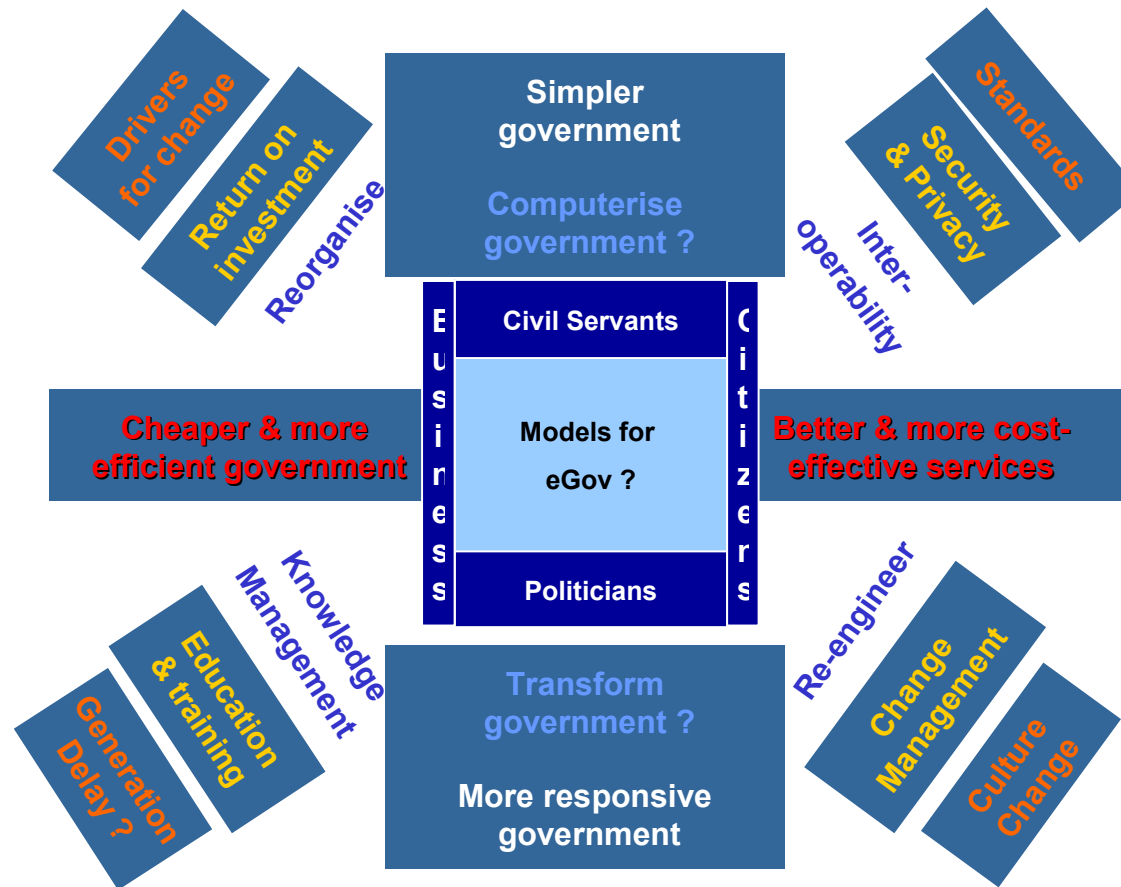


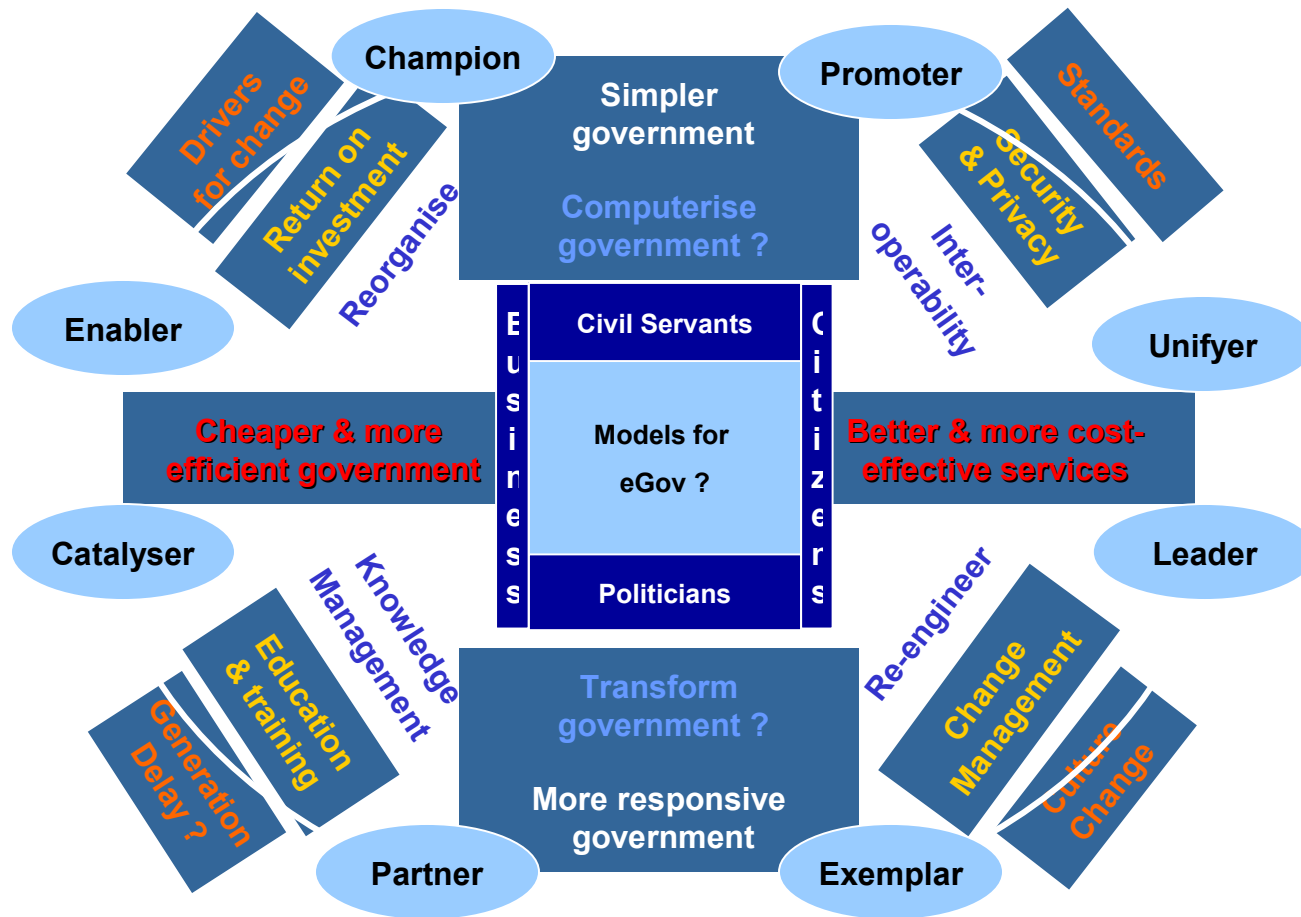


