

e-Government Strategy from 2003 to 2005

The Action Plan envisions actions which will serve to attain the strategic objectives outlined in the Strategy for E-Government:

- Electronic delivery of high-quality, economically effective and easily accessible services to citizens and businesses;
- Expansion of the technological capabilities of citizens and businesses for participation in the governance process;
- Establishment of an organizational, communication and information environment for effective and transparent functioning of the public administration in accordance with the principles, rules and best practices of the European Union.

Implementing eGovernment - Stages

Stage 3

Stage 3

Stage 2
Interaction

Downloading of forms

Two-way
Interaction
Processing of
form

Stage 4
Transactions
Complex services

Stage 1

Information
Information
on the Web

Complexity & Time

e-Government Services

G2C

- •Income taxes
- •Job search
- •Social security benefits
- Personal documents
- Car registration
- Application for building permission
- •Declaration to the police
- Public libraries
- •Birth & marriage certificates
- •Enrolment in higher education
- •Announcement of moving
- •Health-related services

G2B

- •Social contribution for employees
- Corporate tax
- •VAT
- •Registration of a new company
- •Submission of statistical data
- Custom declaration
- •Environmental permits
- •Public procurement

G2G

- •Governments establishing regional alliances —for purchasing, warehousing, data sharing
- •Government sharing data among departments
- •State government
 agencies aggregating data
 from the municipalities via
 the web
- •Linking customer front ends with legacy systems



G2C: Government to Citizen

Achievements

- Almost all government institutions publish information on Internet
- Few institutions provide different forms on Internet
- E-Signature legislation

Challenges

- Improved management and presentation of information
- Interactive communication
- Providing e-services for citizens, incl. taxes declaration and payment

G2B: Government to Business

Achievements

- Public procurement eregister
- Administrative structures e-register

Challenges

- Improved information management and presentation
- E-market place for public procurements
- Providing e-services for companies, incl. tax declaration and payment

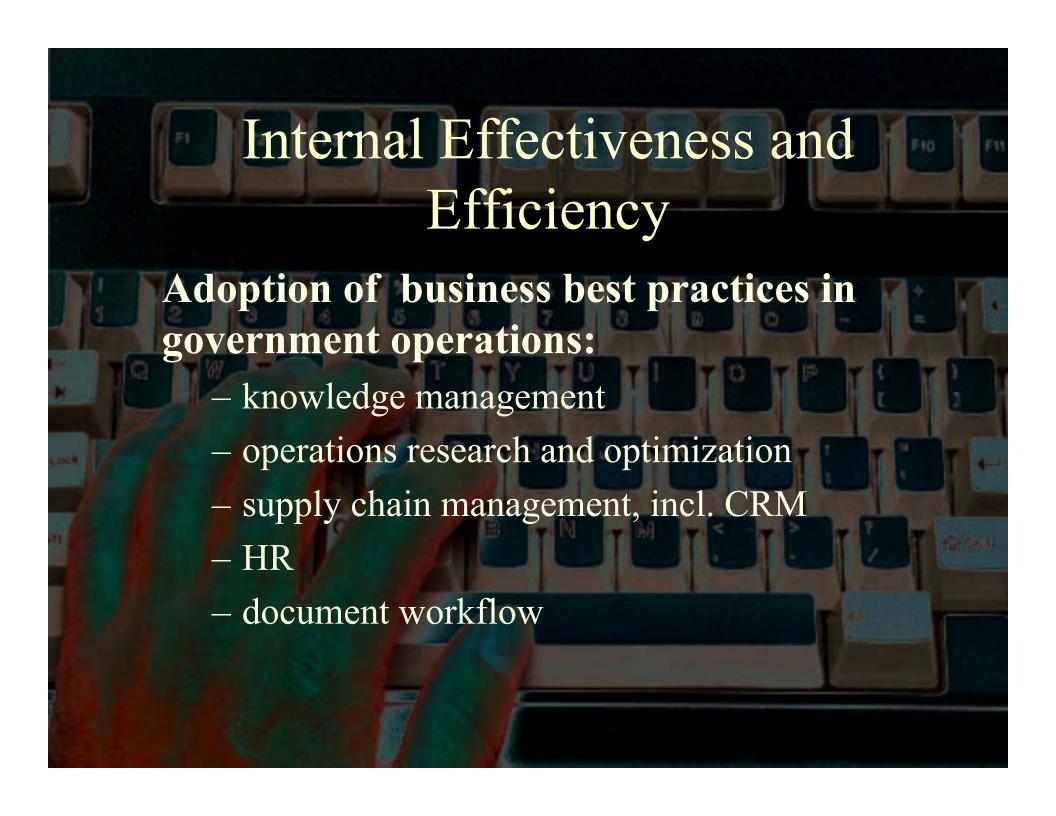
G2G: Government to Government

Achievements

- Use of Internet for information
- Availability of basic infrastructure
- Using E-mail for unofficial communication between institutions

Challenges

- Internet official communication environment for the Bulgarian Government
- High level of security
- Building of legacy system integration





- increased transparency => less corruption
- new and better services, incl. reduced time delays and speed up delivery of services and information
- services delivery independent of place and time –
 open 24/7
- greater convenience
- revenue growth
- and/or cost reductions

ATM Network

- A National Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Network is in a process of development. An integrated optical communication network linking ministries and other state agencies in Sofia is already in operation. The extention of this network to the regional centers of Bulgaria is currently underway.
- There is no integrated information environment in the public administration yet. The technological level of the information environment differs from one institution to another. Institutions do not coordinate their decisions in the IT field which leads to incompatibility of the systems. There is a lack of coordination in regard to the terminology, registers and classifiers used.
- Over 70 national registers and information systems have been developed and implemented. Some of them are electronically accessible but the major drawback of the national information resources is the lack of integration among them.

