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eGovernment Pathfinder Alliance

Expression of Interests for future cooperation

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Introduction to initiative

- Initiative is based on involvement in eGOVERNMENT project
- Initiated by Norwegian and Slovenian partners
- Fragmented eGovernment research funding in Europe
 - eGovernment Pathfinder Alliance has been put forth
 - seeking synergies in eGovernment research among researchers and states
 - the results will be more comprehensive and more rapidly integrated

The eGovernment Pathfinder Alliance:

a reinforced multidimensional collaboration where states may join to move forward on aligning eGovernment research funding for better results through synergies.



Incentives for the Alliance

- High quality research results, in the chosen common field of research that will contribute to the development of national and pan-European e-government eServices
→ of better quality, trust and security, return on investment and measurable value for both administrations and citizens.
- European Research Area initiatives
- Use of the opportunities that eGOVERNMENT network and project results have opened: European eGovernment Research Programme Framework & EU eGovernment Research Barometer
- Learning from successes and challenges
- Learning between large and small states, and clusters of states



Thematic areas under consideration

- **Personalised eServices for citizens**
 - How does the citizen get to the services required and get them securely?
 - How to develop integrated fully functional eServices to meet this need?
- **Pan-European services for mobile European citizens**
 - Research into the technological, ontological/semantic, organisational, legal and cultural building blocks of an appropriate European eGovernment enterprise architecture, compatible with service oriented architecture (SOA) approaches
 - Services that support the free flow of work force



Model of cooperation (1)

Among funding bodies includes:

- Informal coordination of national coordinators
- Research theme(s) chosen by participating states is to be action oriented and recognised by key government officials as potentially useful for development of national and pan-European eGovernment
- Participating countries finance their own projects
- Partner states agree to realize and finance their projects within the scope of their available funding and financing mechanisms
- Representatives from partner states come from public agency funding projects
- Seed money for cooperation



Model of cooperation (2)

Among research projects includes:

- Informal cooperation of project coordinators in each country
- Synergy measurements
 - Introductory meeting to find synergies
 - Update meeting for movement toward synergy
 - Final synergy meeting
 - Joint report on synergy

The basic principles for the cooperation: informal coordination, synergies between national and other research projects, use of existing national funding and financing mechanisms.



Organisational issues for the Alliance to be considered

- Choosing common research themes
- Time schedule for cooperation project
- Organisation of meetings
- Preparation of final result report
- Management procedures
- Coordination activities
- Agreement of principles for research projects cooperation to be included in the calls or tenders



Current situation

- Model for future cooperation on funding eGovernment research projects within a commonly decided theme (Dec. 2007)
- Expression of interest open for signing (Jan. 2008)
- Theme(s) for first collective eGovernment research projects (Jan. – May 2008)
- Letter of intent signed for eGovernment research alliance (October 2008)
- **Signed by Vinnova (S), Research Council of Norway (N), Slovenian Research Agency (SLO)**



Conclusions

- Initiative is under development and open for contributions
- Target research program (SLO) key mechanisms for cooperation:
 - **Research themes:** pan-european e-services, personalised e-services, benchmarking for local e-government, business intelligence in public administration
 - **Additional demands** for international cooperation: time schedule, coordination activities, collaboration related tasks
 - **Extra money** for international activity
- Level of cooperation:
 - **Low** (exchange of findings on specific themes, reconciliation meetings, use of best practice projects)
 - **Modest** (+sharing eGovernment research themes, action oriented research themes, joint final report)
 - **High** (common research program agenda, joint call for proposal, international research group, eu2008.si)