

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS ON “Future Research on ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling”

An International Competition

As Governments are committing more effort to understand an increasingly interdependent and complex world, citizens demand more openness, transparency and commitment to results - within or after the financial crisis. Moreover, citizens are becoming increasingly vocal in monitoring and influencing policy decisions, through the new media. Along these ways of evolution, future scenarios in ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling are promising to reach the target of a better, participative, evidence-based and timely governance, while taming greater complexity and attracting citizens' involvement.

In this context, the CROSSROAD project (<http://www.crossroad-eu.net>), a Support Action funded by the European Commission, aims to deliver a **Research Roadmap on ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling**, which will be supported by the contribution of the results deriving from other FP7 projects in this domain and by the involvement of the research community. Lasting the whole of 2010, CROSSROAD will create a shared vision to support policy and research in this area.

Objective

With this call for contributions, CROSSROAD aims to attract high-quality innovative contributions that depict sound positions and views for: (a) new research fields, (b) state of the art, (c) innovative scenarios and applications, thus addressing some or all of the following questions:

- What is the state of the art of the specific research field (see below)?
- Why is research in the proposed field important in relation to ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling?
- Which are the necessary research activities to be carried out? Which scientific gaps are they addressing?
- Taking into account the complexity of the topic, which multidisciplinary aspects in this research field are essential for the support of novel governance practices?
- What applications could be envisaged by 2020, based on the research activities described? Which is the anticipated benefit of the proposed research field?

Research fields

Position papers should cover (without being limited to) the following research fields:

- Collaborative Policy Modelling, Visualization and Simulation
- Social Networks, Citizens Engagement and Inclusion
- Open Government Information & Intelligence for Transparency
- Future Internet for Collaborative Governance
- Identity, Security and Trust in Governance

New fields of ICT research for Governance and Policy Modelling are being especially sought for.

While the main focus of the contributions is ICT research, the submission of position papers dealing with other related disciplines, such as computer science, engineering, mathematics, statistics, economics, sociology, political sciences, law and services is also encouraged.

Award Scheme:

Authors of up to 5 best papers of this call will be invited to join the CROSSROAD Expert Scientific Committee. Members of this committee have a key role in providing their expertise in specific research areas, in participating in the various workshops that will be conducted during the project, and in presenting their comments and feedback to the project's draft deliverables.

Beside the prestige and the opportunity to shape the EU research agenda, each member of the Expert Scientific Committee will receive a lump sum of 2,500 EUR for participation in the activities of the project.

Submission Guidelines:

All submissions must be between 2,000 and 3,000 words, following the LNCS format at: http://www.springer.com/cda/content/document/cda_downloaddocument/word.zip?SGWID=0-0-45-72919-0

Please submit your contribution via e-mail to crossroad@epu.ntua.gr together with a short biographical (150 words) note for each of the authors.

Important Dates:

Deadline for submission of position papers: **25th February 2010**

Announcement of results and best papers: **25st March 2010**

More information can be found at www.crossroad-eu.net

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