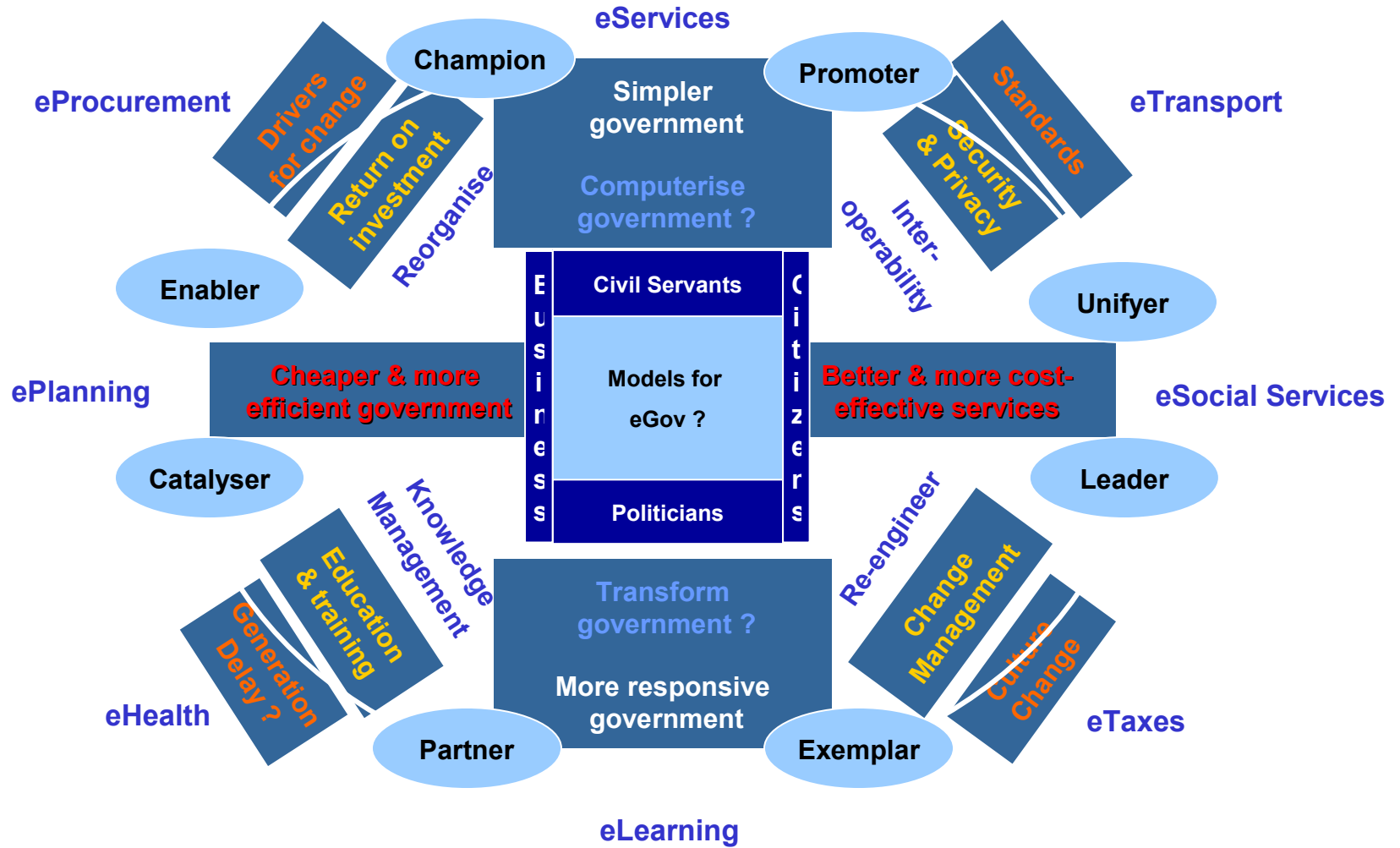


