Research Challenges for Future eGovernment

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Panel description

Today, Information Society forces not only the business sector, but also governments all over the world to improve their operation in order to become more efficient and effective. Modern ICT heavily impacts and shapes Government activities in order to enable governments to cooperate with society, citizens, businesses and with other government agencies within countries and across borders in a more efficient and effective way.

Many strategic documents and initiatives have been launched in order to achieve more efficient government at the European level. Furthermore, a great deal of research is already going on in eGovernment related research. One of the EC-funded projects, eGOVRTD2020, aims at identifying future research themes for eGovernment, and measures to implement these research topics.

In order to understand future eGovernment research, there is a need to carefully analyze the deficiencies of current research in respect to future needs. Within eGovRTD2020, future scenarios of governments interacting with its constituency (citizens, companies, other governments, other institutions) via ICT have been
developed. Based on a current state of play research, a comparison among current research and future needs has elicited a number of challenges and deficiencies for research. Based on these insights, a research roadmap for eGovernment has been developed, proposing as well measures to implement the research. Apart from that, a discussion of consequences and impacts if such research is not being carried out is provided.

At the beginning of the panel, the results of this project will be presented briefly – the book as the overall document of the results of the project will be handed over to the EC representative.

The representative of the EC will respond with a view on research options and funding mechanisms in the 7th framework programme.

Subsequently, the panel discussion will be focusing on the exchange of experiences from different eGovernment related research projects aiming at defining future eGovernment research actions in order to spur eGovernment innovation and developments.

Presentations and interventions from related projects are scheduled as follows:
- eGovernet (David Osimo, IPTS Spain)
- TNO/DTI study (Jeremy Millard, DTI Denmark)
- Eastern European Study (ECEG, Hungary)
- Rural eGOV project (Andreja Pucihar, Slovenia)

While discussion will be instigated by the panel members, the nature of the panel is to encourage and moderate the exchange of experience and perspectives between the panelists and the audience. This panel is expected to contribute to policy agendas. The results of the discussion will be provided as a report on the eGovRTD2020 project website (http://www.egovrtd2020.org/).

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