Human Resources

- The implementation of new technologies requires constant knowledge acquisition. The education level of the public administration employees is comparatively high, but their training for the use of IT does not comply with the requirements of egovernment.
- It is difficult to attract and keep highly qualified IT and management specialists in the state administration because of the more attractive remuneration terms and clearer career perspectives in the private sector



Based on the realities mentioned, the following critical factors for a successful e-government have been defined:

- Presence of political will;
- Provision of necessary financial resources;
- Awareness in the society of the need for e-government development;
- Education and training, practical skills of the human resource pool for participation in the e-government;
- Provision of employment for highly qualified IT professionals;
- Effective feedback



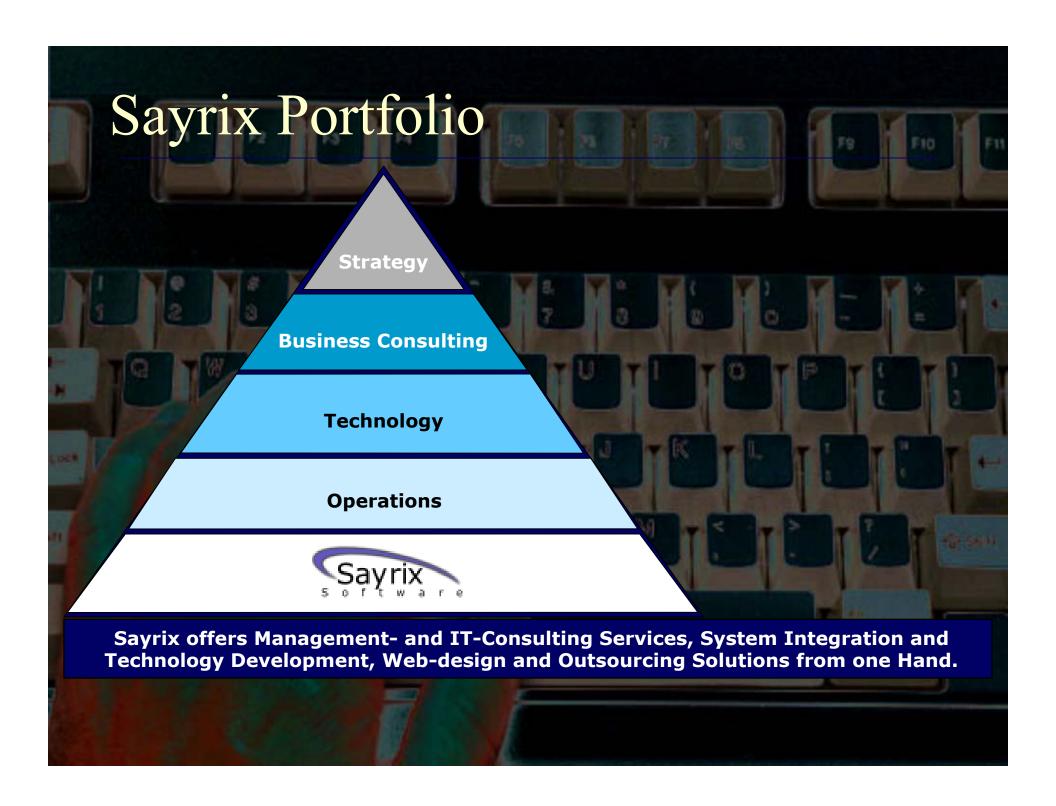
- The vision for the e-government in Bulgaria is:
- The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria will provide modern and efficient governance, while using the means of contemporary information technologies in order to meet the real needs of citizens and businesses at any time and any place

Strategic objectives

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria has formulated the following **strategic objectives** with regard to e-government:

- To provide, through electronic means, high-quality, efficient and accessible public services to citizens and business;
- To expand the technological capabilities of citizens and businesses for participation in the government decision-making process;
- To form organizational, communication and information environment for effective and transparent functioning of the public administration in accordance with the principles, standards and best practices of the European Union







The major concerns by implementing the Government Strategy in an eGovernment Solution are:

- Confidence and Reliability of the Electronic Process
- Changes in Environmental Infrastructure
- Internal Competence Building Issues
- Security of the System and Data
- Competence in Support
- Licenses and Cost

It is not only about Software and Hardware competence. It is about working environment and process understanding as a whole.

- Evaluating the Environment
- Sizing the Infrastructure needs
- Integration of Communication Solutions (Data and Voice over IP) with our Partners
- Environmental
 Security Measures

Process

- Process Analyse and Evaluation
- Process adaptation (reengineering)
- Workflow Integration
- Activity based Role Diversification and Accessibility model
- User friendly easy to use Interface modelling
- Maintenance and Administration

Security

- Data Access and Transfer Security
- Building Confidence in Process and Transaction Stability with Coded Data Transmission
- Integration of BDE (Business Data Exchange) Security Software for all Transactions

eGovernment Our issue S Solution Integration Phases cover with competence



•Government portal www.portal.government.bg

•BULSTAT www.bulstat.nsi.bg

•Register of Government procurements www1.government.bg/rop

•Register of small government procurements www.asme.bg/bg/mop/default.asp

- •Register of the Bulgarian Administrative struwww1.government.bg/ras
- Public register Bulgarian National Secur www.ssec.bg/pubreg/index.html
- •Labor market Agency of Employment www.nsz.government.bg/elmnt4/NSZ_40.htm

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