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Preface

These proceedings represent the work of authors at the 14th European Conference on e-Government (ECEG 2014).

The Conference this year is hosted by the University Spiru Haret University, Brasov, Romania. The Conference Chair is Prof.dr. Carmen Costea and the Programme Chair is Alexandru Ionas, both are from the University Spiru Haret University in Romania.

ECEG brings together, researchers, Government officials and practitioners in the area of e-Government from around the world. Participants are able to share their research findings and explore the latest developments and trends in the field which can then be disseminated to the wider community.

With an initial submission of 97 abstracts, after the double blind, peer review process there are 30 research papers, 12 PhD papers, 3 Masters papers, 2 non academic and 2 Work in Progress Papers published in these Conference Proceedings. These papers represent research from many countries including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, India, Iran, Lebanon, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan (R.O.C.), Thailand, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey, UK, USA

This will ensure a very interesting two days.

Selected papers will be published in special issues of the Electronic Journal of e-Government (www.ejeg.com) and the Journal of E-Government Studies and Best Practices.

We hope that you have an stimulating conference, and enjoy your time in Romania.

Alexandru Ionas

Programme Chair

May 2014

Biographies

Conference Chair



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Programme Chair

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He is on the list of experts in international cooperation for fighting against organised crime and terrorism in Europe. Although he has a background in law enforcement, nowadays he is involved in the process of administrative territorial reorganisation of Romania.

Mini Track Chairs



Dr Ahmed Imran research emerged from his personal experience that includes e-government and ICT for development. Ahmed had a versatile and challenging experience in the IT sector before his transition to academia. Ahmed’s past experience is invaluable for research in understanding and providing rich insight of the context in least developed countries. His PhD research gained an in-depth understanding of impediments to eGovernment adoption in LDCs, which led to a process model for successful eGovernment adoption in LDCs. Part of Ahmed’s research has been successfully implemented as an applied international research project that received ANU Vice Chancellor’s award in 2010. Ahmed is also the lead author of the text book “eGovernment Management

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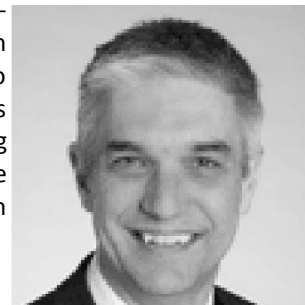
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The Role of Information and Communication Technology on Transparency, Trust and Good Governance in Nigeria

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Abstract: Studies on transparency and trust in public sector management have generated exciting moments amongst scholars and practitioners alike in the area of good governance for development of societies. Furthermore, it has been argued by some scholars that government agencies are more likely to achieve their goals of enhanced performance for the improvement in the living standard of the people, particularly in the provision of adequate social amenities such as clean water, electricity supply, good roads, well equipped hospitals and adequate security protection of lives and properties, where transparency on the part of public officials in the use of public resources, and trust about government agencies on the part of the people are the norms in such a society. Previous studies have hinged on transparency for enhanced performance of government and its agencies on the integrity and perception of the individual employees in carrying out their assignments without taking into consideration the lack of capacity to perform, and the value judgment of such individuals. This present study focuses on the role of information and communication technology (ICT) in the management of government and its activities for enhanced development in the society. The work contributes to our understanding of the relationship between ICT, transparency, trust and good governance as a catalyst for development in Nigeria. With the use of structural equation model, the study empirically analyzed 261 copies of the questionnaire that were administered to respondents in the public and the private sectors of the nation's economy, about their perception on the relationship between the variables under consideration. The findings suggest the importance of ICT as a facilitator of transparency in the management of public resources, including, revenue collection and disbursement of public funds by government officials, as a basis for societal development, than the mere reliance on individual employees' integrity and perception in the management of public resources in Nigeria's quest for development.

Keywords: ICT, transparency, trust, good governance, public resources, Nigeria

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