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Building Partnership on the Silk Road

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The 7th Annual Meeting of the **Internet Governance Forum (IGF)** was hosted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 6. to 9. November 2012 in Baku. The overall theme of the IGF 2012 was Internet Governance for Sustainable Human, Economic and Social Development*. **Mr Blaz Golob**, director CeGD took part in a workshop on *Regional and Country-level Internet Governance Forums: What's at stake and who's involved***?.**

Mr. Golob delivered a speech to high level government officials on ''eGovernance supporting development of post-oil economy'' at Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

During the Forum Mr Golob met with high level government officials together with Dr. Reyhan Huseynova, president and founder of the Azerbaijan Future Studies Society and Mr Jerome C. Glenn, director of the Millennium Project.

Mr Golob attended also the meeting between Minister Žiga Turk and Azerbaijani minister of communications and information technology, Dr Ali Abbasov. The meeting was attended also by representatives of Iskratel. Mr Golob also had a meeting with Prof.Dr. Abel M. Maharramov, Rector of Baku State University.

From left to right: Mr Jerome C. Glenn, director The Millennium Project, Mr Žiga Turk, Minister of Education, science, culture and sports, Ms Reyhan Huseynova, president of founder of the Azerbaijan Future Studies Society and Mr Blaž Golob, director of Centre for eGovernance Development.

The following agreements were reached – minister Turk invited Azerbaijani government, namely Ali Abassov to join the CeGD Initiative. Mr Golob met also dr. Elnur Aslanov, Administration of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and dr. Farhad Mammadov, director of Center for Strategic Studies.

From left to right: Mr Jerome C. Glenn, director of The Millennium Project, Dr. Reyhan Huseynova, President and Founder of Azerbaijan Future Studies Society, Dr. Ali Abbassov, Minister of Communication and Information Technology and Mr Blaž Golob, director of Centre for eGovernance Development

Mr Golob also invited Azerbaijan to take part in the Tempus EU programme. CeGD strenghtened cooperation in the field of building Community 2.0 under different European cooperation frameworks, such as Council of Europe, EU Neighbourhood Strategy, Broadband cooperation and EU Danube Strategy.

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At the same time CeGD work was presented at **BakuTel 2012**, the 18th Azerbaijan International Telecommunications and Information Exhibition. The largest event for

telecommunications equipment, management systems, ICT and communications services in the Caspian region takes place from 6. to 9. November 2012 at Baku Expo Center and features 200 exhibiting companies from 30 countries.

Ms Aida Mahmutović at the Centre for eGovernance development's stand at Bakutel 2012

Azerbaijdan students at Futures course on the role of organised crime and security issues delivered by Jerome C. Glenn, Director of the Millennium Project.

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The program of the Internet Governance Forum is available here - http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/2012/IGF%20Schedule/IGF%202012%20schedule.pdf

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More about Bakutel 2012 - http://www.bakutel.az/2012/

More about Ministry of information and communication society in Azerbaijan - http://www.mincom.gov.az/en/main.html

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