

E-Government at the computer desk of an active citizen:
challengers and opportunities.

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E-Government, as a powerful democratic idea supported by powerful modern digital technology and the inspiration from the international institutions, is currently winning the minds in many countries of Europe, including those in Russian Federation and its particular administrative regions. The facts indicate: there are already many important decisions taken and considerable amount of moneys appropriated to insure its implementation: and a lot of those resources has been already spent -by various government departments and the computer companies working for them - and most of both of them enjoy the process... Nevertheless, major success in implementing this IDEA, as we believe, can not be estimated exclusively by "internet openness" of various government offices.

The true success of this idea, as we understand it, can only be evident when THE CITIZENS THEMSELVES would be able to participate in governance, using the e-government opportunities, transferring them into new "social technologies", available to majority.

Several of those technologies that proved to be effective are: "social enquiry", "public hearings" and "civic expertise".