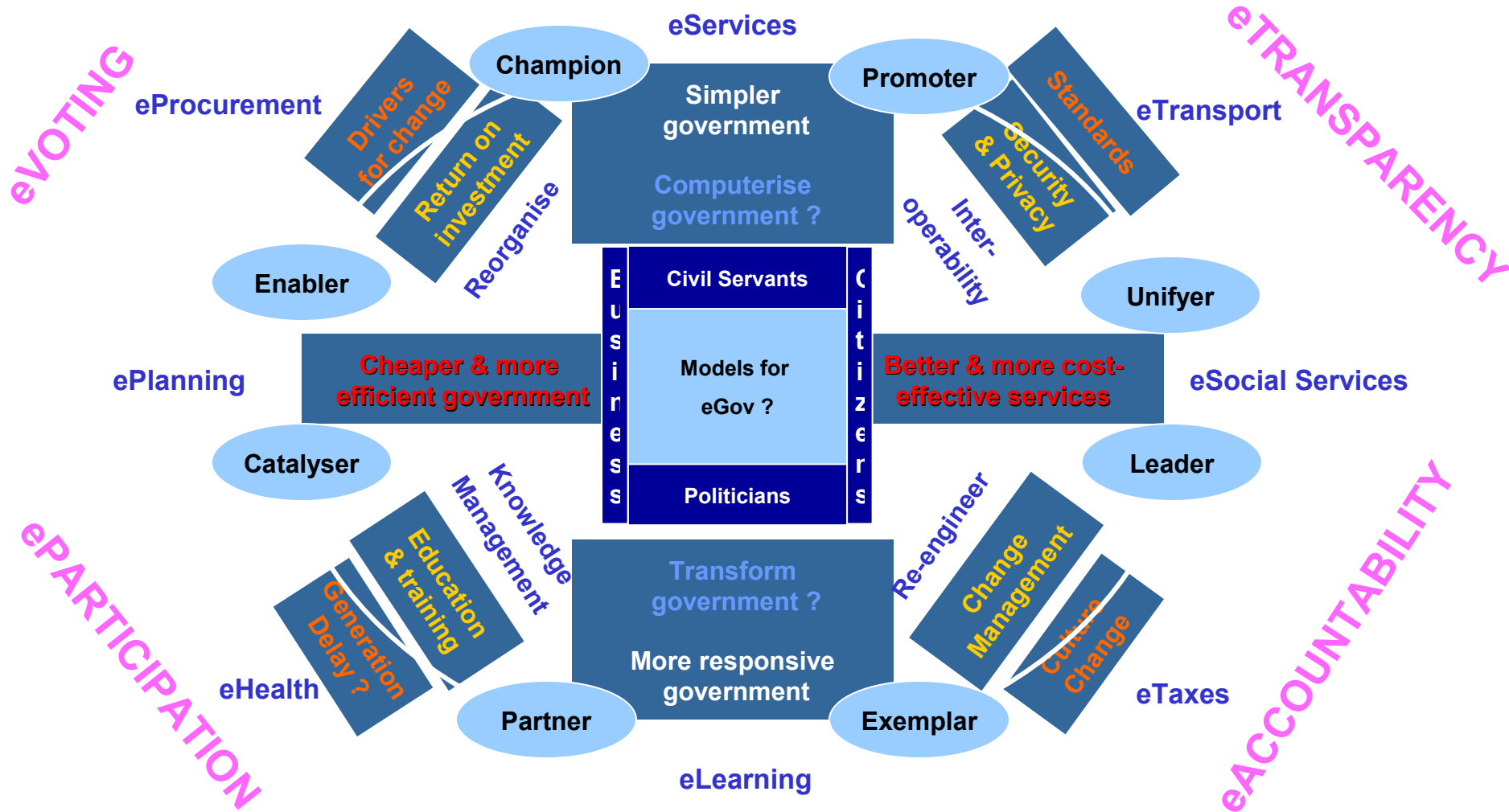








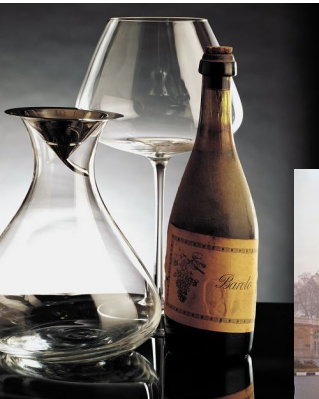
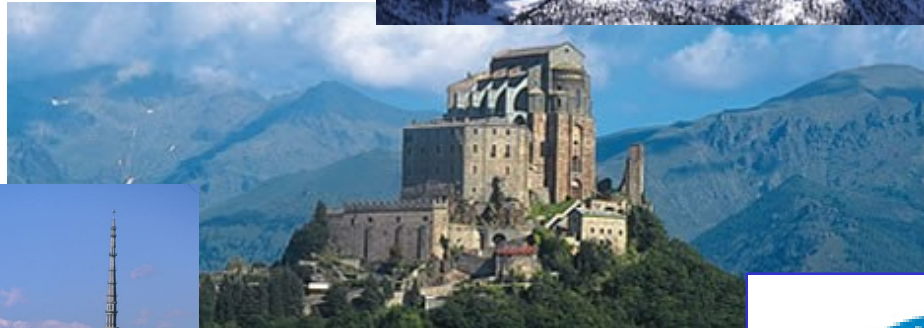






