eGovPoliNet
Building a global multidisciplinary digital governance and policy modelling research and practice community

eGovPoliNet
The Policy Community

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Current challenges in dealing with economic & societal variability

- Inappropriate ICT support in foresights, especially in long-term policy planning
- Lack/inability of managing complexity in strategic planning and policy making in complex socioeconomic environments
- Lack of open collaboration and lack of transparency in identifying the crucial features of complex social and macroeconomic models to simulate potential alternative policies
- Ignorance of the need for e-participation and other forms of ICT-enabled efficient collaboration of communities of stakeholders relevant to the given policy area

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Current challenges in dealing with economic & societal variability

- Lack of focus on developing, visualizing and simulating appropriate policy models to enable
  - better management of socio-economic developments
  - identification of interdependencies that result in complex social and economic relations likely to affect future developments
- Lack of comprehensive IT solutions to support
  - policy modelling and simulation
  - collaboration among
    - policy analysts and policy operators
    - wider interest groups
    - general public

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Strategic backgrounds and status quo

- Significant societal transitions and drastic changes in economy, climate and demography currently affect societies and social behavior around the globe
- This will bring about longer-term transformations that have to be mastered and steered well ahead in time
- Several projects are funded
  - to respond to challenges and bring forward solutions to
    - deploy innovative ICTs to support open governance
    - facilitate policy development through innovative ICT support
  - to foster disciplinary integration and multi-disciplinary problem solving

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Strategic backgrounds and status quo

- Overcome traditional fragmentation of research efforts through consolidation, community building, and integration
- Effort made to
  - bring researchers and practitioners together
  - establish respective communities that
    - span across the globe
    - exchange and learn from each other's approaches
    - discuss advancements / future grand challenges

eGovPoliNet fosters co-operation and coordination of research and practice to address issues that could not be solved alone.

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Overarching objective of eGovPoliNet

- Strengthen scientific, technological and social research and practice excellence in digital public governance and policy modelling by
  - integrating the research and practice capacities of individuals and organisations spread across Europe and worldwide
  - including lessons and innovative approaches of the existing projects and future projects
    - to be funded along the thematic priority of the EC FP 7 calls 4 and 7, as well as
    - research and practical projects from all over the world

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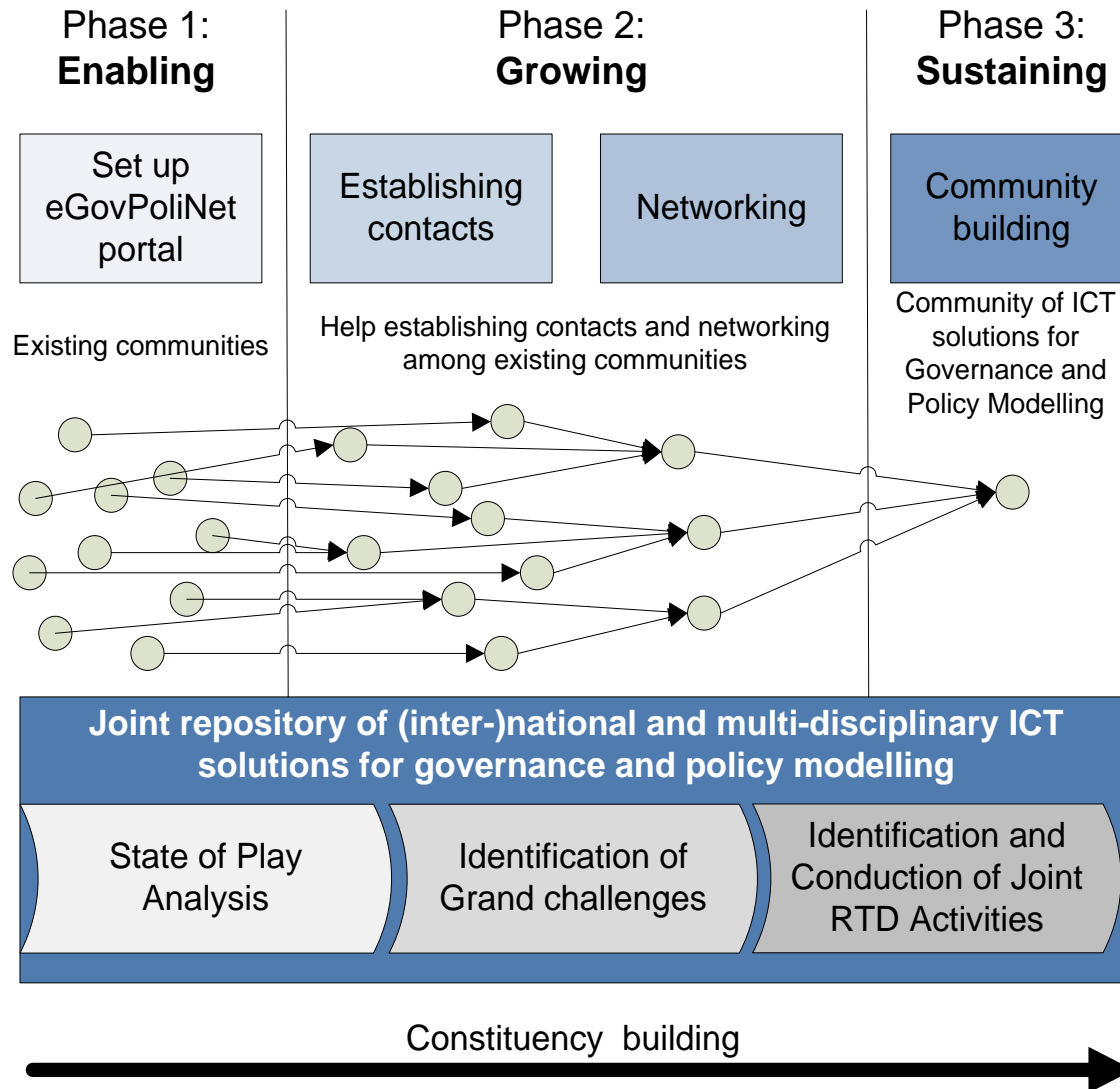EUROPEAN REGIONAL
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eGovPoliNet's more detailed objectives

