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CONFERENCE ON GIS METADATABASE IN BRATISLAVA

On 9th and 10th September 2004, the SPECTRA Centre in Bratislava will host the final conference of the CEGIS_MDB project (Central European GIS metadatabase). The conference will be accompanied by the workshop of the INTELCITIES project, which is also oriented towards advanced knowledge and experience of electronic government as well as planning systems based on GIS.

The objective of the CEGIS_MDB project is to make an overview of existing digital geodata sources that are of importance in the process of spatial planning on national and regional level. The project focuses on the geo-data infrastructure in the states of Central European region: Czech Republic, Austria, Germany, Poland, Slovakia,

Hungary and Slovenia. The digital geodata sources, identified within the project, are collected, organized and described in a form of a metadatabase. The part of the project output is the creation of the Internet service that access the metadatabase for professional community and later also for public.

Before the concluding conference in Bratislava, three workshops were held within the project. The project is coordinated by Prof. Karel Maier and Jakub Vorel from the Czech Technical University in Prague in a cooperation with the SPECTRA Centre.

More information can be found on project's web page:

<http://gis.cvut.cz/projekty/cegis/>

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EXHIBITION "THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONS, TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES" IN BRATISLAVA

2nd Specialised Exhibition of Investment in Municipal Spheres under the title "The Development of Regions, Towns and Communities" was held 20.- 22.4.2004 in Exhibition and Convention Centre Incheba in Bratislava. The Spectra Centre of Excellence as well as the Faculty of Architecture of the Slovak University of Technology took the part in this event.

The exhibition has fulfilled expectations, and the exhibitors concentrating on the area of communal services have achieved remarkable results. The entire event was performed under the direct supervision of ZMOS (Association of Towns and Municipalities of Slovakia). This fact in combination with a block of related specialised exhibitions created a singular opportunity for presentation

of products, services and outputs in the communal realm. Regional development creates permanent growth of economic and social potential in regions, towns and villages, which increases economic level, efficiency and life quality of inhabitants. A region, town or village contributes significantly to economic and social development of entire country. The exhibition focused on this field came right at the time of the accession of the Slovak Republic to the European Union.

The Spectra Centre of Excellence has presented the research outputs from particular projects of the 5th a 6th FP: ECOCITY, LUDA, CABERNET, PERSEUS, INTELCITIES, as well as the general information regarding the mission, aims and essential activities of the Centre.