

# eGovlab & KSC Hold a Networking Event during the 49<sup>th</sup> ICA conference

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CIO's from over 25 nations and organizations participated to the 49th ICA Conference (International Council for Information Technology in Government Administration – ICA) hosted by eGovlab at Stockholm University's Department of Computer and Systems Sciences and the Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. The conference took place between the 6th– 9th of September in Stockholm. On the 8th of September, eGovlab and Kista Science City, proudly hosted an unforgettable networking event in the NOD building (Kista). Sponsored by UPSIDE, the networking event was a great opportunity to mix and mingle with the most influential international decision makers in eGovernance, all global leaders in the field.

#### *Main aim*

This year's ICA conference focused on addressing societal challenges through a mGovernment perspective, while pursuing means to effectively make public information and government services available to citizens anytime and anywhere. During the networking event, guests from the public and private sector had the opportunity to discuss -in a more informal setting- issues on citizen driven solutions, cybersecurity, mGovernment, the future of e-Governance, etc.

#### *Who is/was involved?*

After an introduction of the UPSIDE project and a welcome speech by Åke Lindström (Director of KSC) and Vasilis Koulolias (Director of eGovlab), the evening kicked off with delicious hors d'oeuvres and vivid conversations amongst a total of a total of 140 guests in the spirit of collaboration. High government officials from diverse countries such as Canada, Belgium, Japan, Israel, Taiwan, Mozambique and Colombia, were present; along with guests from KTH university, IBM, Ericsson, ECDC, the European Commission, the World Bank, STING, the Swedish agencies Lantmäteriet and MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency) and many others.



Åke Lindström, Director of KSC, introducing UPSIDE







Vasilis Koulolias, Director of eGovlab, introducing UPSIDE



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