

Case Study

Vicenza Municipal Authority

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»We wanted to reorganize our data center to cut costs and energy consumption, but also to improve our services. By selecting Fujitsu blade servers, we were able to achieve these goals«

Marcello Missaglia, Director of GIS Information Technology and Statistics, Vicenza Municipal Authority



The customer

The Municipal Authority of Vicenza serves a population of over 113,000 people and is the fourth largest administrative area in Italy's Veneto region, covering approximately 80 square kilometers. The Authority has about one thousand employees – 26 in IT – who not only perform standard administrative tasks but also operate the Vicenza Local Services Center (CST), which serves 43 municipalities. Vicenza currently sits sixth in the league table of non-provincial capitals for the amount of open data it provides.

The challenge

Against a domestic background that is increasingly oriented towards controlling and containing the funds allocated to local administrations, expenditure cutbacks also have a direct impact on technological infrastructure used to provide services to institutions and individuals. Vicenza Municipal Authority not only needed to consolidate a large and scattered fleet of servers but also to simplify its infrastructure management and ensure scalability, in view of changes in the amount of digital services provided.

The solution

The consolidation process, based on system virtualization, has now been ongoing for some time at Vicenza Municipal Authority. But it received fresh impetus with the decision to deploy a Fujitsu PRIMERGY BX900 server with twelve blades as part of a continuing push to gradually retire the 30-plus machines still in use in its data center and offices. As Marcello Missaglia, Director of GIS Information Technology and Statistics, explains: "The number of computerized procedures has increased in recent years, meaning we needed to reorganize in order to cut costs and energy consumption, and to achieve a level of flexibility in view of rising performance requirements." The new system – which has already been upgraded with four new blades – has provided the backbone for innovation and an expanded range of services offered by the Authority. In addition, the push for 'integrated territorial management', which involves sharing and cross-checking databases to improve the effectiveness of the fight against tax evasion, recently won the "e-Government: Champions of Re-Use" prize at the SMAU awards in Padua.

The customer

Country: Italy
Industry: Public Administration
Employees: 900
Website: www.comune.vicenza.it



The challenge

Population registers, mapping systems, digital document flows, payroll and tax compliance are just some of the areas where Vicenza Municipal Authority has initiated a process of profound innovation built around the efficient use of IT resources. With this in mind, it has begun to consolidate its data center with a view to reducing management and running costs, while also assuring scope for future growth without costly investments.

The solution

The FUJITSU Server PRIMERGY BX blade system reflects the organization's need to manage processes and applications through a single, central system, while providing both the necessary power and space for growth. The related cost savings, measured by savings on energy consumption, are in the order of 60 percent.