

„Cities on the Internet” Association (COI)

COI is an expert nongovernmental organization established in 1998.

COI's mission is **the support of Information Society development** at regional level.

COI facilitates **technology transfer** and adoption of European e-development good practices.

The strategic dimension of COI activities consists of **cooperation with public sector** (with **particular attention paid to local governments**).

COI is considered to be a **think tank in possession of a strong research background**.

Working practice used by COI experts consists of close cooperation with public partners and the ability to formulate practical recommendations for an improvement of the economic and social growth in the region – rooted in European knowledge and local specifics.

In thematic sense, areas of particular COI's interest include:

- ▶ **Digital education of citizens**, with special attention paid to areas in danger of digital and social exclusion, i.e. from 50 + age group, rural population, disabled, women, as well as public sector employees and decision makers
- ▶ **Socio-economic progress of Polish rural regions**
- ▶ **Quality of human capital**
- ▶ **Broadband access**
- ▶ **Use of ICT in health, education, public administration**