

20030818 Contribution to the e-Rural Conference of the European Union



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The conference of Valencia was a success. It showed the interest of many actors to set up projects related to e-rural development. The Valencia conference also showed the necessity to develop a mechanism of cooperation and information exchange between all participants in order to set up common projects at the European level.

A close cooperation is indeed necessary for projects submitted to the FP6 to be successful.

As a follow-up of the Valencia conference, it was, then, decided by some European associations (EFITA, AFIA, CCSS etc.) to organise in new conference in Brussels.

The mission of this new association is to facilitate the exchange of information and experience, the development of knowledge in the area of ICT in agriculture in order to enhance the competitiveness of Europe and to promote the awareness of ICT in agriculture and rural areas of Europe in general.

With this in mind the detailed aims of the conference are set as follows :

- To present policy issues to participants (eEurope2005, Rural Development policy of the EU, Declaration of Valencia ...)

- To identify ICT adoption possibilities offered by FP6
- To create a current and future meeting place to facilitate exchange of information, experience and plans between all Europeans actors - including the setting up of common projects at a European level
- To identify all actors involved in such projects in an effort to establish cooperation rather than competition in program development and implementation
- To establish three core groups of professionals for the above priorities with networking facilities

The conference will take place in Brussels **Conference Centre Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Room AB-OD**, September 15th.

Via HUNAGI, CelkCenter got the opportunity to participate actively at the Conference devoted to the topic e-Rural hosted by the European Commission. The conference was organised by Karel Chravat from the Czech Republic



.The Central European Land Knowledge Center – Geoweb based services in Property Rights and Land Market Development

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The Center mission to serve Central, Eastern and Southeastern European countries as a knowledge management and advisory center to secure land tenure regime, support land market development and improve land management.

Amongst the four pillars of land market (that is Land Registration and Cadastre, Land

Valuation, Financial Services, General Planning) the land registration and cadastre issues have been mostly in focus within the CEE countries in the last decade. In order for a land market to work properly the above mentioned three other pillars are also should be developed. One of the possible and most important steps towards this development is establishing system for monitoring, reporting and publishing the land market situation and the clear definition and sound administration of property rights to increase transparency and information flows. This might be implemented as part of a Regional Development Policy complying with all the principles the EU stands by.

At present in the CEE countries there are no institutions tasked with the above mentioned activities. The existing land related information systems, which are very valuable and versatile in their kind, lack of providing information for rural policy

analyses, decision making, investing and reflecting socio-economic and environmental situations.

The Celk Center was established to play the role of a knowledge management organisation. As such it takes over to collect knowledge on the present situation of real property rights and land market in the region and disseminate it giving the opportunity to access overall information and/or reach many other authentic sources. The Center also facilitates awareness and knowledge rising in land development, especially in those topics which are closely related to the above mentioned fields.

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The indicative programme of the conference is :

9 00 - 9 30	Registration
9 30 - 9 45	Opening
9 45 - 10 00	Presentation of Valencia declaration as a base for an ICT Rural Policy - Mr Barbero. Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Spain
10 00 - 10 45	Presentation of Commission FP6 and other related activities Mr Salmelin. Head of Unit. European Commission. DG Information Society. New Working environment Unit
10 45 - 11 15	Coffee break
11 15 - 12 00	Invited speakers' presentations
12 00 - 13 00	Presentation of previous projects
13 00 - 14 00	Lunch
14 00 - 16 00	Contributions of programs, initiatives and proposals for cooperation
16 00 - 17 30	Networking
17 30 - 18 00	Conclusions and next steps - Isidro Laso-Ballesteros. European Commission. DG Information Society. New Working environments

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