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Special Issue in collaboration with PEP-NET: Sustainable eParticipation

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In collaboration with the European Network for eParticipation (<http://pep-net.eu/>), the Centre for E-Government at the Danube University Krems invites you to submit an article for the third issue of the eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government (JeDEM).

The eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government addresses the theory and practice in the areas of eDemocracy and Open Government as well as eGovernment, eParticipation, eDeliberation and eSociety. The aim is to impact the quality, visibility, efficiency and use of research and work in eDemocracy, Open Government and related fields.

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The past decade has seen a significant increase in the number, variety and quality of eParticipation trials, particularly in Western and Southern European countries. The impulse of the European Parliament and the financial support by the Commission have been instrumental in establishing a pan-European community of practice, made up of academia, governments and solution providers from virtually all EU Member States.

However, on the evaluative side, many projects that were seen through to their conclusion apparently failed to meet expectations. The most evident limitations

are the typically low number of active participants and the relatively poor impact of the (majority of) projects.

Although it is often taken for granted that ICT-supported political participation will be of increased importance in the future, the question of how to enhance the sustainability of eParticipation projects has not yet been convincingly answered. In times where most of the European countries have to cope with a difficult financial situation, eParticipation supporters and particularly Public Administration officials will be put under even more pressure to show that the required resources lead to tangible results and create real value for the citizens.

In this volume of JEDEM we are calling for theoretical and practical papers addressing the challenges of Sustainable eParticipation.

- review of successful examples of implementation
- institutional, legal, social and economic aspects of sustainable eParticipation
- ICT supported co-creation of public services
- eParticipation and Gov 2.0
- Living Labs and eParticipation

The journal encourages critical, multi-disciplinary approaches including political science, legal studies, economics, sociology and psychology so as to better understand and support societal and institutional needs, developments and changes.

We look forward to your submission in one of the following categories (maximum length 15 pages excluding references):

- \* Scientific Research Papers (research in progress or completed) - anonymous peer review;
- \* Case Studies anonymous peer review;
- \* Project Descriptions (focus on practitioners) - editorial review;
- \* Part IV: Reflections (Literature reviews, comments, discussions, and interviews) - no review.

**Important Dates:**

Deadline for submission: 21 June 2010

Notification of acceptance: 2 August 2010

Camera-ready paper: 16 August 2010

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