

Digital Cities :

DIGITAL CITIES: A network for rapid and sustainable ICT regional adoption

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Main goal:

tackle the very low rate of IST penetration at local level
by providing the organizational structures, strategies/policies
and tools
for enabling the rapid and sustainable adoption of IST
towards the development of Digital Cities

...based on

The eTrikala project
A benchmarking of other cities models (world-wide)

Main Actions

develop and evaluate (via pilot actions) a holistic Digital Cities
Model
establish an open and sustainable cooperation Network among
local authorities
Share knowledge, exchange best practices/experiences and develop
synergies

Main idea:

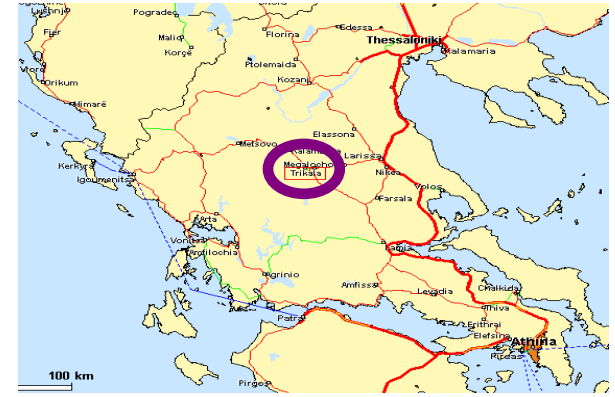
The DC project will bring together municipalities of different maturity in the adoption of ICT:

that will exchange information, know-how, experience and good practices and

will collaboratively perform analysis and design of the DC model and provide insights and expertise for its implementation

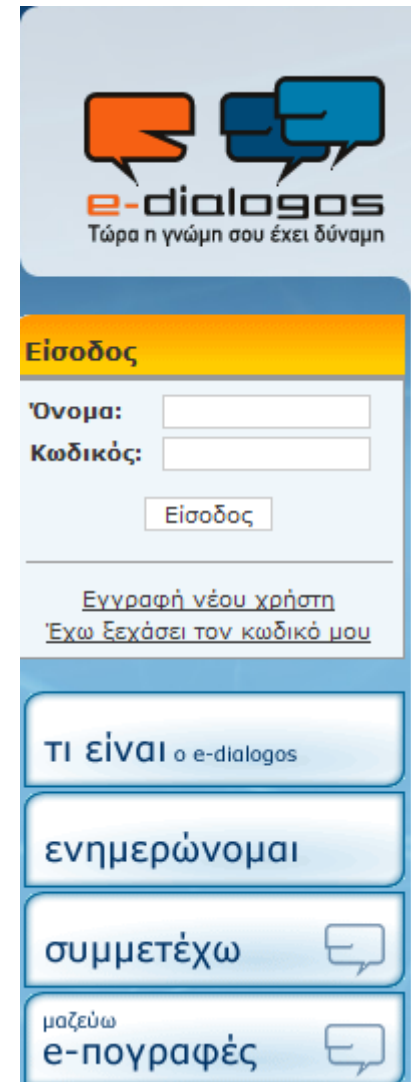
population 50.000 citizens, 24.927 phone and 1.948 ISDN connections, 26.000 houses, 7.632 businesses

officially launched in December 2004 by the Minister of National Economy and Finance



- **Services:**
 - e-Participation
 - e-Government;
 - Health-care;
 - Transport Networks and Traffic Management;
 - Local market and e-Business;
 - Employment;
 - Culture and Tourism;
 - Education, Training and Life long Learning

- Live experience of applications and services delivered by the high maturity municipalities:
- For instance E-Dialogos an eparticipation application



The screenshot shows the e-dialogos website interface. At the top, there is a logo with two speech bubbles (one orange, one blue) and the text "e-dialogos" and "Τώρα η γνώμη σου έχει δύναμη". Below the logo is a yellow bar with the word "Είσοδος" (Login). Underneath, there are two input fields: "Όνομα:" (Name) and "Κωδικός:" (Code). A "Είσοδος" button is positioned below the input fields. Below the login section, there are two links: "Εγγραφή νέου χρήστη" (Register new user) and "Έχω ξεχάσει τον κωδικό μου" (I forgot my code). At the bottom, there are four buttons: "Τι είναι ο e-dialogos", "ενημερώνομαι", "συμμετέχω" (with a speech bubble icon), and "μαζεύω e-πογραφές" (with a speech bubble icon).

