

SEE ICT Forum Board & CeGD PSAC Activities

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NEW PROJECT IDEA: SEE ICT cluster institution for collaboration

AIM: Bridging the gap between SEE ICT industries' capacities and SEE Information Society developments

Projects Shareholders:

- SEE ICT Forum Board members:
 - ZIT- ICT Association – Slovenia
 - BAIT - Bosnia & Herzegovina
 - SOFTWIN – Romania
 - Cikom – Montenegro
 - HUP ICT – Croatia
 - AITA – Albania
 - ICT Association – Moldavia
 - CRO.ICT- Association of Croatian ICT Clusters – Croatia
 - MASIT – Macedonia
 - ISSETI – Albania
 - Information Society of Serbia – Serbia
 - STIKK – Kosovo
 - IPKO Telecommunications – Kosovo
 - BAIT – Bulgaria
 - BASSCOM – Bulgaria
 - INA - Greece
- Center for eGovernance Development (CeGD)

Stakeholders of the SEE ICT Cluster Institution for Collaboration

- SEE National level (Governments, Academia, Financial institutions, ICT associations)
- SEE Regional Level (RCC, BAC...)

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The identified SEE ICT Cluster Institution for Collaboration **stakeholders** on SEE national level are:

- all **Governments**, so they can represent the government as a stakeholder of each country,
- the **Academia** on behalf of all countries (ICT faculties interested in development of regional ICT unified curricula),
- Bigger **financial institutions** in the region interested in financing the ICT industry should, and
- Finally, the **ICT associations**, as institutions for collaboration in each of the countries, representing the companies (business community) on behalf of each country.

The prime objective of the shareholders (SEE ICT Forum Board Members and CeGD) of the SEE ICT Cluster will be to set all the links between the relevant stakeholders within each SEE country, on a national and then on a regional level

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Regional ICT Cluster IFC Purpose

- becoming **both virtual and physical platform for communication** and collaboration for ICT on SEE level
- **identifying and mapping the special knowledge, expertise, experience and technology** that each and every county can offer on a national ICT Industry level and that way **create regional competitive advantage**
- **permanent consultation platform for the business community and the governments** of the region aiming to the elaboration of policy proposals that will enable a more favorable environment for ICT entrepreneurship in the region and contribute to the removal of all obstacles for investment in ICT

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The activities undertaken by the SEE ICT Institution for collaboration will be classified within **three categories**:

ICT Industry specific activities-to be undertaken by the SEE ICT Forum Board Members:

- Promotion of the SEE ICT Forum Board members as an ICT private sector **National Contact Points**.
- Identification of the companies operating within each of the SEE countries
- Identification of the level of support available to ICT companies
- Publishing periodical summary reports on competitiveness in the ICT sector in the SEE
- The SEE Regional ICT Cluster will become member of European network of Clusters

Information Society specific activities – through the CeGD Node Macedonia:

- CeGD Node Macedonia will track, gather and report on contemporary and state of the art ICT business solutions developed by regional ICT companies, including SMEs, and in use by the stakeholders of the regional ICT cluster.
- The CeGD Node will perform the task of a market research unit, specialising in regional market innovation in the field of ICT.
- The node will provide feedback on examples of innovative, creative, contemporary and state of the art solutions being developed by companies in the SEE region

Complementary / matchmaking activities:

- Extensive database of excellent ICT business solution providers in all seven fields of information society development.
- SEE ICT Cluster report

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Logistics and funding issues

- initially undertaken by MASIT's Executive Office on a volunteer basis, however professional support will be needed

Getting financial support

- for the forthcoming period is essential for the SEE ICT Cluster is to address several donor communities which will recognize the potential and be ready to fund the project

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