



eGovPoliNet

The Policy Community

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Welcome to the sixth 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. Besides sustaining the network through special interest groups (SIGs) within relevant existing communities, the project has developed five grand challenges of research in the field.

“The five grand challenges we have elaborated indicate a strong need for further research in multidisciplinary settings as well as stronger collaboration between academia and practice to ensure a more effective transfer of findings into policy practice” says Professor Maria A. Wimmer, the coordinator of eGovPoliNet.

eGovPoliNet running activities

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Grand challenges of research ...

eGovPoliNet members elaborated five grand challenges of research in ICT-supported public governance and policy modelling. The grand challenges we identified are:

- ◆ Data and information characteristics and use (read more [here](#))
- ◆ Modelling and simulation (read more [here](#))
- ◆ Citizen and stakeholder engagement (read more [here](#))
- ◆ Government capabilities and legitimacy (read more [here](#))
- ◆ Translating research results into policy actions and support (read more [here](#))

Before finalising the descriptions for wider dissemination, eGovPoliNet exposes the descriptions to a wider online expert consultation. We herewith invite you to participate in this [online consultation](#) and to engage with us in assessing and improving the draft descriptions.

The grand challenges will be accompanied by recommendations for funding bodies, policy makers as well as the research and practice community to address these grand challenges of research. We therefore also invite you to share with us recommendations you would have towards these target groups.

...towards policy recommendations in the field

eGovPoliNet's book **'Policy Practice and Digital Science—Integrating Complex Systems, Social Simulation and Public Administration in Policy Research'**, edited by Marijn Janssen, Maria A. Wimmer and Ameneh Deljoo will be published in SPRINGER Series "Public Administration and Information Technology" (edited by Chris Reddick—read [more](#) about the series).

The book aims to give a comprehensive overview and insights into various developments in the field and from different disciplines, covering the whole policy making cycle. It covers a wide range of aspects for social and professional networking and multidisciplinary constituency building along the axes of technology, participative processes, governance, policy modelling, social simulation and visualisation as well as comparisons between them.

Nineteen chapters are organised in five sections:

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Foundations
- ◆ Social aspects, Stakeholders and Values
- ◆ Policy Collaboration and games
- ◆ Application and Practices

More about the book and book chapters, read [here...](#)

The book can be ordered via Springer, [here...](#)



Special Issue of the IJEGR Journal on Policy-Making: The Next Challenge in E-Government Research



Challenges of the public sector have shifted from the sole focus on online public services to include ICT-enabled policy making. The latter is a complex process in which many stakeholders are involved and are impacted by different kinds of new technologies. This becomes apparent in the various phases of the policy making cycle like agenda setting, exploring the problem, policy formulation, policy implementation, policy execution and policy evaluation.

The special issue on ICT and policy making of the International Journal of E-Government Research (IJEGR) shows the state of the art in research projects and practices, particularly within a European context. This special issue contains the best papers from the transforming government workshop (tGov 2014) held at Brunel University, UK, 12-14 June 2014, showing the results of five innovative EU-funded projects.

The five papers in this special issue argue that the experiences and findings should be shared more intensely among organisations and researchers... [more](#)

Invitation to ... [read more about eGovPoliNet](#)

The overall mission of the Policy Community is to bring together researchers from different disciplines and backgrounds to work together and share and learn from each other ... [read more](#)

Results... [explore our interesting Results](#)

Consult our **Glossary** to read about the common understanding of terms across disciplines ... [more](#)

Read **white papers** of comparative analyses of theories / concepts / solutions / simulation models / tools etc...[more](#)

Consult our **visionary scenarios** on ICT solutions for public governance and policy modelling giving directions of potential future developments ... [more](#)

Engage with us in the **review of grand challenges** of research in the field ... [more](#)

Consult our **technical reports** and **publications** to read about our activities and results achieved in the project ... [more](#)

Check out our **presentations** given at various occasions ... [more](#)

Check out our **knowledge portal** to discover a multitude of knowledge assets relevant in the context of ICT enabled governance and policy modelling ... [more](#)

Meet you next time...

ECMS 2015: 29th European Conference on Modelling and Simulation, 26-29 May 2015 in Varna, Bulgaria ... [more](#)

D.go 2015: Digital Government Research, 27—30 May 2015 at Arizona State University, USA... [more](#)

ECIS 2015: 23rd European Conference on Information Systems, 26-29 May 2015 in Münster, Germany ... [more](#)

AMCIS 2015: 21st Americas Conference on Information Systems with a mini-track “E-Government Policy / Policy Informatics”, 13-15 August 2015 in Puerto Rico ... [more](#)

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

ESSA 2015: 11th Conference of the European Social Simulation Association: Social Simulation Conference, 14—18 September 2015 in Groningen, Netherlands... [more](#)

WCCS 2015: IEEE Third World Conference on Complex Systems, 23—25 November 2015 in Marrakech, Morocco... [more](#)

ICIS 2015: International Conference on Information Systems: Exploring the Information Frontier, 13-16 December 2015 in Ft. Worth, Texas, USA... [more](#)

... [more in the News & Events section of the web portal](#)

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