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Conference on Electronic Democracy EDEM 2011

**Sept. 8-9, 2011 University of Economics and Business
Administration, Vienna**

<http://edem2011.ocg.at>

<http://e-voting.at>

Conference Outline

eDemocracy applications have matured covering an ever increasing range of applications, ranging from transparency and information, discussion, deliberation and consultation projects to decision-making and voting, thus encompassing the entire democratic process. A critical reflection of the experience made is indicated:

- ◆ How can eDemocracy support and enrich our democracy and not leave participants disenfranchised?
- ◆ How can the Internet increase citizen participation in political decision-making?
- ◆ Where and how can eDemocracy mechanisms and systems be used in the administrative process?
- ◆ What are the limitations and the risks of eDemocracy? This not only concerns obvious technical risks, but also issues in project management, inclusion, acceptance and effectiveness.
- ◆ What and where are the interfaces, what methods can be used to integrate eParticipation in present public administration processes?
- ◆ How can we ensure that the greatest number of people are reached and are able to use the means of participation?
- ◆ How can the modern media support political education?
- ◆ As a special topic the conference will deal with the new European Citizens' Initiative enabled by the Treaty of Lisbon, which creates a unique means for EU citizens to participate on the European level.

EDEM 2011 presents the unique opportunity to discuss these questions and find possible answers. During the conference experience will be shared, examples of good (and maybe not so good) practice analysed, the State-of-the-Art and future scenarios will be presented and discussed.

Areas of Interest

We are looking for contributions on all areas and levels of electronic democracy and participation systems. Concrete projects can also be submitted, and, if accepted, would be presented as examples of “hands-on” demonstrations of eDemocracy and eParticipation.

The conference language is English.

We invite individuals from academic and practical backgrounds as well as public administration officials, representatives from public bodies, NGOs, educational institutions and independent organisations, to submit their contributions.

Deadlines (tentative)

- ◆ Submission of papers (max. 10 pages): 15.5.2011
- ◆ Notification of acceptance: 30.6.2011
- ◆ Final paper submission: 31.7.2011
- ◆ Conference: 7./8.9.2011

Submissions

Submission details will be made available with the first Call for Papers.

All submissions will be submitted to a double-blind full paper review by at least 2 reviewers. To facilitate the review process, please write a separate cover sheet with the paper title and affiliation/s and omit the affiliations in the actual paper.

Publication

The proceedings will be published at the Austrian Computer Society Publishers.

As was the case in 2009, a Special Issue of Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy (Emerald Publishers) will be published in conjunction with the conference. More details will follow in a separate Call for Papers.