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Cross-disciplinary collaboration in policy modelling: International experiences from the eGovPoliNet community

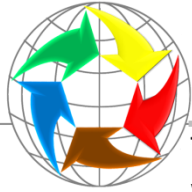
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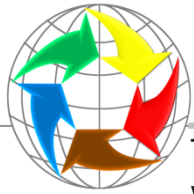
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- ❖ eGovPoliNet objectives
- ❖ Cross-disciplinary collaboration in policy modelling
- ❖ Experiences from working across disciplines and around the globe

Project (8/2011-2/2015) co-funded by the European Commission within Framework programme 7

Consortium with 17 partners from 14 countries around the globe

- ❖ Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Ukraine, USA
- ❖ 11 EU MS: Belgium, 2 German, Greece, Italy, 2 Netherlands, Portugal Slovakia, 2 UK



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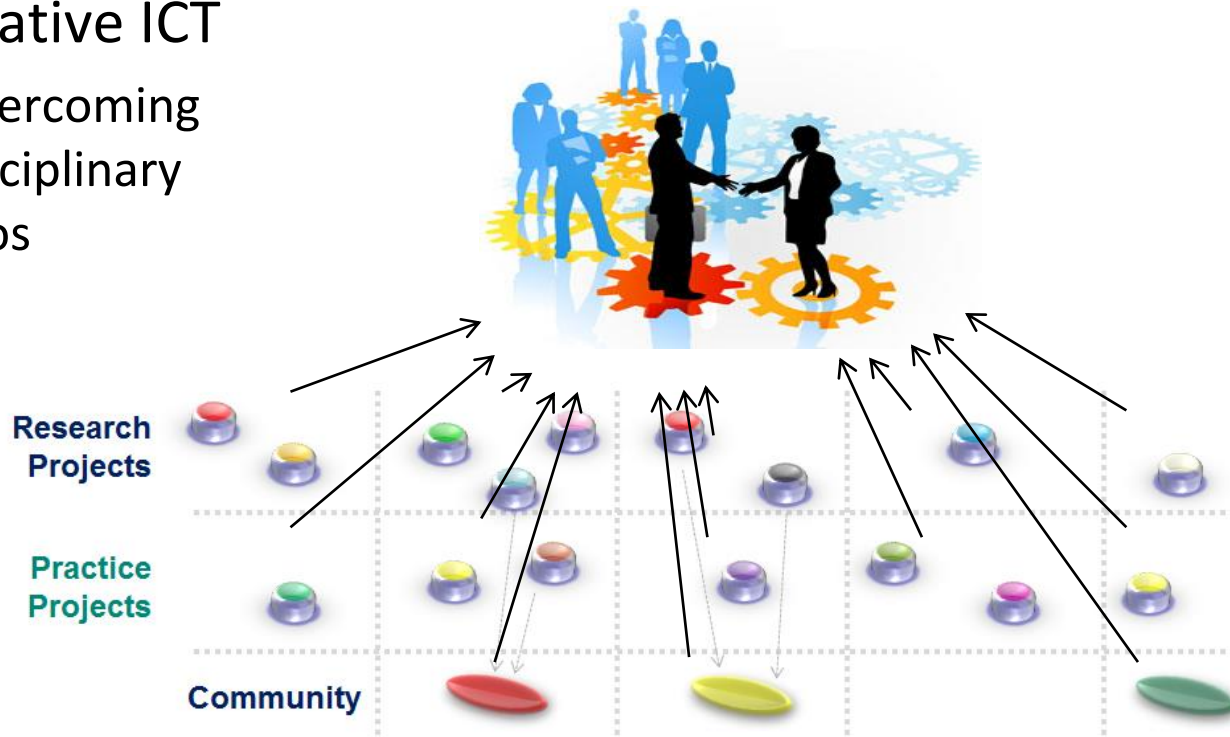
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eGovPoliNet objectives

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❖ **Main objective:** Building a global multidisciplinary community in policy modelling and public governance facilitated with innovative ICT

