



# Tallinn e-Governance Conference 2015

**May 12-13, 2015**

## Summary

World's leading e-Governance experts from governments, business, academia, international organisations and civil society groups will meet in Tallinn, Estonia to discuss:

- Designing e-governance strategies;
- 15 years of e-governance experience in EU Eastern Partnership countries;
- Coordination and communication in central e-governance implementation;
- Cyber security and e-governance

Keynote address delivered by the President of Estonia, **H.E. Mr Toomas Hendrik Ilves**

## Background

e-Governance and open government have become household concepts in an increasing majority of countries in the modern world. Most of these countries have implemented electronic governance applications and many have developed strategies on central government level to make sure that all actions taken and applications put in place are compatible with one another and benefit the society as a wholesome unit. EU Eastern Partnership countries have all implemented e-governance solutions and have much experience to share.

An often discussed topic in the e-Governance debate is the choice between centralised and decentralised models for e-Governance. Deciding in favour of one or another option depends on a country's administrative and political traditions among other factors. Communication and coordination is another important element in getting e-governance right. How to get buy in from all relevant government institutions to an e-governance strategy? and how to include business, academia and civil society? is complex, yet crucial for successful implementation. Lastly – security

issues are increasingly dominant in any discussion on the digital world. Secure and simple-to-use solutions can be enablers to growth and prosperity in any society, while security concerns can also slow and stall e-governance implementation. Striking that delicate balance is increasingly important in today's world.

Open Government Partnership today has 65 participating countries across the globe. Governments of these countries have committed themselves to working together with civil society with the aim of developing and implementing ambitious open government reforms. All countries that have joined the Partnership have also committed themselves to drive innovative reforms in the areas of transparency, accountability, and citizen engagement. All those reforms need e-Governance tools to be truly innovative and successful.

As a first in a series of annual events the Tallinn e-Governance Conference strives to bring the peoples of the world closer to their governments using the IT tools and Internet now accessible to more than 2 billion people worldwide.

## Who is the Tallinn e-Governance Conference 2015 for?

The conference aims to serve the following interrelated communities:

- **Government decision makers** and strategists from countries implementing national e-Governance strategies, focusing on the EU Eastern Partnership and Open Government Partnership countries;
- **Donor organisations** supporting development of open, transparent and efficient governance practices via IT solutions
- **Companies** developing e-Governance applications and assisting governments with their implementation

## Programme

The conference will last for a day and a half and will feature panel discussions, workshops, seminars and a trade fair. The trade fair provides a chance for participating countries to demonstrate their achievements and practices in implementing e-Governance solutions. Businesses will also demonstrate the e-governance tools they develop.

The conference is part of the Tallinn ICT Week 2015 events. Participants of the Conference are invited to also select other events of the Tallinn ICT Week to take part in. Learn more about it at <http://estonia.eu/ictweek/>

## Panel discussions

- **Centralised vs de-centralised – which way for e-governance strategies?;**
- **Cooperation, coordination and communication – can we orchestrate e-governance?**
- **Can cyber security make or brake a successful e-society?**

## Contact

Interpretation will be available in English and Russian languages for all plenary debates.

See conference website <http://www.tallinconference.ee> for more details. Registration will open in late 2014. For all inquiries, please contact:

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# Programme

## May 12, 2015 (Tuesday)

- 08:00 – 09:30** Registration of participants. Morning coffee
- 09:30 – 09:45** Opening remarks
- 09:45 – 10:30** Keynote address by the President of Estonia, H.E. Mr Toomas Hendrik Ilves
- 10:30 – 12:00** Panel discussion: **“Centralised vs de-centralised – which way for e-governance strategies?”**
- 12:00 – 13:30** Lunch buffet / fair
- 13:30 – 15:00** Panel discussion **“Cooperation, coordination and communication – can we orchestrate e-governance?”**
- 15:00 – 15:30** Coffee
- 15:30 – 17:00** Seminars / workshops / fair

## May 13, 2015 (Wednesday)

- 09:30 – 10:00** Morning coffee
- 10:00 – 11:30** Panel discussion: **“Can cyber security make or brake a successful e-society?”**
- 11:30 – 12:30** Summary, closing remarks
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch buffet
- 14:00 – 17:00** Time and rooms available for private meetings
- 19:00 – late** ICT Week Gala