

Porvoo12 -- Welcome by the Mayor of Grosseto

With great pleasure, I greet you and extend the warmest welcome to all participants of this international meeting. As Mayor of Grosseto, I'm very satisfied to host a meeting of the importance of Porvoo12 on our territory.

In a society where communications and information are of ever increasing importance, a public administration that wants to efficiently respond to the needs of its users needs to offer state of the art services to its citizens.

The introduction of the electronic identity card is one of the main vehicles for the modernization of the country. For this reason, the Municipality of Grosseto has been active in the piloting of this kind of document with particular focus on its international use.

We are also investing significant resources in an administrative system that is ever more in line with the latest technology in order to guarantee transparency, efficiency and accessibility of services that favors participation. With these same objectives, the young employees of our ICT services branch are working to achieve professionalism and competence in the field of informatics.

Our municipal administration puts emphasis on offering services that are suitable for its citizens and cater to the needs of a society that is in constant change and evolution. In a province as large and diverse as ours, we want to find ways that make the new technologies accessible to all, including the older generation and those not at home in the field of informatics, thus respecting the principles of democracy and participation. The new technologies need to be instruments to strengthen relationships, overcome barriers, and open doors. I believe that this is the only and best way to follow in a society of information and knowledge.

Our scope is to deepen our knowledge of the problems related to electronic identity, optimization of communications, and privacy. Quickness, ease of use, and security are the key words.

For these reasons, I believe it is important to organize and participate in international forums that allow a wide and constructive discussion of topics of current affairs; and the Municipality of Grosseto is happy to give its contribution.

I would like to underline the importance of this meeting not least to promote the territory of the Maremma and to make it known also at international level. For this reason, the Municipality is available to organize other meetings and initiatives that offer discussion and collaboration of important and topics regarding current affairs in Europe.

At this point, I would like to thank our council office of informatics, and in particular our Councillor Paolo Borghi, our ICT department, and everyone who in different roles has contributed to the success of this meeting.

Mayor
Emilio Bonifazi