

**Session 4:**  
**“ The Inter-Governmental partnerships ”**

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Inter-operability across national governments and levels of governments is necessary for many fields asking for information that can sometimes be sensitive like, for example, health records. Such partnerships would involve, among other things, determining the data that can be shared among government bodies and under which conditions.

*For discussion:*

- What are the experiences of such partnerships across national governments?
- What have been the legal and political barriers and how have they been overcome? Any Best Practices?
- What are the possible ways to enforce and monitor the agreement (i.e. make sure that the information is used for its intended purpose)?

# > The Belgian Context



- ▶ Belgium is a federal State
- ▶ 3 authorities at the same level
  - ▶ federal
  - ▶ 3 Communities (language, person)
  - ▶ 3 Regions
- ▶ 10 Provinces
- ▶ 589 municipalities

## AIM :

e-government must enable **one virtual government** consistent to the customers with full respect for every single competency

## > 7 Governments with:

- Different (political) objectives
- Different priorities
- Different budgets
- Different staffing
- Different phases of implementation

**=> no hierarchical relationship; separation of competences**

**Equal treatment of the Belgian citizen**

⇒ need for coordination:

⇒ Political collaboration agreements

⇒ Common standards

⇒ Keep “Citizen” and/or “enterprise” central

## UNIFORMITY IN APPROACH:

- ▶ **Total (E)-service solution around a model**
  - ▶ (front-office, network, middleware, backoffice, people, skills, processes)
- ▶ **Transparent**
- ▶ **Limit the administrative formalities**
- ▶ **No extra cost**
- ▶ **Authentic unique Data Source (*Virtual Government*)**
- ▶ **Respect of Privacy**
- ▶ **No digital divide**

- > Partnership in back-office & flexibility in the front-office
- > Political agreements need clear and detailed objectives (=contract)
- > Common Legal environment
- > Joint definition of “privacy”
- > Common security criteria
- > Cross-border concerns:
  - Legal differences?
  - Common approach?
  - Trust?



# Th@nk you !



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