Instruments of eGovernanace

- Strategies and action plans
- Centralized vers. decentralized. Coordination vers. direct management – organizational, legislative and resource planning issue
- Implementation of strategies
  - Organization
  - Coordination tools:
    - Regulations
    - Budget planning
    - Human resource planning
    - “soft methods” – training, discussion, awareness building etc.
Decentralized fields of responsibilities: Example of Action plan 2005 - I:

1. GIS (OpenGIS etc.) - Land Board
2. Document management and digital archives – State Chancellery
3. Population information system – Ministry of Internal Affairs
4. Registers reform – Informatics Centre
5. eSocial Security – Ministry of Social Affairs
6. ICT in Education and Science – Ministry of Education
7. eInclusion and Broadband strategy – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
Action plan 2005 - II:

8. eProcurement – Ministry of Finance
9. C,B and G IT environments and eServices – Informatics Centre
10. eSecurity – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
11. Border crossing IS – Ministry of Internal Affairs
12. Coordination of AP implementation – Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
13. eJustice – Ministry of Justice
14. eCulture – Ministry of Culture
15. eHealth – Ministry of Social Affairs
• Government Committee “Estonian Informatics Council” - advice to the Government on Information Policy matters

• All ministries (11 ministries) have CIOs. Ministries are relatively independent. Boards and inspectorates are subordinated to the ministries. There are IT councils of ministries who are coordinating the work in their fields of responsibility.

• All County Governments (15) have also CIOs, who manage the work of IT-councils of counties. County Governments are state bodies. Ca 220 municipalities. County IT councils have members from municipalities.

• Separate article of state budget: expenses for IT-subdivided into HW, SW and project work ordered from outside of government structures. For the last 12 years this budget has formed about 1% of the state budget.

• All ministries, county governments and boards have independent IT budgets which are planned in cooperation of all CIOs.

• For joint actions of several ministries the IT budget is often included in the budget of the ministry that is coordinating the work.
**Tasks of Department of State Information Systems**

- Elaboration of development strategies of informatics; monitoring of development
- Expertise of state budget on IT
- Participation in the work of inter-agency target program and project management groups
- Elaboration of legal acts on informatics; expertise of other legal acts from the IT point of view
- Organisation of cooperation between IT managers of different ministries
- Organisation of IT cooperation of county information systems; cooperation with local governments in IT issues
- Organisation of cooperation and integration of national registers
- Organisation of IT audits in state information systems and their design
- Organisation of training for IT specialists; elaboration of training programs

**Legislation**

- Databases Act (1997)/ 2006?
- Public Information Act (2001)
- Act on Intellectual Property
- Personal Data Protection Act (1996)
Thank you for your attention!

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