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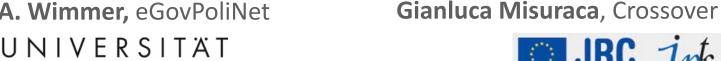
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Building a community on ICT for governance and policy modelling

Implementation through two projects: eGovPoliNet and Crossover

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- Significant societal transitions and drastic changes in economy, climate and demography currently affect societies and social behavior around the globe
- Longer-term transformation to be mastered and steered well ahead in time
- Several projects running
 - to respond to challenges and to bring forward solutions to
 - deploy innovative ICTs to support open governance
 - facilitate policy development through innovative ICT support
 - to foster disciplinary integration and multi-disciplinary problem solving



Demands to Resolve Jointly



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- Joint efforts to achieve substantial contributions to advance the field and to improve economic growth and social welfare
- A strong need to consolidate the community, reinforce its identity, and reach out to actual and potential users
- Governance and policy making demand
 - > appropriate support through governance and policy models, process flows and analytical tools
 - > appropriate tools ensuring reliability and validity
 - proper understanding, interpretation, visualisation and harnessing of collaborative online tools



Need for Integration & Joint Efforts



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- Overcoming traditional fragmentation of research efforts through consolidation, community building, integration
- Researchers and practitioners to exchange and learn from each other in specific themes
- Establish respective communities spanning across the globe to discuss advancements and future challenges

eGovPoliNet and Crossover aim to foster co-operation and coordination of research and practice to address issues that could not be solved alone





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Overarching Objective

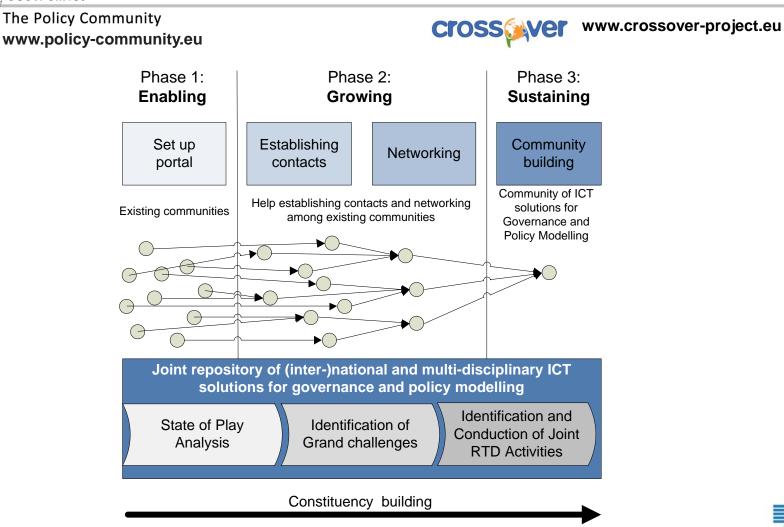
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- Strengthen scientific, technological and social research and practice excellence in digital public governance and policy modelling by:
 - integrating the research and practice capacities of individuals and organisations spread across Europe and worldwide
 - including lessons and innovative approaches of the existing projects and future projects
 - production of multimedia content, practical handbook & highlevel policy conferences



Concept for international community building

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- Establishment of one Community
 - Regular interaction via online and offline international and multi-disciplinary constituency building events
- Set-up and growing of community knowledge portal
 - Concrete content production and news items
 - > Also through third party websites (e.g. diigo, spokenword)
- Creating an International Research Roadmap on ICT tools for governance and Policy-Modelling
 - Users' Survey on the ICT needs of policy makers (<u>http://www.crossover-project.eu/UserSurvey.aspx</u>)





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Expected Achievements

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Studies and comparative analyses of cases

- > Identifying research, practice and development projects
- Identifying good-practice examples concerning modelling and simulating
- Investigating and visualising social behaviour for better understanding
- In depth case studies on specific applications of ICT solutions for policy modelling



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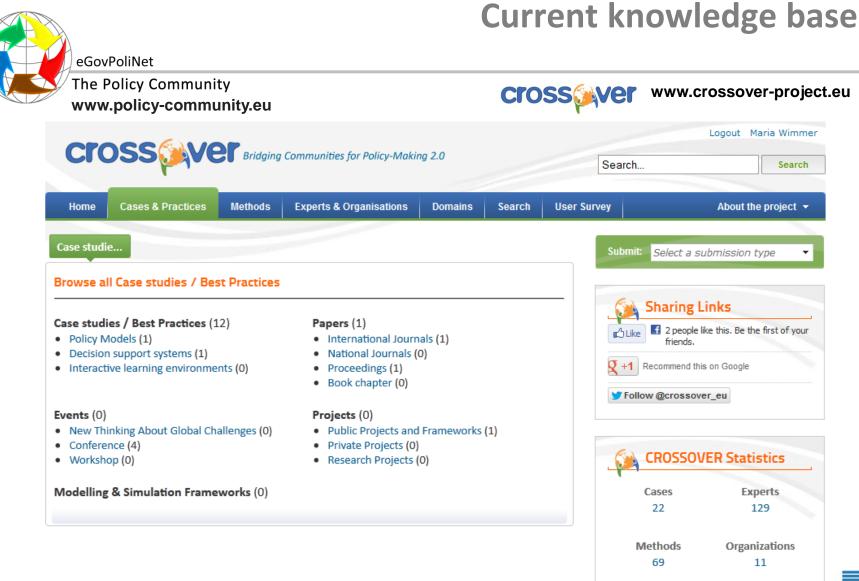
 Cases & Practises (applications, sorted along domains), and R&D projects

- Tools & technologies
- Methods
- Theories
- Papers
- Actors / Institutions
- Interrelations among concepts
- Comparative analyses from cases



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Research Roadmap Overview



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Domains & Challenges

- > Open Data
- > Big Data
- Visual analytics
- Opinion mining
- Participatory Sensing
- Identity Management
- Collaborative Governance
- Serious Gaming and Persuasive Technologies

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Characteristics

- Demand driven and calibrated on users' and practitioners' needs
- Validated by collecting input and feedback during online and offline activities
- Involving and engaging researchers from different disciplines



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Grand challenges put forward by Crossover

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Policy Modelling

- Systems of Atomized Models
- Collaborative modelling
- Easy access to information and knowledge creation
- Model validation
- Interactive simulation
- Output analysis and knowledge synthesis

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- Data Powered Collaborative Governance
 - > Big Data
 - Opinion Mining and Sentiment Analysis
 - Visual Analytics
 - Serious Gaming for Behavioural Change
 - > Open Government Data
 - Collaborative Governance
 - Participatory Sensing
 - Identity Management

(http://www.crossover-project.eu/ResearchRoadmap.aspx

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Next Community Building Events



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- 22 25 October 2012: ICEGOV 2012, Albany (USA), Panel on "Bridging the North-South Gap across Communities dealing with ICT for governance and policy modelling"
- December 2012: Workshop in Washington DC on policy modelling
- Spring 2013: Conference on 'State-of-the-art policy making in the EU', Brussels
- September 2013: PhD colloquium and workshop along EGOV and ePart 2013 in Koblenz, Germany







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