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Regions for Economic Change – Fast Track Networks

PIKE - Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy

The aim of the project: “To improve Innovation & Knowledge Economy Policies through the exchange, sharing and transfer of eGovernment and Wireless Broadband good practices, and through the integration of these good practices into the mainstream Structural Funds programmes”

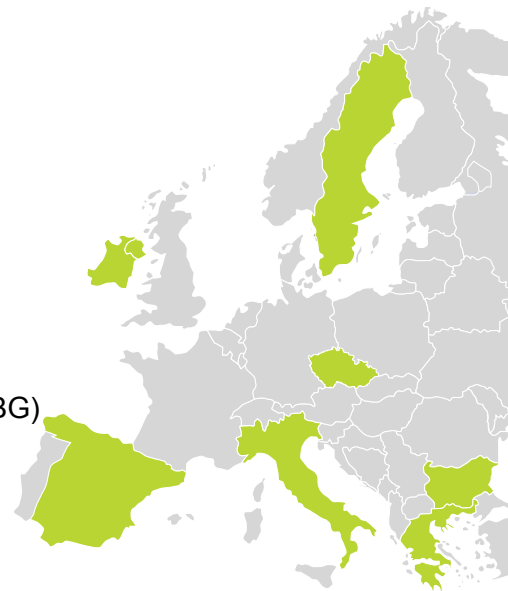
Good practices to be transferred:

- **Wireless City** - Derry City Council, the University of Ulster and North West Regional College (NWRC) have worked in partnership to implement initiatives to create a wireless-enabled working environment in the City for residents, students, tourists, city councillors and local government officers. This project has delivered a leading edge wireless network within the City's Historic Walls, Council Chamber and Offices, a SMART Classroom environment within the University of Ulster and NWRC, and the provision of electronic services for tourists including historic and cultural information made available through wireless devices.
- **DOPS – Donegal Online Planning Services** - eGovernment service which allows the citizens of Donegal to fully access up-to-date planning information in a transparent and accessible manner. All information relating to a planning application is published online as another channel of accessibility, such as applicant details, all related scanned documentation (from site layout maps, application design to managers reports), and geographic search using webGIS maps and orthophotography. The process involved replicating 3 main elements of Donegal County Council's internal planning systems to the web environment.
- **Integrated Aid System (IAS)** - The Integrated Aid System is mainly directed at citizens for improving their relationship with the administration and for providing them with all necessary steps. The project had two main objectives. The first one was to process the agricultural aid and the second was to allow the management of the aid corresponding to the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP), the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) and the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) in the regional government of Cantabria. IAS allows transparent and open administration which means faster aid management and processing as well as efficient and fast response to the citizens demand. The system also creates a single access point, the “*Government of Cantabria Portal*”.
- **Strategic Plan eLocal** - a municipal model for the management of applications and services via the Internet which includes actions designed to modernize diverse areas of the Public Administration to adapt them to social, economic and technological changes in the Information Society. It is aimed at citizens, professionals, companies and legal entities, local government staff and local corporations.

Project duration: July 2008 – June 2010
Budget: €1.66 million (INTERREG IV C)



- Partners:**
- ERNACT (Lead partner)
 - Donegal County Council (IE)
 - Derry City Council (UK)
 - Galway County Council (IE)
 - EMCANTA (ES)
 - ALA Vasternorrland (SE)
 - Bologna Municipality (IT)
 - Olomouc Regional Authority (CZ)
 - Agency for Regional Development and Innovations (BG)
 - Region of Sterea Ellada (GR)



Events to date

3 - 4 September 2008, Sundsvall, Sweden

Kick-off/Fast Track Committee meeting

This first project meeting enabled to draw some conclusions from the first local workshops held over summer with the Managing Authorities in each of the different partner regions, to discuss the workplan and schedule for the next activities / events and to agree the organisational structures and responsibilities of the different tasks.

25 November 2008, Derry, Northern Ireland

Conference: Innovative ICT & E-Government Practice - Learning from European Regions

The conference brought together European experts from business, the public sector, academic and the European Commission. The objective of the conference was to promote the environment in which innovative practice in e-government, broadband and wireless technologies can be transferred throughout Europe.

26 November 2008, Letterkenny, County Donegal, Republic of Ireland

Interregional Good Practice Transfer Workshop

The 4 good practice transfer packs were presented and discussed at the Interregional Good Practice Transfer Workshop. The 4 Good Practice Transfer Packs detailed the scope of the successful application, methodology, project, or process being transferred along with case studies, lessons learned and policy recommendations.

Next activities and events:

Steering/Fast Track Committee meeting in Bologna

2 March 2009, Bologna, Italy

The purpose of this meeting was to review progress, including the fast track elements of the project and the involvement and commitment of the Managing Authorities in the implementation of the good practices, and to agree next steps.

Study Visits

1. Wireless Cities, Derry, April 15-16th

Overview of Wireless Council element of Broadband Flagship Project, demonstration of EDRMS, overview of Wireless Technology & Demonstration Centre, Wireless Walls Infrastructure, walking Tour using Wireless City Digital Tour Guide

2. eLocal, Cantabria, April 21-22nd

Introduction of main objectives of the plan and Emcanta role in the development of eLocal, explanation and demonstration of services, applications and features developed in eLocal.

3. Online Planning Services, Donegal, April 28-29th

Providing an insight into the business rationale for ePlanning (DOPS) and facilitating knowledge transfer around the business processes, applications, tools and techniques that contributed to its development.

Read more about our good practices, study visits and the entire project at www.project-pike.eu

