Veni Markovski

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Veni Markovski was born on April 3, 1968. He is a graduate of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ochridski" with Masters of Science degree in Law (1993), he has also passed training by the International Law Development Institute in Rome, the US Agency for International Development, the Open Society Institute, and others. He has hundreds of publications in Bulgarian and foreign newspapers and magazines since 1975. He's also frequent presenter at different IT-related conferences.
Veni Markovski is married, and has two children from a former marriage.

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Professional career

Veni Markovski started working on the Internet in September 1990, by becoming one of the first system operators of a Bulletin Board System in Sofia, Bulgaria.

By 1993 he has founded and for 9 years was the CEO of the second in history of Bulgaria Internet Service Provider - BOL.BG (http://www.bol.bg) . In 1995 he founded the Internet Society of Bulgaria - a non-profit think tank.

Veni Markovski is the Project Manager of the UNDP project (http://www.foss.bg) "*Support to e-government initiatives based on Free/Open Source Software at the local (municipality) level in South-eastern Europe*".

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Through this project ISOC-Bulgaria has launched e-government services in eight cities within six months;
has trained more than 200 city officials in three different countries;
has migrated approx. 80 percent of participating city computers to using free and open software applicati
and about 20 percent to use Linux OS.
The UNDP project has been positively reviewed in The New York Times (http://www.nytimes.com/2003/12/11/te
The International Herald Tribune (http://www.iht.com/articles/2003/12/11/dividea_ed3_.php) , heise.de (h
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Currently Markovski also advises on International Projects the Chairman of the State Agency for IT and Communications (http://www.ict.bg) to the Council of Ministers (http://www.government.bg) or Republic of Bulgaria.

Among his many interests, Veni Markovski has three areas where he spends most of his time: Cyber-security, Internet Governance and Free and Open Source Software (FOSS).

On cybersecurity, under his guidance, Internet Society - Bulgaria organized international conference, drafted legislation, and published policy recommendations; on Internet governance, Mr. Markovski has been member of delegations at the U.N. World Summit on Information Society, and has numerous publications and presentations; on FOSS he drafted national legislation and is leading the implementation of an UNDP project in South Eastern Europe.

Membership

He is chairing the Bulgarian President's IT Advisory Committee (http://www.president.bg/en/adm_sit.php) . Mr. Markovski is member of the ICANN Board (June 2003 - December 2006). He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the international Internet Society (from 2002 to 2008), and has been on the Board of Directors of the CPSR (2003-2005).

As a President and Chair of the Board of the ISOC-Bulgaria Veni Markovski has:

- Been a legal expert to the Parliamentary Committee on Transport and Telecommunications in
- Helped to draft and pass two Telecommunications Acts (2001, 2003)
- Helped to draft and pass The E-Document and E-Signature Act (2000)
- Helped to draft and pass the Computer Crimes chapter in the Penal Code (2002)
- Helped to draft the Free and Open Source Software Usage in the State Administration Act
- Implemented first ever legal strategy to successfully eliminate legal barriers to free Internet access (1999)
- been helping the Bulgarian government to define positions on the WSIS and other Internet-related policies

External Links

www.veni.com (http://www.veni.com) | blog.veni.com (http://blog.veni.com)

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