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Brief Introduction to OCOPOMO

OCOPOMO provides an innovative "off the mainstream" bottom-up approach to policy modelling, combined with advanced ICT tools and techniques supporting open collaboration. The project will develop an ICT-based environment integrating lessons and practical techniques from complexity science, agent based social simulation, foresight scenario analysis and stakeholder participation in order to formulate and monitor social policies to be adopted at several levels of government. The project is co-funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Program, Theme 7.3 (ICT

Project meetings

Kick-off meeting in Koblenz



The OCOPOMO kick-off meeting took place in the premises of the University of Koblenz-Landau on 3-5 February 2010. It has been an opportunity to introduce each other, present an overview of the work to be done in the first part of the project, and to share and discuss key issues for the successful development of the project.

Apart from management issues, the main topics discussed have been the user requirement analysis. Users in the context of OCOPOMO are at first place the regional administrations participating in the project consortium, relevant stakeholders from the policy cases, as well as the policy modelling and scenario process design experts.

Second project meeting in Warsaw



The second project meeting has been hosted in the premises of the University of Warsaw on 16-17 of June 2010. This meeting mainly served to finalize the 1st stage of the project, i.e. the user requirements analysis (resulting in the completion of the first deliverable D 1.1) and to start with the policy modeling and scenario design as well as Architectural design of IT solutions to be developed in the project.

Study visits to Kosice and Naples



Kosice self-governing region map

Two pilot study visits have been scheduled in the first half year of OCOPOMO, one in the Kosice Self-governing Region (KSR, Slovakia) and the other one in Campania (Italy).

The KSR policy case has been agreed to deal with the Strategy for use of renewable energy resources.



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for Governance and Policy Modelling).

This newsletter is the first in a row. It aims at staying in touch with relevant stakeholders and providing updates about the project developments. In addition, interesting and relevant news and articles in the context of policy modeling supported by innovative ICT tools can be posted here as well. Interested parties shall contact the dissemination manager Claudio Delrio (c.delrio@re-lab.it), if you wish to publish such relevant information through our newsletter!

Best regards,

The OCOPOMO consortium

OCOPOMO in social networks

The online presence of OCOPOMO-Open Collaboration for policy modelling has grown significantly over the last three months, particularly into relevant social networks. To date, OCOPOMO has established a facebook group, a blog and a LinkedIn group. Such groups aim at sharing information on open collaboration in policy modelling, particularly in relation to OCOPOMO project development with



Campania
Region
and Italy
map

The Campania Region policy case intends to support in policy decisions in respect to EU Structural funds in the region. The two study visits involved project partners and representatives of Kosice and Campania Regional administrations. They have been carried out between March and April 2010.

The study visits have allowed the project partners to present the project objectives and expected results to the policy case partners and local environment, and to gain invaluable insights on the functioning as well as on the overall structure of the regional administrations participating in the project. Foremost, the visits served to gather information and to carry out first discussions about the scope of the pilot cases and expectations of the regional administrations involved regarding OCOPOMO. Both representatives of regional administrations and other OCOPOMO project partners have reckoned the outcomes of the study visits carried out very satisfactory.

OCOPOMO presented at...



... the IRIS - International symposium on legal informatics. The symposium took place at the Law Faculty of the University of Salzburg, Austria, on 25 -27 February 2010. The theme of the conference has been: "Global Security and Proactive State in the Economic Context". The symposium brought together leading experts from research and practice in the fields of e-government, legal informatics and e-participation in the German-speaking area. Maria Wimmer, the project coordinator, presented the project outline.



... the conference on E-Government and Legal Informatics (FTVI & FTRI 2010), which was organised by the Working Group on ICT in law and government of the German Society for Informatics (GI). Attendees were experts from research and government practice from German-speaking areas. Maria Wimmer, the project coordinator, presented the project outline.



... the Samos Summit on ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling, which has been organized by the CROSSROAD project on July 13, 2010. Scott Moss has presented the Scientific Rationale of the OCOPOMO project: policy modelling and scenarios.



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stakeholders. In the very first days of existence (8/06/2010), the Facebook group has already gathered 18 fans, the LinkedIn group has 25 members and the blog has already 3 posts with comments from stakeholders.

Stay tuned for more updates!



Register to our
Facebook group:
www.facebook.com

Register to our LinkedIn
group:
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups>



Consult the blog at
<http://ocopomoproject.blogspot.com/>



... the CROSSROAD workshop at the 9th international IFIP EGOV conference in Lausanne (Switzerland). The IFIP EGOV conference and the co-located ePart conference took place 30th August till 2nd September 2010. The conferences attracted about 150 participants, mostly from academia. Maria Wimmer, coordinator of OCOPOMO, presented the project in the workshop of CROSSROAD.



... the consultation Workshop on FP7 WP2011-2012 ICT for governance & policy modeling, which has been organized by the European Commission, DG Information Society and Media Unit H2 - ICT for Government and Public Services in order to defining the new focus on "ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling" as part of the 2009-2010 FP7 Work Programme. Maria Wimmer, coordinator of OCOPOMO, participated in the workshop.

Stakeholders' requirement analysis

A first research report has been released by the OCOPOMO consortium. It describes the stakeholders identified in each of the pilot cases (Kosice Self-governing Region and Campania Region), their requirements for the policy modelling, scenario processes and the integrated ICT toolbox supporting policy modelling and collaborative scenario development. Moreover, it outlines the way in which the OCOPOMO approach will be applied in these two pilot cases.

The first pilot case applies to Kosice Self-governing Region (KSR) and will deal with utilisation of renewable energy sources. Basic focus is set on issues of heating and possibilities of energy savings in this area. The second pilot case applies to Campania Region and structural funds enforcing competitiveness and cohesion. Knowledge transfer and its impact on SME's development will be put in the spotlight. For KSR two groups of stakeholders were defined: internal stakeholders (KSR authorities along with the related entities) and external stakeholders at different levels, i.e., international (European Union), national (Slovak government) and regional (energy producers, energy consumers, NGOs etc.). For Campania Region, the following stakeholders were identified: policy makers, authorities managing structural funds, funding beneficiaries and end users (NGOs, citizens, companies etc.).

Based on this analysis, requirements have been defined. The requirements are the basis for the subsequent activities in policy modelling and the OCOPOMO platform design. They shall guarantee the quality and usefulness of the tools to be designed to fulfill the OCOPOMO objectives.



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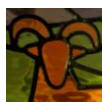
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