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DEPM participates in Smart Cities Congress in Barcelona



The Department for Effective Public Management (DEPM) participated in the Smart City Expo and Smart Cities Congress which ran from 19 to 21 November 2013 in the city of Barcelona. The event brings together representatives from the private sector, academia and the public sector and international organizations involved in the construction of intelligent cities.

The DEPM spoke about the experience of "MuNet Program - Efficient and Transparent Municipalities" in the "Best Practices for Open Data" panel presentation in "The e- government as a prelude to the Open Government: Municipalities MuNet Open Data initiatives". It stressed that the road tour of municipalities participants MuNet program Costa Rica and Guatemala, from the plane of political support, strategy, training and interaction between the public and private sector. There noted that "technology is providing new ways to governance focused on open government, transparency and open data".

Smart City Expo World Congress is an initiative that brings together key stakeholders in the public and private sector, government, business, research organizations and cooperation in the world who exchange future perspectives on the present and 'smart cities'. At the meeting, in addition to presenting products, successful experiences and good practice recognizes the best innovation initiatives around the concept of the smart city. Transparencies, efficiency, citizen participation, coupled with the opportunities offered by ICTs are the backbone of these initiatives.

Meanwhile, from the MuNet Program works to reduce the digital divide, strengthen e- government, promoting the use of social media by the public sector and open government. The role of the local authority is strengthened in terms of vision and leadership and knowledge to the local project teams and is transferred via virtual classroom courses. This will seek to build sustainable and coherent initiatives with development agendas and government.