The Piemonte case

Located in the North-West of Italy, one of the largest Italian regions ...



Piemonte key features

Surface Area: 25.399 Km²

Inhabitants: 4.290.000

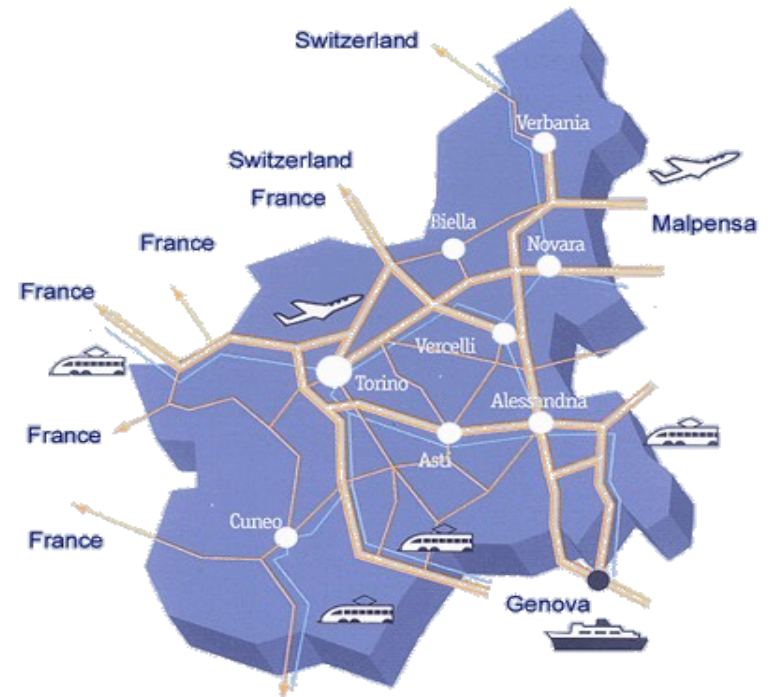
Density: 168,8 i/ km²

Main city: Turin (over 900.000 Inhabitants)

Local government:

- 1 Regional body
- 8 Provinces
- 1.207 Municipalities:

634	<1.000 inhabitants
451	1.001-5000 inhabitants
115	5.001-30.000 inhabitants
18	> 30.000 inhabitants



Piemonte: Economy highlights

- **Regional productivity is 8.5% of national GDP;**
- **Industry-based economy (industry employs 43% of workers while agriculture 6%);**
- **Enterprises in 2004: over 402.000, of which over 6.400 in ICT (8% of the national data);**
- **Strong investments in research and development (14% of the national data);**
- **Strong expertise in automobile, textile and food sectors;**
- **High number of industrial clusters and districts.**

Keyword 1: “systemic approach”



ICT AGENCY: means for all regional governments

Keyword 2: “Inclusion”

Strong attention to small municipalities, in terms of:

