



Reinvent Politics & Governance in Cyberspace

POLITECH INSTITUTE (EUROPEAN CENTER OF POLITICAL TECHNOLOGIES)

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ABOUT US

Founded in 2004, **POLITECH INSTITUTE** is a not-for-profit international association (AISBL) and a **European Centre of Political Technologies** located in Brussels, Capital of Europe, (Belgium), dedicated to promote novel concepts and innovation empowering the different stakeholders in a 'citizen-driven' digital world, as well as support the development of effective strategies, policies and share of good practices in the converging domains of Political Technologies - e-Politics, e-Participation, e-Democracy, e-Diplomacy, e-Citizenship, e-Governance and e-Government.

Being the sole independent European Centre of Excellence with a pan-European vision in the converging domains of Political Technologies, **POLITECH INSTITUTE** has developed a neutral and privileged framework to encourage exchange, dialogue and collaboration between public institutions, international institutions, governments, regional and local authorities, universities, research centres, think tanks, civil society and political leaders with technology actors for a better use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) towards the advancement of modern public governance and democracy.

POLITECH INSTITUTE offers its members a European and International platform of network, exchange, consultation, information, debate, training, and a European home to research and development initiatives to generate innovation and share good practices.

POLITECH INSTITUTE is an "innovation-driven" Do-Tank bridging ALL stakeholders in the converging domains of Political Technologies, promoting and playing an active role in policy shaping and innovation in Europe at European, national, regional and local levels.

POLITECH INSTITUTE is continually developing additional innovative activities and upgrading its current ones based on its core competencies for the benefit of its members and the whole community of stakeholders to enhance European innovation, visibility and partnership in the *converging domains of Political Technologies*, as a European Wellspring of Excellence and Innovation to meet successfully the challenges of modern politics and public governance in Cyberspace.

Since May 2008, **POLITECH INSTITUTE** is a Member Observer of the Global Cities Dialogue and is its point of contact for Belgian Cities and European organisations.

POLITECH INSTITUTE prides itself on a multidisciplinary and expert team with a growing network of over 3000 worldwide.

EXPERT SERVICES

POLITECH INSTITUTE as a **European Center of Excellence** delivers **powerful and EXPERT SERVICES** to empower, train, educate, activate and mobilize public, academic, civil and private stakeholders and end-users to meet successfully the challenges of modern politics and public governance in Cyberspace:

- @ **Conceptualization & organization of European and International workshops and events** in dynamic partnerships and participation of key actors from the public, academia, not-for-profit and private sectors;
- @ **Training & Capacity Building** – Conceptualization and organization of executive training targeting decision-makers, leaders, high-level researchers and senior executives;
- @ **Projects and Partnerships Creation** in the framework of public procurements and European Calls for Tenders in the converging domains of Political Technologies;
- @ **Web 2.0 expert services in the converging domains of Political Technologies** – eStrategies to enhance your public presence in Web 2.0 environments (e.g. Facebook, Second Life, the Blogosphere...);
- @ **Conduct Reports, Research, Prospective Studies and Surveys** in the converging domains of Political Technologies;
- @ **Publications.**



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PROJECTS, INITIATIVES AND PUBLICATIONS

EUROPEAN PROJECTS:

- @ **MOMENTUM (Monitoring, Coordinating and Promoting the European Union eParticipation Projects and Initiatives):** MOMENTUM project aims to monitor the existing and on coming eParticipation projects co-funded by European Commission, to consolidate their results and provide feedback to them and to the respective EC bodies and other designated stakeholders, advancing the high-level political and institutional engagement. MOMENTUM is a Specific Support Action project, co-funded under the European Commission's eParticipation Programme – Started in 2008;
- @ **PEP-Net (Pan European eParticipation Network):** PEP-NET aims to establish a pan-European eParticipation network with nodes in all EU Member States (target: 70 members). This community will support the emergence of an eParticipation market by acting as a catalyst for the widespread use of eParticipation, encourage positive public perceptions of the benefits thereby accelerating take up and creating a demand for innovative ICT solutions to support implementations. PEP-NET is co-funded by the European Commission, in the CIP Programme (ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP)) – Started in 2008;
- @ **WAVE (Welcoming Argument Visualisation to Europe):** WAVE aims to improve the inclusiveness and transparency of EU decision making at the national and European level by using highly integrated, state-of-the-art Argument Visualisation techniques to make the impact of complex EU environmental legislation on climate change more accessible and easy to understand for citizens, special interest groups and decision makers alike. WAVE is co-funded under the European Commission's eParticipation Programme – Started in 2009;
- @ **eMPower (Empowering citizens to influence the decision making and policy formulation on environmental issues):** eMPower aims to motivate and strengthen the involvement of NGOs and citizens in the decision-making process on environmental issues at a National and European level by providing method and tools for supporting citizens' participation to promote relevant public initiatives and demands of civil society. eMPower is co-funded under the European Commission's eParticipation Programme – Started in 2009.

INITIATIVES:

POLITECH INSTITUTE is an active partner and member of Steering and Scientific Committees in prominent international events, such as:

- @ The World eDemocracy Forum, Issy-les-Moulineaux (France),
- @ The annual Global Forum, Shaping the Future (World),
- @ The Eastern European eGovernment Days, Prague (Czech Rep.),
- @ The International Conference on eDemocracy (Austria).

PUBLICATIONS:

POLITECH INSTITUTE publishes the **European Review of Political Technologies (ERPT)**, a unique pan-European online periodical bridging the domains of Political Technologies. The main purpose of ERPT is to empower Europe as a major engine while generating sustainable synergies and collaboration among these related areas and their different stakeholders towards a common European strategic vision and the advancement of modern public governance and democracy. ERPT provides all stakeholders with a wide range of perspectives from different stakeholders and disciplines. Quality and Excellence is the primary mission of ERPT Editorial Board and Honorary Scientific Committee composed of renowned international and European experts, practitioners, leaders and public officials.

POLITECH INSTITUTE proposes *Exclusive & Prestigious Editions* of the **European Review of Political Technologies (ERPT)**:

- @ **"Project Exclusive Edition"** – Disseminate your projects results and recommendations to different communities of stakeholders;
- @ **"Country Exclusive Edition"** – provide visibility to your achievements and good practices at national level in a European and International context;
- @ **"Local and Regional Exclusive Edition"** – provide visibility to your achievements and good practices at local and regional levels in a European and International Context;
- @ **"Event and Forum Exclusive Edition"** – provide visibility and disseminate your events, forums and workshops in a European and International context.

POLITECH INSTITUTE publishes **The European eDemocracy Award Report**, in partnership with IP LABEL for **The Annual European eDemocracy Award**, in the framework of The World eDemocracy Forum, Issy-les-Moulineaux (France).