

Uzbekistan

General Aspects

Population: 24 millions inhabitants.

Diffusion of ICT

PC penetration in the country (number of PCs/population) is estimated 4%. The Internet penetration (internet access/population) amounts to 0,4%.

There are, approximately, 2 user of telephone services each 10 persons, and 1 user of mobile telephone each 200 persons.

Application of ICT to Public Administration

70% of the employees in Central Public Administration uses a PC in work environment; for the Local Public Administration this percentage is approximately estimated 10%. The same percentage is given with respect to Internet access and e-mail service.

Governmental offices of the Central Administration have some Intranet/extranet networks.

Public Administration on line

20% of governmental bodies of Central Public Administration has its own internet web site (among them, the Executive and Legislative body); for the Local Administration the percentage is estimated 2%.

The government's principal web sites generally provide institutional information and e-mail contacts.

E-government issues

Citizens and companies can just get information about the activities of the political bodies.

However, government has instituted an Authority and elaborated an *Action Plan* and a *White Book* for the e-government' implementation.

The program aims to encourage the development of modern information technologies, expanding provision of information services for both individuals and organisations; it aims to establish ICT in economic and social sphere, to introduce the country within the international systems and networks. For this, the Government created an interdepartmental computer network that provides services to Government agencies and interconnects them; it also created a specific Authority to coordinate the activities of the e-government' program.

In the next three years 10millions dollars will be spent for the implementation of the e-government strategy.