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- Municipality of Trikala, (Lead Party)
- Almere Knowledge City Foundation, NL
- Municipality of Xanthi, GR
- Manchester Digital Development Agency (MDDA) –
Manchester City Council (MCC, UK
- PARALIMNI MUNICIPALITY, CY
- Malta Government Technology Investments Ltd.(MGTIL),
- town Jesenik, CZ
- town Skalica, SL
- ICCS , GR
- University Transilvania of Brasov, RO

- The initiating partners have started cooperating on the proposal outline through INEC (International Network of E-Communities - <http://www.i-nec.com>) where they participate as members.
- The aim of INEC is to promote, facilitate and institutionalize cooperation by means of exchange, best practice programs, business development, missions, benchmarking tools, and joint project implementation.

- 5 components (WorkPackages)
 - Pilot Actions
 - Workshops
- Municipality of Trikala the Lead Partner
- Starts end of 2008; expected to have finished by 2010
- Funded under the Interreg IV Programme

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- i) a transnational cooperation network
- ii) a number of studies for the specification and evaluation of a DC model,
- iii) pilot actions (DC model application in 5 municipalities),
- iv) the exchange of know-how and best practices via training programs and workshops and
- v) promotion activities for the project results utilizing electronic and traditional media.

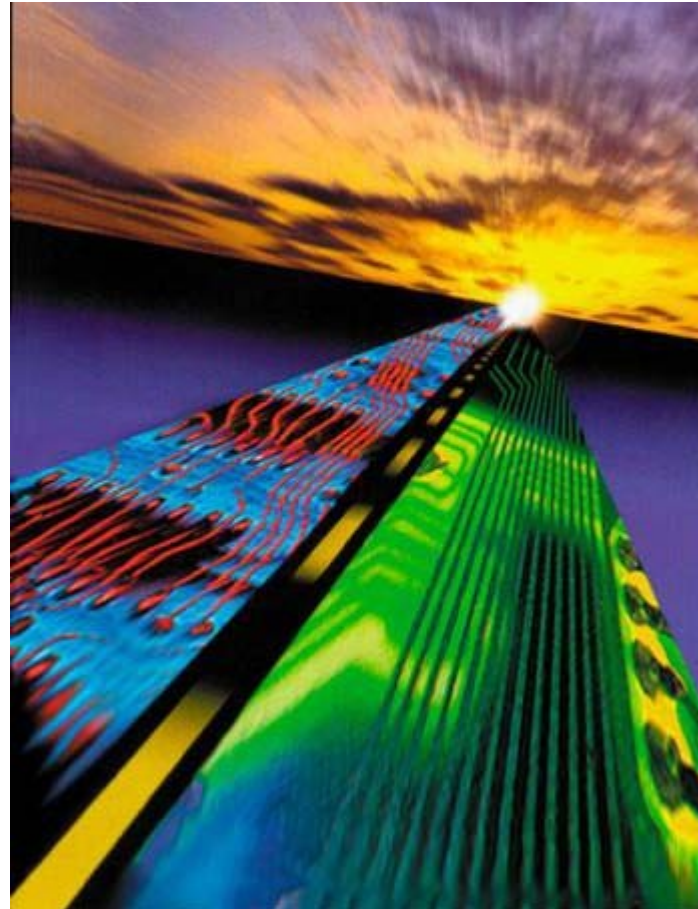
The DC outcome is a new organizational structure that will manage and evolve the project results, making them widely available and providing consultation and training programs, through a feasible and viable business model.

- DC model framework, methodologies, cases
- DC planning toolkit
- DC Knowledge portal

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- Web 2.0 aims to enhance creativity, secure information sharing, collaboration and functionality of the web.
- Web 2.0 concepts have led to the development and evolution of web-based communities and its hosted services, such as social-networking sites, video sharing sites, wikis, blogs, and folksonomies.
- Web 2.0 supports new business models new business opportunities but also new social models

Thank you! Questions?



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