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EVOTE2010 – Conference



For the fourth time experts from all over the world gathered in Bregenz for the 4th International Conference on E-Voting. It was co-organized by E-Voting.CC, the Council of Europe and the Gesellschaft for Informatik. The conference provided very interesting insights and discussion on the trends and developments on Electronic Voting. Topics like transparency, trust, end-to-end verification as well as certification were heavily discussed. These future-oriented presentations were combined

with experience reports and evaluations of practical e-voting cases and Internet elections. To get the essence of the event, we strongly recommend you to have a look at the EVOTE2010 proceedings. You can order your personal copy on our website @ <http://bit.ly/aRhPYz>.

Furthermore, the video streams of the conference presentations including the slides are available online, too. Have a look at them @ <http://bit.ly/dfdGt3>

We would like to thank the Council of Europe, the Gesellschaft of Informatik, the Austrian Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Science and Research for supporting the conference as well as our sponsors Micromata, BRZ and Scytl.

Further Information about the conference is available at www.e-voting.cc/2010

We look forward seeing you all again at the beautiful Castle Hofen for the EVOTE2012.

ACEEEO Conference in Tbilisi

The Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) organized its annual conference in Tbilisi from 9-11.09.10. The conference theme was "Developing accurate voter's list. The first draft of the "Handbook on Developing Accurate Voter Lists in Transitional Democracies" was presented. In addition, the updates on elections in the ACEEEO member states and the exchange of experience were central parts of the conference. E-Voting.CC



was invited and Manuel presented the process and the experience of generating an e-voting enabled voter list for the last Austrian Internet Elections. The trend of using technology in the electoral process is progressing in Central and Eastern Europe: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland and Serbia have projects in the area of electronic voting and electronic voter list generation. The main goal of using technology at this point in time is to straighten up the voter lists and increase transparency and accountability at Election Day.

We thank ACEEEO for inviting us and organizing such a great conference and to the Georgian Central Election Commission for its hospitality and friendliness.

If you are interested in further information or would like to get Manuel's presentation, please let us know by email at office@e-voting.cc

Inside E-Voting.CC



Dear reader,

In front of you is the new newsletter of E-Voting.CC. With this bi-monthly newsletter, we want to keep you informed about the latest

trends and developments in Electronic Voting and Modern Democracy. It complements the Modern Democracy Magazine, which we continue to publish twice a year and currently prepare issue number 2 for 2010. This newsletter has a new layout as well and I am looking forward to receiving your feedback. We set up a survey for you and kindly ask you to take 3 minutes of your valuable time to give us feedback. You always can send me your feedback directly to m.kripp@e-voting.cc.

Yours,
Manuel J. Kripp
(Managing Director E-Voting.CC)

Change in Management at E-Voting.CC



At the EVOTE2010 the competence center for Electronic Voting and Participation, E-Voting.CC announced a change in its management. Robert Krimmer

moved to the OSCE/ODIHR in Warsaw as its senior adviser on new voting technologies. Manuel has taken over E-Voting.CC as Managing Director from August 1st, 2010. We want to thank Robert for his fantastic and extraordinary work and the fundament he has prepared. It has been a pleasure to work with him and we wish Manuel all the best for the future challenges and developments.

Your opinion counts

Please help us to improve the newsletter. It is our first issue and we want your feedback on the content and the layout. Please provide us your opinion here @ <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T5CTCKF>.

