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Welcome to the first eGovPoliNet Newsletter!

About eGovPoliNet

eGovPoliNet is an initiative supported by the EC that aims to establish an International Policy Community which deals with ICT solutions for Governance & Policy Modelling. The kick off meeting was held in Delft on August the 26-27th.

18 partners from **16** countries both within and outside of the EU are working together to share ideas, experiences and practices in the field.

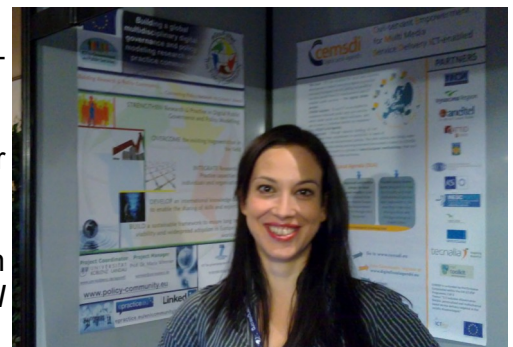
Following a multi-disciplinary approach **eGovPoliNet** collects findings from different disciplines and connect relevant international actors to build a global digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community for citizens' participation, open government, open data and policy modelling areas.

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Recent international stage presence ...

eGovPoliNet and its **objectives** were presented at a number of international events including:

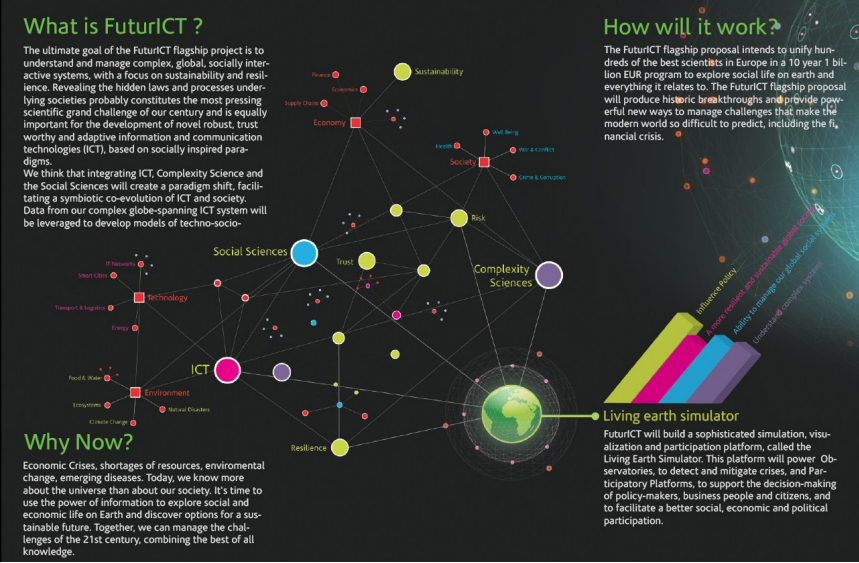
- **IFIP** conference held in Delft in August - September 2011.
- **ICEGOV 2011** conference, held in Tallin, Estonia in September 2011.
- **ECCS 2011** conference, held in Vienna, Austria in September 2011.
- **eChallenges 2011**, held in Florence in October 2011, in liaison with **NET-EUCEN** (www.net-euce.org) and **CEMSDI** (www.cemsdi.eu) projects.
- **PRIMA** final conference, held in Clermont-Ferrand in October 2011.
- **The 6th pre-conference** to the Ministerial conference on eGovernment, held in Poznan in November 2011, where the project was presented.



eGovPoliNet at the eChallenges 2011

CONTINUE ...

... Recent international stage presence




What is FuturICT ?
The ultimate goal of the FuturICT flagship project is to understand and manage complex, global, socially interactive systems, with a focus on sustainability and resilience. Revealing the hidden laws and processes underlying societies probably constitutes the most pressing scientific grand challenge of our century and is equally important for the development of novel robust, trust worthy and adaptive information and communication technologies (ICT), based on socially inspired paradigms. We think that integrating ICT, Complexity Science and the Social Sciences will create a paradigm shift, facilitating a symbiotic co-evolution of ICT and society. Data from our complex globe-spanning ICT system will be leveraged to develop models of techno-socio-...

Why Now?
Economic Crises, shortages of resources, environmental change, emerging diseases. Today, we know more about the universe than about our society. It's time to use the power of information to explore social and economic life on Earth and discover options for a sustainable future. Together, we can manage the challenges of the 21st century, combining the best of all knowledge.

How will it work?
The FuturICT flagship proposal intends to unify hundreds of the best scientists in Europe in a 10 year 1 billion EUR program to explore social life on earth and everything it relates to. The FuturICT flagship proposal will produce historic breakthroughs and provide powerful new ways to manage challenges that make the modern world so difficult to predict, including the financial crisis.

Living earth simulator
FuturICT will build a sophisticated simulation, visualization and participation platform, called the Living Earth Simulator. This platform will power Observatories, to detect and mitigate crises, and Participatory Platforms, to support the decision-making of policy-makers, business people and citizens, and to facilitate a better social, economic and political participation.

• **FuturICT showcase at**
Innovation Dublin November 2011.



The importance of the initiative has been also recognised by the **ePractice Community**, labelling the case as **Editor's choice 2011**

At a glance ...

... “Research Meeting at Ryerson University” ...

... “Grant Proposal to the Social Sciences and Humanities Reserach Council of Canada” ...

... “Meeting with Bordeaux and Nantes universities at Laval University”



International Meetings

**“The
American
partners met
with Quebec
officials”**

The American partners met with Quebec officials to talk about the project, and submitted a research proposal about the project to the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. They also attended a workshop at Ryerson University in Toronto in which the eGovPoliNet project was presented.

Meet you next time in



Future Events

IST-Africa 2012: the goals of the IST-Africa Conference Series are Community Building to facilitate EU-African research cooperation and successful exploitation of research results ... [more](#)

ECMS 2012: the European Conference on Modelling and Simulation is the international conference dedicated to help define the state of the art in the field ... [more](#)

EcoMod 2012: The goal of the conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis for policy and decision-making in the public and private sector ... [more](#)

RC33 Eighth International Conference on Social Science Methodology: RC33 is the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Logic and Methodology in Sociology ... [more](#)

WCSS 2012: Social sciences are moving in a direction in which their various constituent parts are sharing a common set of foundations, languages and platforms ... [more](#)

ECCS 2012: European conference on Complex System ... [more](#)

ICEGOV 2012: the 6th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance ... [more](#)

ESSA 2012: 8th Conference of the European Social Simulation Association ... [more](#)

Networking and Users' Engagement

eGovPoliNet pursues a Community enlargement strategy by maintaining openness towards new members and envisages to include additional competencies and experiences and, hence, add value to the activities and outcomes of the community. Members and potential stakeholders are allowed to interact through different means:

- **The community of experts**, eGovPoliNet members focus their efforts in the outline of guidelines for researching and deploying current and forthcoming ICT solutions ... [more](#)
- **The eGovPoliNet policy community**, an open group accessible through the *LinkedIn Platform* ... [more](#)

This enlarged community will not only support eGovPoliNet in achieving its goals, it will also spark an organised Europe-wide dialogue on the essential issues of Governance and Policy Modelling.



The Policy Community

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