

Press Release

IMIS/“Athena” RC participated in the national awareness raising info-day for cloud computing in the context of SECOVIA project

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SECOVIA project deals with the problem of digital divide among the regional administrations in South East Europe. Currently South East Europe suffers from great inequalities regarding the provision of e-government services to citizens (G2C) and businesses (G2B). Our consortium seeks solutions which will allow the improvement of accessibility in public digital services. For SECOVIA the answer lies on cloud computing, a communal resource which is often compared with electricity.

Our consortium realizing the need to inform citizens throughout South East Europe, regarding the facts and benefits of cloud computing, and regarding the state of the art, organizes ten national info-days in ten different countries: Kyustendil (BG), Patras (GR), Βιέννη (AT), Baia Mare (RO), Kranj (SI), Szombathely (HU), Tirana (AL), Sarajevo (BA), Skopje (FYROM) and Pesaro (IT).

The Greek national info-day was organized in October 4, 2013 in the Achaean Chamber in Athens, by the Region of Western Greece having subject “Jointly developed advanced virtual accessibility solutions which support public services in South East Europe”, and delegates from public bodies and organizations were participating as well from the rest of the Greek project partners (IMIS/ “Athena” RC, ICCS/NTUA).

The info-day was coordinated by the Director of the Regional Development Fund Christos Tzomakas, while Petros Ganos (advisor of the Head of Western Greece Region) presented the structure of the SECOVIA project, as well as the goals and the expected results for Western Greece Region.

Ilias Kastritis, member of Unit B of the Managing Authority of the Operational Program "Digital Convergence", presented government initiatives on clouding computing and highlighted Greek Public Administration's great interest in utilizing it.

Petros Tsonis the Deputy Director on IT Projects for "Information Society SA" presented details of the «G-Cloud» project, which is focused on the design, implementation, operation of two central computer centers for providing computing and storage power to Public Administration.

Nektarios Koziris, Professor at National Technical University of Athens and deputy chairman of GRNET SA, presented the service OKEANOS, which provides cloud computing (IaaS Cloud) to the Greek academic community of the country.

Representing IMIS/RC "Athena" Thodoris Stratiotis presented preliminary studies undertaken in the context of the project SECOVIA, which aimed mainly at assessing the state of the art in Southeast Europe regarding virtual accessibility needs, infrastructure and services.

Discussion followed where questions were posed regarding mainly data security and the potential of cloud computing utilization by the public sector.

More information

About the project: <http://secovia.eu>

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