CALL FOR SHORT PAPERS

Smart Digital Governance for Global Sustainability

PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 1 JUNE 2021
1. INTRODUCTION

The 14th edition of the International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance – ICEGOV 2021 – focuses on Smart Digital Governance for Global Sustainability in a challenging social, political, economic, and environmental world. For over half a century, digital governance, or the application of information and communication technologies (ICT) in public administration and society, has allowed governments to change how they make decisions, engage with stakeholders, operate, produce, and provide public services. The opportunities of digital governance have been emphasised by past and current crisis, as a way to manage pandemic, economic and environmental emergencies and recovery, but also to address social and political challenges faced in a rapidly changing world.

The conference is now accepting the submission of short papers, through this Special Call, until 1 JUNE 2021.

Short papers are primarily composed of work in progress, reports, recent developments or presentations of new ideas and initiatives with the potential to contribute to Digital Government research and practice. Indicatively, they should include the following sections (more as content than as exact titles) and cannot exceed four pages. The presentation time for these papers is 15 minutes (including Q&A from the audience).

- Title and Abstract (up to 150 words)
- Introduction / Background / Aims and objectives of the study
- Approach / Results
- Conclusions / Further Work
- References

Short papers may be submitted to three different tracks, which description is below, targeting different types of authors. Additionally, the submission of papers for the remainder of the conference tracks (1 to 11) is also open until 1 JUNE 2021. For more information about each Track and the respective Chairs, please see this page:

- Track 1 | Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things in governance
- Track 2 | Distributed ledgers and Blockchain technologies in governance
- Track 3 | Privacy, security, legal informatics, and ethics in digital governance
- Track 4 | Bridging research and practice in governance and policy-making
- Track 5 | Digital governance and geographic inequalities
- Track 6 | Digital governance assessment methods
- Track 7 | Digital transformation of public services and administration
- Track 8 | Open and collaborative governance
- Track 9 | Smart sustainable cities, regions, and communities
- Track 10 | Digital Governance in light of social, political, economic, and environmental crises
- Track 11 | Doctoral Colloquium
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TRACK 12 | Industry and Public Sector [short papers]

ICEGOV 2021 welcomes the participation of representatives from the public sector, industry, and international organisations to present recent developments, public sector projects and applications, innovative products or services, practical experiences, or research and development efforts related to the conference theme and tracks that have high reusability potential in the public sector. This track welcomes policy papers that are synthetic documents designed to enable outreach and impact, stemming from case studies, research projects, or other successful digital governance attempts in the public sector, written to include non-specialised audiences. Submitted papers should be a form of a report designed to facilitate policy-making, enclosing relevant findings and recommendations for the theory and practice in digital governance. Papers should provide enough background for the reader to understand the problem and convince them about its importance.

TRACK 13 | Poster Exhibition [short papers]

The conference also welcomes short papers to describe ongoing work, including new project ideas, initial results, open questions, development plans, etc., with the potential to contribute to Digital Government research and practice. Accepted papers for this track will be presented during the Poster Exhibition to stimulate discussion, create research-practice and research-policy connections, provide feedback to the authors, and nourish opportunities for international, multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral collaboration.

TRACK 14 | Digital Governance, COVID-19 and post-pandemic challenges [short papers]

After more than a year of experience of the COVID-19 crisis, we have many reasons for reflecting on deep questions that challenged pre-existing social, political, economic, and/or environmental situations. The pandemic has fundamentally altered many aspects of our life and society with both short-term and likely long-term effects. The public managers have needed to rethink their role for the “new normal”, and new critical challenges have emerged from different perspectives.

Digital technologies have contributed significantly to managing the challenges posed by the pandemic by enabling digital transactions of citizens and businesses with government agencies, teleworking of public servants, and remote cooperation among government agencies. COVID-19 was a strong drive for the further development of digital governance and the advancement of the digital transformation of government. Furthermore, the use of digital technologies in government are expected to be of critical importance for managing the challenges (economic, social, political) of the post-pandemic period.

Track 14 at ICEGOV welcome submissions that bring first findings of ongoing research, as well as reflections and critical points of view, concerning the use of digital technologies and the development of digital governance for the management of the challenges of both the COVID-19 period and also of the following post-pandemic period.

- Use of digital technologies in government and digital governance development for enabling and supporting social distancing.
- Use of digital technologies in government for addressing the economic, social, and political challenges of the post-pandemic period.
- Problems, challenges, critical success factors, and lessons learnt during the pandemic.
2. HOW TO SUBMIT

For full instructions on how to prepare and submit your paper for ICEGOV 2021, please follow the instructions available here:

[How to submit]

3. PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Conference Proceedings

All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings on the condition that at least one author attends the conference and presents the paper. The proceedings are published by ACM Press as part of the International Conference Proceedings Series (ICPS), in digital format only, under the following reference: Loukis, Euripidis; Macadar, Marie Anne; Meyerhoff Nielsen, Morten (eds.). Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance (ICEGOV 2021). New York: ACM Press, 2021. ISBN: 978-1-4503-9011-8. As in previous years, it is expected that the published papers are indexed in Scopus, Web of Science, and DBLP – Computer Science Bibliography, among others. Currently, the conference acceptance rate is 36%.

Government Information Quarterly

After the conference, a number of papers will be carefully selected by the Programme Committee Chairs for publication in Government Information Quarterly by Elsevier. GIQ is an international journal that examines the intersection of policy, information technology, government, and the public. In particular, GIQ focuses on how policies affect government information flows and the availability of government information; the use of technology to create and provide innovative government services; the impact of information technology on the relationship between the governed and those governing; and the increasing significance of information policies and information technology in relation to democratic practices.

The authors who accept will be required to greatly expand and improve their articles before publication. As the leading journal in the field, GIQ seeks to publish high quality scholarly research, viewpoint articles and editorials that inform both researchers and practitioners regarding the relationship between policy, information technology, government, and the public.

Metrics*

- CiteScore: 10.3
- Impact Factor: 5.098
- 5-Year Impact Factor: 6.411
- Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP): 3.075
- SCImago Journal Rank (SJR): 1.915

*according to the publisher

Best Paper Awards

The goal of the ICEGOV Best Paper Awards is to acknowledge excellent research performed by the authors whose papers have been accepted and presented at the conference. The award consists of a certificate (printed or digital), together with a symbolic gift, usually a cultural object from the conference’s host country. The certificate and the gift are delivered to the first author of the winning paper.
paper by the Awards Committee Chair during the conference’s closing ceremony. A total of four papers categories are awarded at ICEGOV:

- Best Research Paper
- Best Ongoing Research Paper
- Best Short Paper
- Best Poster

For more information regarding the eligibility criteria, selection process and the awards committee, please download the ICEGOV Best Paper Awards Policy, available here:

Best Paper Awards Policy

4. CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Besides the presentation of papers by the authors during the parallel Paper Sessions (morning and afternoon), the conference programme will also include Roundtable Sessions (morning and afternoon), which are run by renowned organisations with relevant work on the field. Additionally, a set of high-profile Keynote Lectures and Plenaries will also take place. These sessions start and end each day, during which there are no other parallel sessions. Finally, a number of social events are planned, such as the Welcome Reception, Poster Exhibition, and Conference Dinner.

The full conference programme, including speakers, will be gradually announced in the upcoming months and available here:

icegov.org

We look forward to meeting you in Athens in October 2021!

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