Swiss E-Voting Workshop

The Swiss Competence Center on E-Voting organized the Swiss E-Voting Workshop 2010 in Fribourg on September 6th, 2010. This 1-day workshop was on the status of Electronic Voting and the presentations from several international speakers covered new technological trends and ideas in the area of E-Voting especially verifica-

tion. There were presentations of case studies and practical examples the Helios system, the latest developments in Norway and the recently launched Baloti system from Switzerland. You can get most of the presentations and information of the event online at the workshop's website @ <http://bit.ly/dINB6o>

OSCE Chairmanship Workshop

The OSCE invited to a chairmanship expert seminar on E-Voting to Vienna in September. International experts and government representatives discussed the several aspects of introducing and maintaining electronic voting systems as well as the challenges and risks of such technologies in the voting process. Russia and Kazakhstan presented their electronic voting ma-

chines. The most important conclusion is, that E-Voting is more than the introduction of technology in the electoral process. The implementation has to address the different needs of the various stakeholders. E-voting embraces social, political, legal and technical aspects which have to be considered for a successful implementation. More info @ <http://bit.ly/c1F4xG>

PEP-Net Summit

The Pan European eParticipation Network held its final summit in Hamburg on September 23rd. Organized by TUTech Innovation GmbH and hosted in the lovely location "Dialog im Dunkeln" close to the Harbor City of Hamburg. The diverse audience consisting of experts from administration, academia and business discussed research results, trends and developments in e-participation. Under the auspice of the city of Hamburg insights in e-participation especially in the development of gov2.0 applications were discussed. Experiences were presented in outbreak presentation sessions among them Estonia, the city of Fribourg (partic-

ipatory budgeting pilot) and the city of Hamburg (e-neighborhood, e-urban planning and participatory budgeting). Discussions about usage and the economic return on investment spiced up the debate. Two conclusions can be drawn: (1) the average user of e-participation is 30-50 years, graduated and in many cases male. (2) There is a growing need for change management in the area of e-participation and Gov2.0 especially addressing the needs of the administration. A development we, at E-Voting.CC, consider as well important for projects in the area of election process improvements. More info @ <http://bit.ly/cSSKz7> conference #PEPSUM

CEDEM – Call for Papers is out

The Call for Papers for the Conference on Electronic Democracy is out. CEDEM will take place from May 5th to 6th at the Danube University in Krems. You can get all the information on <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/krems> or download the CFP here @ <http://bit.ly/cP3YuR>.

We look forward to your paper submissions until December 1st, 2010 and hope to welcome you at the conference.

Modern Democracy Magazine

The next issue of the Modern Democracy Magazine is in the pipeline; we are working hard to get it out to you in November. Be ready to get the latest news, trends and developments on electronic Voting and Modern Democracy. If you want to contribute to the success story of the magazine, we encourage you to become a sponsor or donor for the Magazine. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact us at office@e-voting.cc

Shortnews

Ontario is using E-Voting

Voters in Ontario will be able to use the Internet, phone or wireless devices to cast their vote at the upcoming municipal elections (via marketwire.com) @ <http://bit.ly/bw9og3>

E-Counting in the 2012 elections in London

The city of London will use optical scanners to count ballots in the 2012 elections. LondonElect awarded IntElect a joint venture of DRS Data Service Ltd. And Electoral Reform Services Ltd with the introduction of such an enormous project (via Jasonkitcat.com and DRS) @ <http://bit.ly/ceUoUk>

Not E- but I-Voting in India

The Indian state Gujarat is becoming the first state with Internet voting system. The project is aiming at providing the citizens in 6 municipalities an Internet Voting channel for the upcoming municipal elections and executed by Scytl and Tata Consulting (via expressindia.com). @ <http://bit.ly/aKMSMb>

Bosnia Herzegovina uses Election Administration

The Central Election Commission will use an integrated election administration solution for election administration and counting support. Under the auspice of the OSCE Scytl is developing this solution for the CEC of Bosnia Herzegovina (via www.scytl.com).



Upcoming Events,
Conferences and Elections

- ⊗ CAST Workshop on Electronic Voting, November 24th, 2010, Darmstadt, Germany
More info @ <http://bit.ly/bdgKdn>
- ⊗ CEDEM – Conference on Electronic Democracy, May 5th-6th, 2011, Krems, Austria
More Info @ <http://bit.ly/bcj07z>, Deadline for Paper Submission on December 1st, 2010.

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