- Overcoming disciplinary silos





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Mission statement and community value

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



eGovPoliNet - means to achieve the objective



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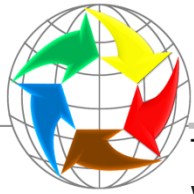
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- ❖ Community building activities to foster networking among various scientific disciplines in the field, to meet and to discuss
 - Working together to share ideas, experiences and practices
 - Organising events & Participating and sharing discussions in events
 - Book project:
 - Policy Practice and Digital Science - Integrating Complex Systems, Social Simulation and Public Administration in Policy Research
 - To be published in SPRINGER Series “Public Administration and Information Technology” edited by Chris Reddick
- ❖ Building up a knowledge base in the field
 - Glossary of terms for common understanding & Comparative analyses
 - Visionary scenarios & Grand challenges of research
- ❖ Developing a common vision, strategy and sustainable business plan



Collaborations in eGovPoliNet: Engagements in sustaining the initiative



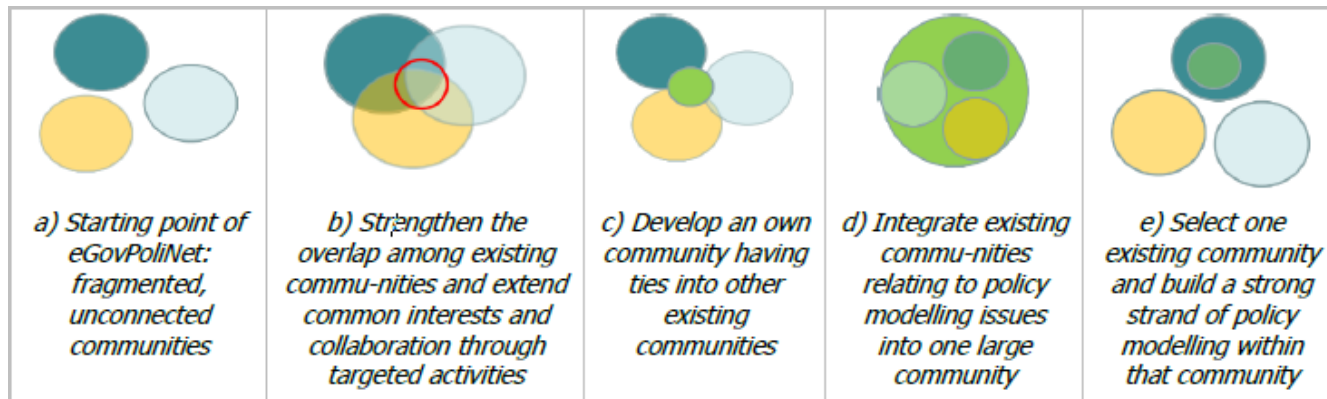
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❖ Contributing to developing a sustainability plan

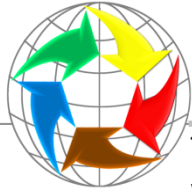
➤ Which sustainability model to adopt?



