

**TERRITORIAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN THE PROCESS OF
BUILDING AND USE OF MODERN IT INFRASTRUCTURE AND DATA
SYSTEMS - POLISH AND SCANDINAVIAN GOOD PRACTICES**

Summary

The starting point of this paper is assumption that as network development, access to the Internet services, their scope, as well as broadband speed and connection costs comprise key factors for success that make for innovativeness and competitive performance of regions, the local and regional government may not ignore engagement in this field. Due to different conditions and possibilities for building and use of voice and data systems it is essential to find out:

1. Most competent and efficient methods?
2. Methods for overcoming and countering of improper practices?

This paper presents the selected examples of practices adapted by the Polish local governments, as well as experience of the local governments in Scandinavia that in fact are unquestionable leaders in this field against a background of arguments that justify local support for access to the Internet services, possible models, as well as nature of this support and financing sources. The summary presents conclusions and demands concerning further activities of local governments in Poland.

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