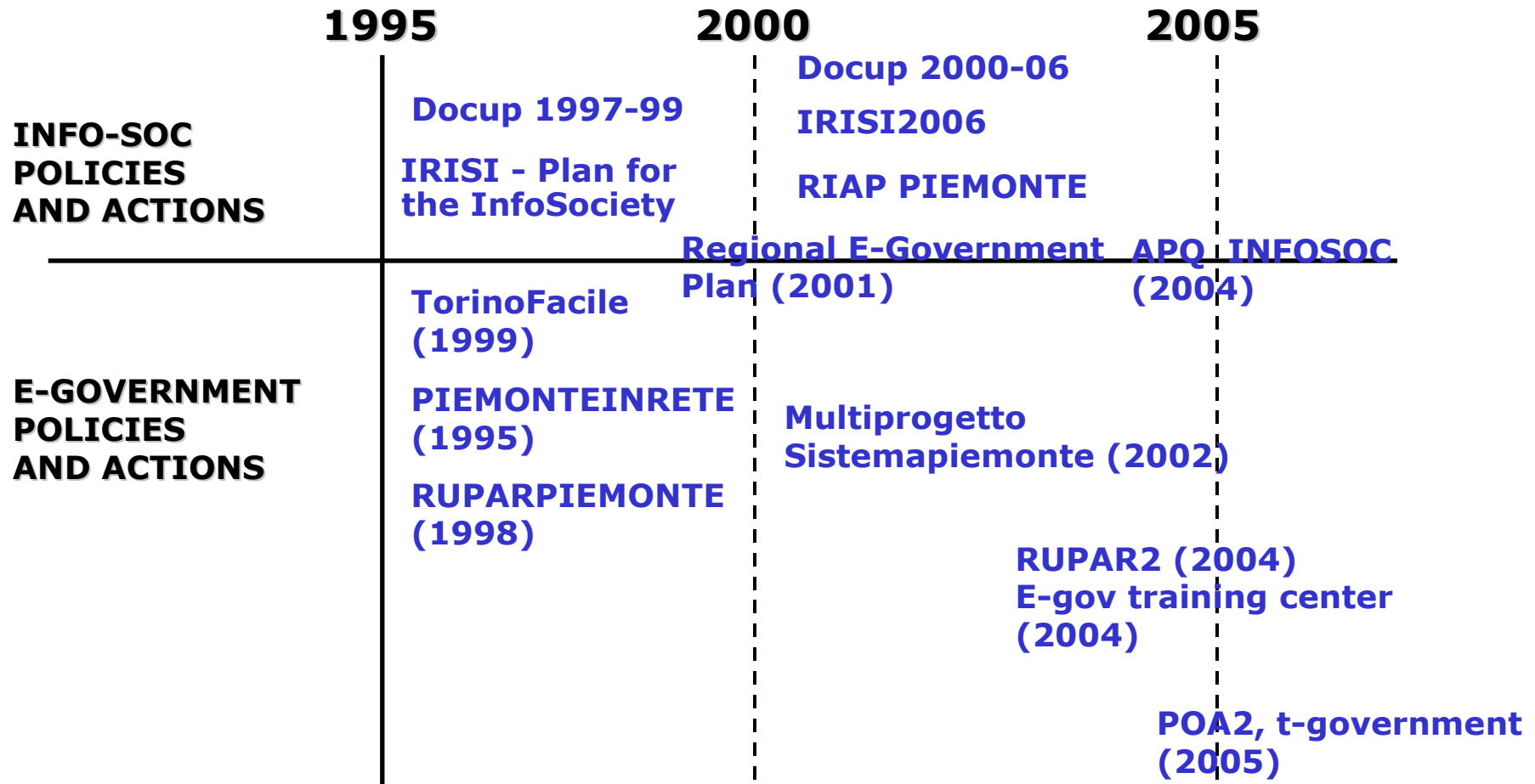
- **CONNECTIVITY**
- **SERVICE PROVISION**
- **TRAINING AND AWARENESS RISING**

Keyword 3: “Commons”

“Commons” means REUSE, TRANSFER, CUSTOMIZATION AND SCALABILITY OF eGOV SOLUTIONS, technologies, organizational models, platforms, ...

“Commons” gives the opportunity to the small PAs, often eGovernment latecomers because of skill and resources shortage, to provide their citizens and enterprises with equal opportunity

PIEDMONT ICT STRATEGY – time through



Thanks for your
attention,

See you in Piedmont!

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