



eGovPoliNet

The Policy Community

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## Welcome to the fourth eGovPoliNet Newsletter!

The **eGovPoliNet** project (Building a global multidisciplinary digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community) is running a series of activities aimed to establish an international policy community. The community aims to bring together experts from academia in the field of ICT solutions for governance & policy modelling. In the third period, the main aim will be to engage partners and new members in research and a wide range of international events to increase the policy community.

*"We have developed a set of visionary scenario scoping ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling, which will guide us in the next period to draw up grand challenges of research for the near future in order to better face societal challenges and to leverage the full benefits of innovative digital media and tools"* says Professor Maria A. Wimmer, the coordinator of eGovPoliNet.

### eGovPoliNet running activities

Comparative  
analyses  
Glossary  
Future visions  
Networking  
A Book  
The Knowledge  
Portal  
Workshops

### Visions of ICT-supported governance & policy modelling ...

In order to identify grand challenges of research, the eGovPoliNet partners have developed six scenarios for future visions of ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling, with the following headlines:

- ◆ Using air quality monitoring data to track and improve public health
- ◆ Policy decision-making using intelligent simulations and exploiting open and big data sources
- ◆ Public-private innovation policy
- ◆ Optimising emergency response
- ◆ Using smart and mobile ICT for developing governance and policy
- ◆ Information warfare impact on governance and policy modelling

The scenarios reflect today's technological trends, although future development is an uncertain process. These future visions will subsequently enable eGovPoliNet partners to identify research gaps and grand challenges of policy research, which will be part of the work to be undertaken in the third period of the project... [read the scenarios here and comment them](#)

... towards grand challenges of research



## eGovPoliNet workshop at Brunel University

eGovPoliNet partners met in a two days workshop from 27 to 28 January 2014 in Uxbridge, UK, to discuss

- ◆ the progress and evolution of the policy community,
- ◆ the progress and status of collaborative research on comparative analyses and the glossary development of eGovPoliNet,
- ◆ the consolidation of the 19 scenarios of partners towards a set of six key future visions scenarios, and
- ◆ the plans for a sustainable community of eGovPoliNet beyond the funding period.



### Work in progress: a comparative analysis

The main objective of the comparative analysis is to analyse and compare existing approaches to, and cases of governance and policy modelling. The ultimate goal of the comparative analyses is to develop a body of knowledge and expertise within the community, and to share and consolidate views and instruments (tools, methods, theories) across disciplines (cf. Table 1) and continents. The joint effort to build up a body of knowledge across disciplines shall also help to increase transparency and accessibility to good and best practices of ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling, and to advancing research and potential future initiatives in the field. So far, the following areas were selected for analysis:

- 1) theories and methods
- 2) technical frameworks
- 3) simulation models
- 4) conceptual and domain models
- 5) emerging tools and technologies
- 6) technical frameworks and tools
- 7) policies / strategies / programs
- 8) projects / cases implementing policy
- 9) stakeholder engagement in policy development

**Table 1:** Overview of collaborating disciplines in comparative analyses

Research disciplines involved	Comparative analyses performed								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Information Systems									
Computer science									
Social sciences									
Sociology									
E-government & e-participation									
Public administration sciences									
Economics									
Organisational and management science									

### Invitation ... Comment and rate the most appealing scenarios

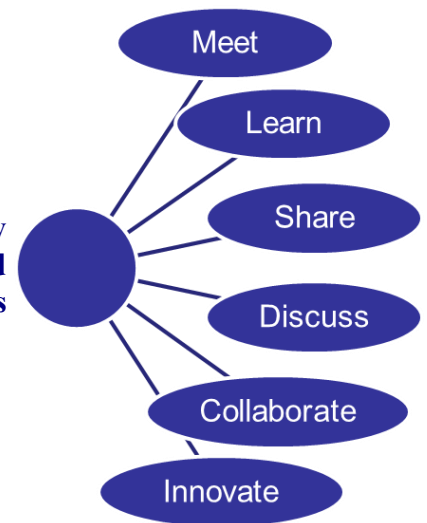
eGovPoliNet invites you to contribute to the revision and discussion of future scenarios of ICT support in policy modelling and governance and comment the eGovPoliNet six future scenarios in view of the following questions:

- ⇒ Are the scenarios realistic?
- ⇒ Are the scenarios complete and comprehensive or have we missed important aspects? If the latter, which aspects would you add?
- ⇒ Are the scenarios sufficiently diverse to give an overall picture of how ICT support for policy modelling and governance will look like in about six years from now? ... [more and comment](#)

## eGovPoliNet revised mission and community benefits

Our **mission** is to be recognised leader in bringing together researchers from different disciplines to share knowledge, expertise and best practice supporting policy analysis, modelling and governance.

Community value and benefits



### At a glance...

**eGovPoliNet paper “On Publishing Linked Open Government Data”** to discuss how Linked Data has been used in government data provision and to describe an architecture that will enable provision of structured, semantically enabled and linkable data on the Web ... [more](#)

**eGovPoliNet glossary** to harmonise the understanding between researchers of distinct disciplines in the field of policy modelling ... [more](#)

**eGovPoliNet knowledge portal** to collect and exchange knowledge assets in the field of governance and policy modelling ... [more](#)

### Meet you next time...

Conference	Date	Conference title
4S/EASST	2014/04/23	Biennial Conference of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology
SKIN 3	2014/05/22-23	Joining Complexity Science and Social Simulation for Policy Workshop
ECMS 2014	2014/05/27-30	28th European Conference on Modelling & Simulation
ECIS 2014	2014/06/09-11	22nd European Conference on Information Systems
tGov 2014	2014/06/12-13	Research workshop addressing e-government and t-government
IFIP EGOV	2014/09/01-04	11th Conference on electronic Government
ESSA 2014	2014/09/01-05	10th Conference of the European Social Simulation Association
IFIP ePart	2014/09/02-03	6th International Conference on Electronic Participation
ECCS 2014	2014/09/18-19	European Conference on Complex Systems
ICEGOV 2014	2014/09/27-30	8th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance

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