eGovPoliNet

The Policy Community

SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

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Welcome to the fifth eGovPoliNet Newsletter!

The **eGovPoliNet** project (Building a global multidisciplinary digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community) organises activities to increase and sustain an international community of policy modelling. The community consists of experts from academia and practice in the field of ICT solutions for public governance and policy modelling. In the third period, the focus lies on sustaining the network established by forming special interest groups (SIGs) within relevant existing communities that will continue networking among themselves after the project ends.

"Establishing SIGs within relevant communities is most promising to sustain the network of policy modelling established by eGovPoliNet. We have identified five such communities" says Professor Maria A. Wimmer, the coordinator of eGovPoliNet.

eGovPoliNet running activities

Comparative analyses
Glossary
Grand challenges
Networking
A Book
Knowledge Portal
Workshops
Establishing SIGs

Grand challenges of research ...

The overall objective of work package 4 (Knowledge base) is to identify and respond to developing global research, practice and innovation challenges in the field of digital governance and policy modelling. In the previous period, major activities established a comprehensive knowledge base including a glossary of terms and comparative analyses of relevant theories, concepts, models and solutions of ICT supported governance and policy modelling leading to nine white papers.

Now we are drawing conclusions from these works by developing grand challenges of research. eGovPoliNet partners identified the following five grand challenges:

♦ Data and information characteristics and use
♦ Modelling and simulation
♦ Citizen and stakeholder engagement
♦ Government capabilities and legitimacy
♦ Translating research results into policy actions and support

Strong interrelations among these grand challenges exist because social problems are complex and not simplistic. Policy making rests on different preconditions and cultures of politics and engagement in different countries.

Policy Innovation and Digital Science Track Along ICEGOV 2014

eGovPoliNet partners Sharon Dawes (Center for Technology in Government, USA), Marijn Janssen (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands) and Maria A. Wimmer (University of Koblenz-Landau) organised a track "Policy Innovation and Digital Science" along ICEGOV 2014 in Guimarães, Portugal. The track was introduced by a tutorial. And an invited session. Six contributions were accepted for presentation in the paper session. A workshop was organised to discuss grand challenges of research and methods of translating research results into practical policy actions with the participants. The audience consisted of academia, public servants and ICT industry representatives.

The track was well perceived and nice discussions arose on challenges of research for public governance and policy modelling. The key question driving the discussions and presentations was: How can ICT-enabled innovations in policy and governance be transferred and successfully adapted to local settings in the time when policy-making and implementation is fundamentally changing with the advancement of new digital technologies including the availability of big data, data analytics and simulation, visualization and gaming technologies?

The paper "From Brussels to Brabant: Delivering Public Value by Implementing e-Government in a Multilevel Setting" by Evert-Jan Mulder and Dhoya Snijders received the Best Experience Paper Award of ICEGOV 2014. Read about the abstracts of contributions and further info here …

Invited Session at ICEGOV 2014:
Building a Global Research and Policy Community

eGovPoliNet organised an invited session "Building a Global Research and Policy Community" along ICEGOV 2014 in Guimarães, Portugal. The session explored the value, challenges and strategies for integrating various research and policy communities into a global collaboration space. The audience engaged in discussing, among others the dynamics of research and policy communities in the fields of digital government, the presence of opposing tendencies of integration and the merits and limitations of building a global research and policy community, particularly in the post-2015 world that, on the one hand demands high levels of policy coherence and, on the other hand, expects solutions that are adapted to the local settings.

The session was based on the lessons learnt from three communities – the Digital Government Society presented by Theresa Pardo (Center for Technology in Government, USA), the eGovPoliNet community and the IFIP WG 8.5 on ICT in the public sector presented by Maria A. Wimmer and the ICEGOV community of Governance of ICT in the public sector of emerging economies presented by Tomasz Janowski (United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance, Portugal).

Invitation to Read eGovPoliNet Deliverables

eGovPoliNet partners prepared four publicly available project reports as well as nine white papers of comparative analyses … more

Explore eGovPoliNet

eGovPoliNet knowledge portal to collect and exchange knowledge assets in the field of governance and policy modelling … more

Visit our **eGovPoliNet website** for more information about the project and the policy community … more

Consult the **eGovPoliNet glossary** read about a harmonised understanding of key terms between researchers of different disciplines in the field of policy modelling … more

At a glance...

The paper **"A Collaborative Approach to Study Policy Modelling Research and Practice from Different Disciplines"** reflects scientific collaboration across disciplines in advancing the research field of public governance and policy modelling. Assessments are based on the experiences of collaborating in developing white papers for the comparative analyses … more

The paper **"Future Scenarios of ICT Solutions for Governance and Policy Modelling"** summarises the work of the project in developing visionary scenarios that envisage how ICT-supported open and public governance and policy making might emerge in the years to come … more

Maria A. Wimmer presented eGovPoliNet's work of community building and policy modelling with ICT support to the audience of EGOSE 2014 … more

Maria A. Wimmer and Dragana Majstorovic presented eGovPoliNet visionary scenarios of ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling to the audience of ICEGOV2014 … more

Dragana Majstorovic presented eGovPoliNet and its experiences of cross-disciplinary collaboration in policy modelling to the audience of EGOV 2014 at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland… more

Maria A. Wimmer presented eGovPoliNet and its experiences of cross-disciplinary collaboration in policy modelling to the audience of tGov 2014 on 13 June 2014 at Brunel University, UK… more

Meet you next time...

Workshop: Policy Modelling in Practice, 8 December 2014 in London, UK … more

ECMS 2015: 29th European Conference on Modelling and Simulation, 26-29 May 2015 in Varna, Bulgaria … more

ECIS 2015: 23rd European Conference on Information Systems, 26-29 May 2015 in Münster, Germany … more

IFIP EGOV and IFIP ePart 2015: 14th IFIP Electronic Government (EGOV) and 7th Electronic Participation (ePart) Conferences 2015, 30th August—3rd September 2015 in Thessaloniki, Greece, with a track on Policy Modelling and Policy Informatics … more

... more in News & Events section of the web portal

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