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An Exchange of Experience about 'Smart Infrastructures' in Malta

As part of the GreenIT Net project, an International Event was held in Malta on Thursday the 6th of December 2012 in order to disseminate the best practices in the field of IT. The project is funded through the EU Interreg IVC programme and deals with the exchange of good practice when using ICT to reduce energy consumption.

During this event Mr. Wayne Valentine from the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA) described the actions taken by MITA to reduce energy consumption at the MITA-01 Corporate Data Centre. He raised the point that data centers are currently consuming 2% of all global electricity, with energy requirements growing at the rate of 12% annually.

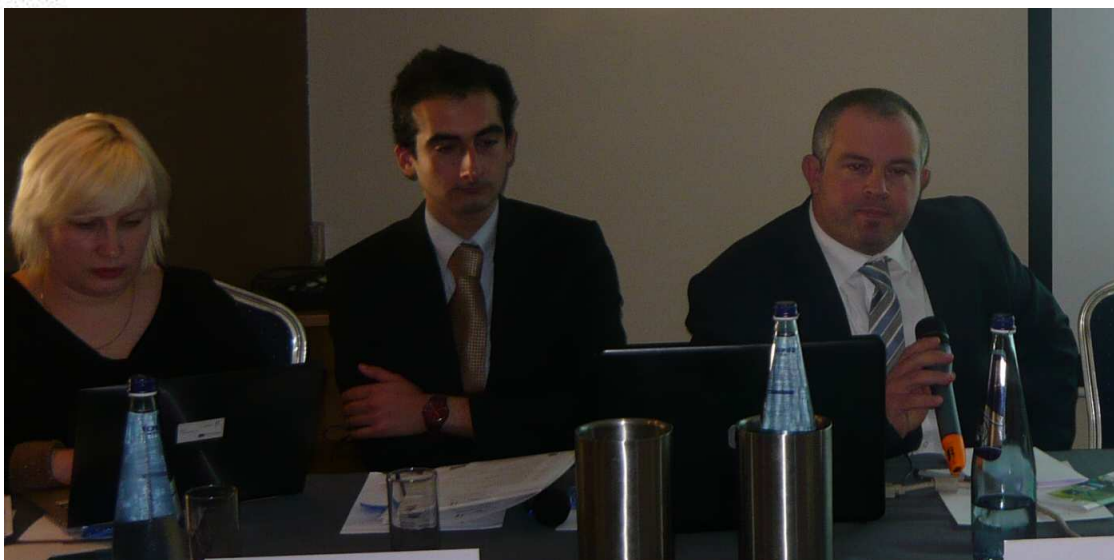
MITA is committed to energy conservations in an attempt to become more environmentally friendly placing it in line with the EU Code of Conduct on Data Centres. In accordance with its defined goals, MITA has installed a photovoltaic system with a capacity of 20KW on the centre's roof. The centre is equipped to manage over 28,000 users, 450 terrabytes of storage place and has the capability of managing 16,000 accounts handling a million emails every day.

In 2011 Mr. Valentine was honored with the Transformation Award which recognises an individual's positive attitude towards transformation which resulted into a tangible benefit for MITA and the Maltese Governmental entities. He described how throughout the past ten years, MITA (previously MITTS) strived to improve the way it carries out its business.



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Left to right: Mrs. Inete Ietele (Riga), Albert Falzon (MIEMA), Mr Wayne Valetine (MITA).

The participants discussed how the efforts in greening ICT can be recognised through organisation certification such as ISO9001 and TickIT while embracing a number of quality methodologies such as ITIL3 and TQM. It was also discussed how one can apply concepts from the EFQM Excellence Model and Six Sigma towards attaining certification in ISO 27001.

More information about this Exchange of Experience can be obtained by contacting Albert Falzon who is one of the engineers appointed to manage the project in question.

The Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) is Malta's first energy agency, set up in June 2007, with the support of the IEE Programme and a wide array of public institutions including the Ministry for Tourism & Culture, the Ministry for Rural Affairs & the Environment, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Small Business and the Self Employed in the Ministry for Competitiveness and Communications, Local Councils, the Malta Resources Authority and the University of Malta. Its aims are in line with those of other IEE supported Energy Agencies and as such it aims to be a protagonist of the European effort towards a more intelligent use of energy resources; promoting awareness initiatives and contributing to define



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incisive and targeted proposals and policies of intervention, in order to optimize the use of conventional energy resources and to develop renewable sources.

More information about Greening using IT can be obtained MIEMA's website www.miema.org or by e-mail albert.falzon@miema.org.



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