# Press Release

**IMIS/"Athena" RC takes part in the SECOVIA Transnational Experience Exchange Workshop on Cloud Computing in Ljubljana**

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The first Transnational Experience Exchange Workshop on Cloud Computing was organized in Ljubljana, Slovenia on March 20 and IMIS was present. The Workshop was hosted by BSC Kranj aiming for exchanging of ideas, practices and solutions on shared IT services and infrastructures for territorial administrations.

The major scope was to ultimately come to some conclusions about the joint cloud providers in the South East Europe region, on a basis of exchanging opinions and experience of the participants concerning the Cloud for public administrations (PAs). Aim was also to present SECOVIA project objectives and outcomes, e.g. surveys, analysis and the good practice guide).

The event was led by an expert in the field of business development and cloud infrastructure, who presented through conscious, professional and personal way the perspective of the use of infrastructure in the cloud through the prism of business decision-making, as well as the effect of its use on the individual and the collective level. A comprehensive system of hybrid cloud infrastructure was examined in practice as well as some examples of good practice from various business verticals.

Participants were mostly business people and public administrations´ (PAs) representatives, who are in the process of decision regarding private or leased facilities or would simply like to better understand the process in this light. Several questions were posed to them, for example how aware are they about benefits of using the cloud computing technologies in PAs, how willing are they regarding its adoption and how feasible does a joint provider seem to be.

Then discussions followed and experiences were exchanged on the current status of virtual accessibility, e-government and cloud computing penetration in the South East Europe region. IMIS representatives presented the state of the art in Greece highlighting the relative national strategies and initiatives launched. They also argued on the feasibility of jointly established cloud provider serving the needs of the PAs of the region.

**More information**

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