➤ Which communities to approach and involve

❖ Spreading the word and creating awareness

❖ Being part of the sustained community



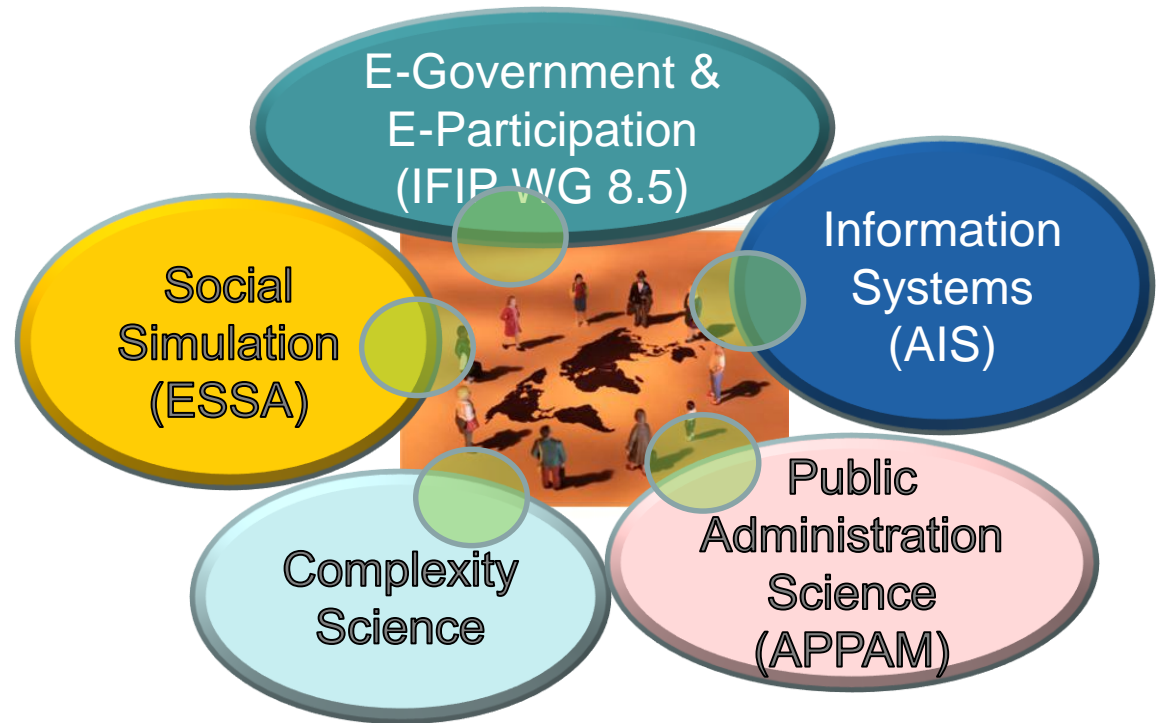
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Cross-disciplinarity of eGovPoliNet community

Establishment of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in existing communities:



Networking among these SIGs to be ensured through members being part of distinct communities and SIGs that meet regularly at conferences and by commonly developing and maintaining the knowledge portal

Experiences from working across distinct disciplines and internationally (1/2)



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- ❖ Positive implications of the cross-disciplinary collaboration
 - Experienced researchers share their knowledge and libraries with younger researchers
 - Researchers from distinct disciplines get a fast insight into the research of other communities
 - Learn what is important from the other point of view
 - Easier and faster access to the top researchers and a literature insight from distinct fields
 - Better understanding of modelling approaches
 - Increased awareness that a cross-disciplinary approach is necessary to bring the evolution and to close current research gaps in the field of policy modelling

Experiences from working across distinct disciplines and internationally (2/2)



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❖ Challenges encountered

- Collaboration teams difficult to meet due to differences in time zones and different scheduling of conferences across different communities
- Differences in understanding key terms and concepts due to multiple disciplines involved
- Differences in cultural approaches to research and development due to internationalisation
- Collaboration is dependent on the willingness of individuals to accept a distinct approach and understanding from another discipline



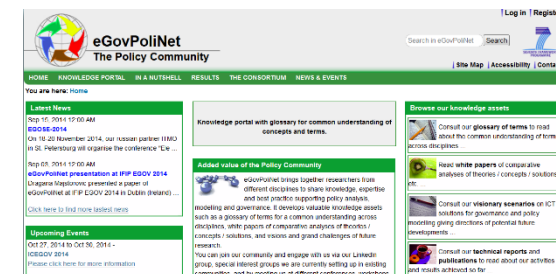
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Join eGovPoliNet. How?

- ❖ LinkedIn group 'Policy-making 2.0'
 - over 2100 members and growing
 - ❖ Members: policy-makers and academia
 - Discussions on relevant topics
 - Announcements
 - <https://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4165795>
- ❖ Knowledge portal
 - Continuing and enriching Crossover portal of cases
 - Knowledge assets: Case studies, projects, who-is-who research papers (white papers)
 - Add yourself and your work to the database
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