Study Tour to USA for MCTI staff
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Participants from MCTI:
- *Adriana Ticau* - State Secretary – MCTI;
- *Ioan Cordos* - Deputy-General Director of IGCTI (General Inspectorate for Communications and IT);
- *Cristina Ionela Popescu* - Head of Information and PR department within MCTI

The General Accounting Office (GAO) made available to the Romanian delegation reports on US E-govt issues such as Collaboration Practices in e-Government, Most Recent PKI Technology Study, OMB Selection and Implementation Report of Quicksilver projects.

The one-week study tour included meetings with representatives from:
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB),
- General Services Administration,
- General Accounting Office (GAO),
- Public Technology Inc.,
- Department of Commerce,
- American Library Association,
- Council for Excellence in Government,
- American Council for Technology,
- Center for Democracy and Technology,
- IBM Institute for Electronic Government.

At the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), one of many issues of interest for the Romanian delegation was related to the indicators OMB uses to measure the e-govt projects: cost, schedule and performance and the Public-Private.

Mrs. Adriana Ticau presented the major Romanian E-government achievements, receiving a lot of praise for this. In the picture we see Mr. Scott Klein, the e-Gov specialist, designated by Rep. Adam Putman, receiving a leaflet on the Romanian e-Gov projects. Mr. Klein informed about the way the US Congress is supervising the e-government activities.

A joint meeting with David McClure, Council for Excellence in Government, Danielle Germain, American Council for Technology and Ari Schwartz, Center for Democracy and Technology provided a good opportunity to discuss the civil society activities in relation with the e-government sector.

Mr. Tom Pyke from the Department of Commerce, informed that 85-90% of the companies exporting goods use the online electronic customs declaration