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WeGov Toolbox – Politicians engage with Citizens

2nd WeGov Workshop

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WeGov (Where eGovernment meets the eSociety), the innovative project which aims to improve the engagement between policy-makers and citizens, welcomes stakeholders to the **2nd and final WeGov Workshop**, within the 11th Conference on Electronic Government – **IFIP EGOV 2012**, on the 3rd – 6th September, 2012 in Kristiansand, Norway.

The 2nd WeGov Workshop will be held on **Wednesday 5th September 2012**, during **Track A – EGOV: Workshop D**, with the title **“WeGov Toolbox – Politicians engage with Citizens”** (14.00 – 18.00, Room B2-001).

WeGov, a project co-funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme (**FP7**) - ICT for Governance and Policy Modeling, was officially launched in January 2010. It offers a cutting-edge software solution (**WeGov toolbox**) in a form of a web application, which includes tools and components that support policy-makers in the analysis of social networks. The WeGov toolbox enables policy-makers to use social networks to engage with citizens, understand their actual opinions, highlight those opinions that can influence policy decisions, and in this way it allows them to improve the policy-making process. The project is scheduled to finish at the end of September 2012.

The 2nd WeGov Workshop **aims to** demonstrate the final version of the WeGov toolbox to the scientific community of e-governance and e-government and to explore potential use-cases and end-user. A panel of experts will firstly showcase the implementation of the WeGov field trials (use-cases) and secondly will give a live demonstration of the finalized toolbox. Additionally the implications of the WeGov solution for policy-makers will be presented and finally a round table open discussion will take place among the workshop participants in order to explore on new potential end-users and how they might use the toolbox for which purposes.

The workshop is the second within the framework project that opens up project results in an iterative manner to the wider scientific community. Stakeholders can **participate** in the 2nd WeGov Workshop and become a part of an exciting innovative project which explores new ways on how policy-makers and potentially other end-users can use the power of social networks to improve the policy- and/ or opinion-making process.

View the 2nd WeGov Workshop's [agenda](#).

IFIP EGOV 2012 – Workshop D: WeGov Toolbox dedicated [section](#).

For further information about the workshop please feel free to [contact us](#).

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About the project: WeGov has been funded with support from the European Commission under the SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME THEME ICT 2009.7.3 ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling. The project aims to provide the tools and techniques for closing the loop between policy makers and the citizens, taking advantage of the plethora of well established social networking sites. These tools will enable policy makers to move away from limitations involved in the current practice of government hosted websites and instead to make use of the high levels of participation and rich discussions that already take place in existing social networking communities. The pilots are conducted in Germany and within the European Parliament.

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