

The role of Internet and the National Information Infrastructure Development Program in the building of the Information Society

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The presentation due to the 20th anniversary of the first Networkshop gives an overview of the past developments of Internet both on international and national perspective. Special attention is given to the progress of IIF and NIIF programs from 1986, the start of real network developments in Hungary having a decisive influence on the developments of the Internet culture in Hungary

The presentation as a tradition of the Networkshops has to provide an answer where we are today on the development of NIIF in Europe and in a broader perspective. In the frame of this analysis we can get answer for the success of the dynamic spread of Internet, its contribution to the building of the Information Society and the different role international organisations play in this field like UN, OECD and Internet Society.

The closing part of the talk gives an insight of the future development concept of NIIF with a special emphasis on how to utilise the opportunity and support of the II. National Development Plan (2007-2013).