- Establish an international research and practice community in ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling

- Achieve a lasting integration of the currently existing fragmentation across disciplines

- Stimulate joint research and practice in eGovPoliNet's agreed research areas

- Disseminate eGovPoliNet research and practice amongst public governance and policy modelling stakeholders

- Provide a barometer of effectiveness of research and practice for public governance and policy modelling in Europe and worldwide (International Knowledge Base)

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Concept of eGovPoliNet an evolving international community building

Phase 1: **Enabling**	Phase 2: **Growing**	Phase 3: **Sustaining**

Set up eGovPoliNet portal	Establishing contacts	Networking	Community building

Existing communities

Help establishing contacts and networking among existing communities

Community of ICT solutions for Governance and Policy Modelling

Joint repository of (inter-)national and multi-disciplinary ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling

State of Play Analysis	Identification of Grand challenges	Identification and Conduction of Joint RTD Activities

Constituency building

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The instruments of the Policy Community

- Community Platform with advanced social media and web 2.0 tools
- Knowledge Platform
- Set of cooperation frameworks
- Grand Challenges
- Reference Point for strategic bodies
- Network for joint research and practice projects

Establishing a network

- Organisation of community events to exchange and interchange ideas
- Bringing together research, practice and ICT industry
- Social and professional network analysis
- Organisation of learning journeys
- Periodic issuance of policy briefs as conclusive outcomes from regular eGovPoliNet disscussions.

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Community's knowledge portal

- Single, searchable repository with open access for researchers and practitioners in the field intending the organisation of relevant information and knowledge from many different sources

- Frequently updated and summarising relevant theories and practices in major categories

- Providing an IT dashboard for major technology projects

- Identifying key stakeholders and assistance recipients

- Linking to major programs, procurement information and related resources

- Encouraging researchers, businesses, civic organisations, and individuals to make innovative use of the collectively gathered and provided information for their own purposes

Studies and comparative analysis

- Highlighting the core findings and results, rather than just project outputs, of the projects and research disseminated through the eGovPoliNet community, to seek feedback, validation and application

- Establishing a shared foundation, or a body of knowledge, among community members regardless of their disciplinary orientation

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Join the Network

- There are significant challenges for governance in future
- Together we can substantially contribute to advance the field of ICT solutions for governance and policy modelling in order to improve economic growth and social welfare
- Governance and policy modelling demands
  - urgently to provide appropriate support through appropriate governance and policy models, process flows and analytical tools
  - to properly understand, interpret, visualise and harness the potential offered by collaborative on-line tools in the governance and policy modelling context
  - effective and efficient social, economic and environmental modelling and simulation tools and technologies ensuring reliability and validity

Your benefits in joining the community

- Join a platform to share and exchange knowledge and ideas, to network and to build a constituency in ICT for governance and policy modelling
- Get access to groups of experts in the field
  - from policy making, academia, industry and government
- Meet in international events to share and discuss theories, methods and practical solutions on ICT for governance and policy modelling

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Your benefits in joining the community

- eGovPoliNet's added value lies in
  - bridging different communities of expertise around the globe
  - Collecting and investigating cases of policy analysis, policy development and policy evaluation
  - provide insights, knowledge access as well as lessons and good practice understanding. For this purpose, the Policy Community will build up a free virtual space to share expertise and to meet.

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Your role in the community

- Share your knowledge and ideas, expertise and feedbacks on your policy cases, the methods, technologies and theories used and discuss them with a distinct group of experts from different disciplines and practical backgrounds
- Contribute to the community activities and knowledge generation to advance the field in research and practice

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