



DEMO-net

Associated Member Survey

Dear Associated DEMO-net member

Thank you for joining DEMO-net! As you know, the Network of Excellence (NoE) has been established by the European Commission to map current research and define future policies in the field of eParticipation. The ultimate aim of the research is to enable broader and more informed participation in the policy making process.

DEMO-net would like to increase associated members' integration into the network. In order to do so, we would ask you to answer this questionnaire to help us develop a better understanding of your competence, current activities, and interests in further collaboration in the eParticipation area. This questionnaire has been designed to create a roadmap of associate members in the area of eParticipation so that we can discover how you and/or

your group is:

1.0 researching certain aspects of eParticipation

2.0 conducting eParticipation by

2.1 building and running eParticipation projects

2.2 studying and observing eParticipation projects

3.0 involved in certain academic domains

4.0 your interests in increased integration in the DEMO-net network

We will also ask your help in identifying organisations that are active in research or other types of work that involve eParticipation.

Thank you for taking this survey.

1.0 On which aspects of eParticipation is your group researching?

(please check all that apply)

- (1) **Inclusive eParticipation** - focuses on the growing multi-cultural and multi-ethnic shape of our society and the need for inclusion in public engagement. It will consider how on-going research into e-inclusion can be of benefit to eParticipation and what other research needs to be undertaken to realise inclusive eParticipation. Also the role of the mass media and public sector broadcasters as a trusted intermediaries needs to be considered.
- (18) **Quality and Impact of eParticipation** - focuses on how eParticipation applications may be affecting democracy by changing existing practice, and effecting it as they become new instruments for achieving democracy. It seeks to integrate criteria and methods for assessing eParticipation initiatives in terms of their impact on democracy, their planning of public engagement and quality of the tools provided for public engagement.
- (3) **Understanding the conversation and supporting deliberation** - focuses on understanding how to enhance and use knowledge technologies to support eParticipation. It is concerned with the potential for combining techniques from data mining, argument mapping, social networking, discourse analysis and ontological engineering in order to investigate whether such a combination of methods and tools has the potential to support open dialogue and public deliberation across a range of conversational platforms including blogs and discussion forums.
- (4) **Representatives and eParticipation** - is concerned with the elected representative who has, to date, stayed at the periphery of eParticipation. The research will investigate how to provide answers concerning the relevance and added value of eParticipation to both motivate and engage the politician. There is a need to understand what politicians think about eParticipation, how they are talking about eParticipation and how they use the technology.
- (19) **ICT Social networks and eParticipation** - investigates how formal consultations are taken up by the public sphere, i.e. where civil society discusses the formal consultation issues at non-government sites. Previous eParticipation research has treated online consultations as discrete sites and have analysed contributions and interactions within these discrete sites. Building on this work, DEMO-net research will analyse how effectively online consultations are inter-connected with other sites of discussion on the same public-policy issues. It will also look for evidence of how discussion and opinion flow in and across these sites.

- (23) **Cultural and normative differences regarding intensity of participatory** -is concerned with the cultural differences across Europe which are reflected in different styles of public engagement in politics.
- (17) Other (please specify) _____

2 Which research activities are your group conducting? (select and describe all that apply)

- a) Inclusive eParticipation
- (1) Theoretical development _____
 - (2) Methodological development _____
 - (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
 - (4) Surveys/ quantitative approaches _____
 - (5) Software development _____
 - (6) Consultancy work _____
 - (7) Other (please specify) _____
- b) Quality and impact of eParticipation
- (1) Theoretical development _____
 - (2) Methodological development _____
 - (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
 - (4) Surveys/ quantitative approaches _____
 - (5) Software development _____
 - (6) Consultancy work _____
 - (7) Other (please specify) _____
- c) Understanding the conversation and supporting deliberation
- (1) Theoretical development _____
 - (2) Methodological development _____
 - (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
 - (4) Surveys/ quantitative approaches _____
 - (5) Software development _____
 - (6) Consultancy work _____
 - (7) Other (please specify) _____
- d) Representativeness and eParticipation
- (1) Theoretical development _____
 - (2) Methodological development _____

- (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
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- (5) Software development _____
- (6) Consultancy work _____
- (7) Other (please specify) _____

e) Social networks and
eParticipation

- (1) Theoretical development _____
- (2) Methodological development _____
- (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
- (4) Surveys/ quantitative approaches _____
- (5) Software development _____
- (6) Consultancy work _____
- (7) Other (please specify) _____

f) Cultural and normative
differences regarding
intensity of participation

- (1) Theoretical development _____
- (2) Methodological development _____
- (3) Case studies/qualitative approaches _____
- (4) Surveys/ quantitative approaches _____
- (5) Software development _____
- (6) Consultancy work _____
- (7) Other (please specify) _____

3 Please answer the following questions about how you would like to be involved in DEMO-

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b) Quality and Impact of
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c) Understanding the
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e) Social networks and
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g) Other (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) _____

4.0 Please answer the following open ended questions about how, when, and where your research and/or work in eParticipation is funded and disseminated.

4.1 When did you and/or your group start research in the eParticipation domain (MM/YYYY)? _____

4.2 Which bodies/organisations _____

financially support your
eParticipation work?

4.3 At which conferences do
your or your group present _____
your eParticipation work?

4.4 In which journals do you
or your group publish your _____
eParticipation work?

4.6 Please supply contact
details of all the organisations
you know who are
researching eParticipation.
Please include as many as
you can. _____

For each organisation, please
supply the name of the
organisation and the web site
URL, and the contact name
and e-mail address.

Thank you for taking this survey.

Your answers are valuable and will contribute to improving

collaborative activities in DEMO-net.
