



Heidelberg Council goes online...

Heidelberg, Germany, Sept. 29th, 2004. The citizens of Heidelberg can now keep informed and up-to-date on their municipal and city counsellors' work online.

After the first meeting of the recently-elected municipal council of Heidelberg (Germany), the new information system went online. Heidelberg is located in the Southwestern state of Baden-Württemberg, Germany, and is home to Germany's oldest university. The new information system, Session, is a component of the Somacos product suite. Session provides citizens fast access to politicians' and city representatives' activities. For example, meeting calendars, council invitations, public reports, motions, queries and resolution sequences are now available online through the Session online system (SessionNet). Additionally, voting results and critical resolutions can be shared through the online component of Session software. The implementation of the new system also enables users to research committee member bios and to search public meeting documents (for documents created post-April 2004). The mayor, department heads and council members are all presented comprehensively through the system. As Heidelberg's mayor, Beate Weber cites, "With the new information system, we are furthering the goal of a citizen-friendly administration. We have become increasingly involved in e-government initiatives. We want people to be interested and motivated; thus, we must ensure that they have access to comprehensive and up-to-date information." (al)

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