EGOV-CeDEM-ePart 2023

Editorial

The EGOV-CeDEM-ePart 2023 conference, or for short EGOV2023, is now in the sixth year of its existence after the successful merger of three formerly independent conferences, e.g., the IFIP WG 8.5 Electronic Government (EGOV), the Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government Conference (CeDEM), and the IFIP WG 8.5 IFIP Electronic Participation (ePart). This larger, united conference is dedicated to a broad area of digital or electronic government, open government, smart governance, artificial intelligence, e-democracy, policy informatics, and electronic participation. Scholars from around the world have found this conference to be a premier academic forum with a long tradition along its various branches, which has given the EGOV-CeDEM-ePart conference its reputation as the leading conference worldwide in the research domains of digital/electronic, open, and smart government as well as electronic participation.

The call for papers attracted completed research papers, work-in-progress papers on ongoing research (including doctoral papers), project and case descriptions, as well as workshop and panel proposals. This volume contains 14 full and 10 short ongoing research papers, 2 workshops and 1 panel proposal, and 5 posters. All submissions were assessed through a double-blind peer-review process, with at least three reviewers per submission, and the overall acceptance rate was 36%. The review time took 44 days this year, thanks to the contribution of the many PC members.

The review process was focused on ensuring a double-blind reviewing process and avoiding any conflicts of interest. Authors of papers submitted their papers to a track. The track chairs handled the papers within their own track by assigning reviewers and proposing acceptance decisions. The lead track chair became part of the editor team of the proceedings, in addition to the general chairs. Track chairs were not allowed to submit to their own track, nor were persons from the same university or close collaborators of a track chair allowed to submit to avoid any conflict of interest. Track chairs could either submit to another track or to the 'track chairs' track. The latter was handled by the general chairs. The general chairs checked after the submission deadline if there was any conflict of interest among the papers submitted to tracks, if so, then the papers were moved to another track. The track chairs checked that all papers were submitted anonymously. If not, the authors were asked to resubmit within days. Track chairs assigned the reviewers and selected the program committee members in such a way that there were no conflicts of interest. After at least three reviews were received, the track chairs made a proposal for a decision per paper. The decisions were discussed in a meeting with the general chairs and track chairs to ensure that the decisions were made in a consistent manner across the tracks

Electronic Government is an evolving field of research and practice. The conference tracks of the 2023 edition reflect the development and progress in this field:

• General E-Government and E-Governance

• General E-Democracy and e-Participation

• ICT and Sustainable Development Goals

• AI, Data Analytics, and Automated Decision Making

• Digital and Social Media

• Digital Society

- Emerging Issues and Innovations

- Legal Informatics

- Open Data: Social and Technical Aspects

- Smart Cities (Government, Districts, Communities, and Regions)

The EGOV 2023 conference was hosted by Corvinus University of Budapest. Corvinus University is the best educational institution in Hungary in the fields of economic, management, and social sciences. The institution offers state-of-the-art knowledge, a professional network, and a secure future for its 10k+ students. The university has 120+ years of history, 10,000+ students, and 1,500 international students from 80+ nationalities. The institution is reported in the Top 300 in the QS World rankings for 2021 in the fields of Business and Management, Economics, and Social Sciences. The institution has over 250 partner universities worldwide. It is an AMBA-accredited Business institution and a member of CEMS in Hungary. Corvinus essentially educates the social and economic elite of the region. It strives to produce scientific results that are relevant for Hungary, Europe, and the world. The founders of the university believe that only talent and ambition should count – social or financial status should not prevent anyone from studying. We were very happy to be hosted here and enjoyed the beautiful city of Budapest and the many in-depth discussions advancing the EGOV field.

Many people behind the scenes make large events like this conference happen. We would like to thank the members of the Program Committee, the reviewers, and the track chairs for their great efforts in reviewing the submitted papers. We would also like to express our deep gratitude to Csaba Csáki and his local team at Corvinus University of Budapest for hosting the conference.

We hope that the papers included in this volume will help to advance your research and that you will enjoy reading them,

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