

## E-COOP – DIGITAL COOPERATIVES

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E-COOP is a project financed by the European Union in the framework of the INTERREG IVC programme. We are working to advance the Union's Digital Agenda through collecting, analysing and sharing local good practices on digital public services and by developing innovative Digital Public Spaces. We also aim to produce a set of comprehensive Policy Guidelines designed to improve local, national and EU-level decision-making and planning processes. Welcome to the latest newsletter of the project.



### West Transdanubia shows off digital initiatives



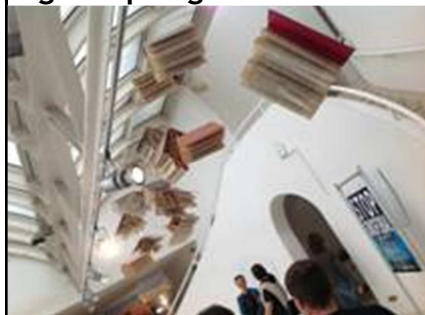
The 4<sup>th</sup> E-COOP project meeting took place in March 2013 in and around Szombathely, Hungary. The best practices demonstrated at this meeting highlighted the possibility of tailoring national initiatives to local needs. The countrywide digital networks of e-Hungary Points, telecottages and Integrated Community Service Centres all displayed good foundations for rural communities to provide digital links to their citizens. These successful approaches

were presented to a wider audience during the open national E-COOP Academy seminar in Szombathely, along with the latest policy developments and local urban programmes.

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### Digital spring in Terni



Terni in Umbria, Italy hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> E-COOP meeting in XXXXX 2013 . The city is at the forefront of making its public services available digitally . This was demonstrated through the display of services aimed at all citizens , e.g. the remaining of the city library and by university initiatives into e-democracy. The public, enterprise and research sectors in Terni are working together to make the city as accessible, versatile and open-minded in the digital world as it is in everyday life .

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### Patras bridging past to future



The 6<sup>th</sup> E-COOP study visit was held in Patras, Greece in XXXX 2013 . The event showcased local good practices ranging from a rural electronic network for public services in Dymi/Achaia, through a Swedish style rural coverage network, and to an information and community-building solution following a Finnish-style one-stop-shop model for municipality services. New apps for urban communities developed in Patras itself were also demonstrated.

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### Study visit to Bordeaux and the Gironde region

In December E-COOP returned to the Gironde , home of the project's Lead Partner in Bordeaux . Please check the E-COOP website for news and details on the range of project initiatives and events.

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### REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS IN 2013

For more details on other E-COOP events in 2013, see below:

- 15.02.2013 - [E-COOP Academy](#), Gironde, France
- 26.06.2013 - [All Together Now - Opening the Digital Door](#) conference, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, UK

## PUBLICATIONS

- To read and download our brochure, introducing the concept, history, goals and the partners - click [here](#)
- E-COOP is showcased in the Third Collection of INTERREG IV projects. The pdf can be downloaded from the INTERREG IVC programme [website](#) together with the [first](#) and [second](#) collections.



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