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OCOPOMO in a nutshell

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 for Governance and Policy Modelling).

Open Governments in Policy Development and OCOPOMO

The Open government movement is encouraging the following shifts:

- That internet based social platforms can provide direct participation in government
- That internet technologies can enable the transformation of government to embrace these open principles

(US government domain task force, 2011, http://gov.omg.org/gov-wg-opengov.htm)

To address these challenges, OCOPOMO is developing better ICT support for open collaboration in policy modeling. The approach combines existing e-participation tools, collaborative scenario generation and formal policy modelling to evaluate and explore policies. It will be based on an interactive platform that allows absorbing the cumulative knowledge of stakeholders in order to better ground and qualify public decisions. The results will support decision-makers in elaborating strategies addressing policy issues.

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This newsletter aims at staying in touch with relevant stakeholders and at 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

Interest from stakeholders

Here is a feedback we have received from a regional authority based in Cyprus

"Thank you for sending the OCOPOMO project. I find this project particularly interesting as I do work in regional government and in addition deal with European Programmes. I look forward to seeing more of the pilot policy modelling and scenario generation.

OCOPOMO presented at…

The Institute for IS Research organizes its annual egovday in Koblenz, which attracts mostly practitioners in the region and creates a platform of exchange between research and practice. Maria Wimmer presented the OCOPOMO project and the approach for ICT support in scenario-based policy modelling.

One Stop Europe, held in Ludwigsburg from April 14th to May 15th, focused on Citizen services in E-Government. The conference was organised by Hochschule Ludwigsburg. It provided a platform of exchange and dialogue with practice in the Baden-Württemberg region, with national and international participation. Maria Wimmer presented OCOPOMO's approach (presentation in English available here).

IST-Africa 2011 on May 11th-13th has focused on the Role of ICT for Africa's Development and specifically on Applied ICT research topics addressing major societal and economic challenges, which is part of the European Commission's ICT Theme of FP7. The goals of the IST-Africa Conference Series are Community Building to facilitate EU-African research cooperation and successful exploitation of research results. Melanie Bicking will present a paper on eParticipation, which is related to the online stakeholder involvement activities of OCOPOMO.

The 2011 IEEE International Conference on Networking, Sensing and Control (ICNSC – Delft, April 11th-13th) focused on "Next Generation Infrastructures" as the backbone of the economy and society. Especially the network bound infrastructures operated by public utilities and network industries provide essential services that are enabling for almost every economic and social activity. This conference provides a remarkable opportunity for the academic and industrial community to address new challenges and share solutions, and discuss future research directions in the area of next generation

I have browsed through the website and the blogspot. I think there are some very good ideas in there especially on the side of forecasting best case scenarios in strategic planning as a means of ensuring policy impact. Some examples on the practical side on spatial planning are greatly anticipated!"

OCOPOMO in social networks: updated figures

The online presence of OCOPOMO-Open Collaboration for policy modelling, has grown significantly over the last months, particularly into relevant social networks. To date, the LinkedIn group has 61 members (+22% since our last issued newsletter) and the blog has already 16 posts with comments from stakeholders. The Facebook group adds a further crossmedia dimension to the project's dissemination activities: 41 (+37%) members, links, additional information.

infrastructures. Melanie Bicking will present a paper on OCOPOMO.

The aim of the tGov workshop in West London (March 17th and 18th) was to provide a common platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and present original research highlighting issues related with technical, organisational, managerial and socioeconomic aspects of both (e) and (t)-government implementation and adoption.

Papers in the workshop addressed theoretical analysis, empirical research, or case studies to get a deeper insight into issues surrounding the use of ICT to achieve better government. Maria Wimmer presented a paper on OCOPOMO

The annual symposium on legal informatics has been organized this year in February in Salzburg to discuss advancements in e-government, e-participation and legal informatics. Maria Wimmer gave a presentation of OCOPOMO in the e-government track of the conference.

The conference took place in Bhubaneswar, India, from February 9th to February 12th. Maria Wimmer, project coordinator, has presented OCOPOMO at an event which has become a platform for Computer Science researchers from India and all over the world to exchange research results and ideas on the foundations and applications in the production, processing and dissemination of knowledge.

ICDCIT 2011

7TH INTERNATIONA; CONFERENCE ON DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING AND INTERNET TECHNOLOGY

Collaborative Scenario Building For Policy Modelling in OCOPOMO

OCOPOMO approach contributes to more trustworthiness and active participation of stakeholders in the policy development process.
The following scheme intends to illustrate the foreseen process of policy modelling with the support of stakeholders.

At a glance, here are OCOPOMO's social pages:

Register to our Facebook group:
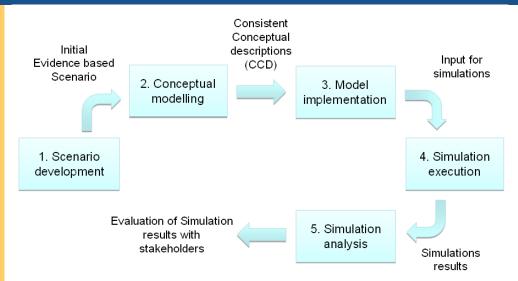
http://on.fb.me/bie60r

Register to our LinkedIN group:

http://linkd.in/9yG3qv

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

Stay tuned for more updates!

1. Scenario development
Project partners, relying on input of stakeholders, collect information describing a policy issue. This leads to the elaboration of initial evidence-based scenarios.

2. Conceptual modelling
Project partners, also thanks to annotation facilities, translate initial scenarios into consistent conceptual descriptions (CCD) i.e. formal representations of policy issues mapping specific characteristics of actors, actions, facts, if-then-else rules, conditions...

3. Model implementation
Software developers transform consistent conceptual descriptions into programming language, in order to run simulations

4. Simulation execution
agent based simulations (where machines simulate the interactions of multiple agents) are executed. Reports of simulations are generated by the systems and represented through data visualization techniques.

5. Simulation analysis
Project partners evaluate and compare results of simulations, i.e. Model-based scenarios, with stakeholders, against initial evidence-based scenarios

Do not hesitate to contact us for further information...

On the agenda: upcoming meetings

Technical & project meeting in Kosice – 23-25 June 2011

The main objectives of the 4th project meeting are to discuss, progress and plan work to be done in the running WPs. Furthermore, the Implementation of IT platform components, Policy Modelling and Scenario Process Implementation, Project Management and discussion of its review outcomes, dissemination and exploitation plans.

Among the main objectives of the technical meeting, instead, there is the need to discuss the current status and next activities in implementing the ICT platform to prepare for next phase (the piloting). In fact, present partners TUK, IS, SMA and UKL will report back from the workshops with pilot cases KSR and London Housing.

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Volterra Consulting	www.volterra.co.uk
University of Warsaw	www.iss.uw.edu.pl
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Scott Moss Associates	www.scott.moss.name
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