



# ECEG 2012



## 12th European Conference on e-Government Institute of Public Governance and Management, ESADE, Ramon Llull University, Barcelona, Spain 14-15 June 2012

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS, Case Studies, Work in Progress/Posters, PhD Research, Round Table Proposals, non-academic Contributions and Product Demonstrations**

#### **Mini Track: Developing, implementing and managing Open Government Data**

**Track Chair:** [Dr Carl Adams](#), University of Portsmouth, UK

An exciting area of transformational e-government is the 'Open Government Data' (OGD) initiatives - where governments and public bodies around the world are opening up official datasets for public and commercial use.

For instance in the UK there are currently over 5,400 datasets available from central government departments as well as from a number of other public sector bodies and local authorities (see <http://www.data.gov.uk>). Large numbers of datasets are also emerging across much of Europe.

As a result of several initiatives from local authorities and central government departments around Europe and further afield a number of interesting commercial applications based on OGD are emerging. There are a few early success stories – such as the local transport information and the bike parking around London as well as the Amsterdam Museum opening up its dataset of over 70,000 cultural heritage objects.

There are many drivers towards opening up government datasets to the wider commercial and public arena, including extending transparency, bringing governments and departments to account, increasing efficiency, reducing costs and stimulating innovation. However, there are also other issues surrounding the development of successful OGD projects and applications that need addressing. These include the technical and practical aspects of providing and accessing the data sets, development of data standards, legal issues, evaluating the cost vs benefits, motivations, practicalities, sustainability to name but a few.

This mini track aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, developers and users of OGD to share their expertise and knowledge in an increasingly important area of e-government. The track would welcome case studies, examples, theoretical models, or qualitative or quantitative research studies exploring issues related to Open Government Data projects. Topics for this Minitrack can include (but are not limited to):

- Transformational government through open data projects
- Government innovation through open data projects
- Issues of standards, formats and metadata for OGD projects (for instance the European Data Model (EDM), XML and others)
- Location based and mobile access to government data
- Practicalities, Drivers and Barriers to OGD projects
- Critical economic evaluations of Open Government Data (especially within the current economic climate)

For a more comprehensive Mini Track Call for Papers please consult the website at:

<http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2012/eceg12-call-papers.htm>

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As well as full **academic papers**, the following submissions are also welcomed:

**Research in Progress:** Researchers may submit current projects whilst they are still in progress

**Case Study Submissions:** Submissions should be written to publishable standards.

**Poster Submissions:** Welcomed in any of the areas identified in the Call for Papers.

**Round Table Proposals:** Topical subjects proposed for discussion.

**Practitioner Contributions:** Contributions, either presentations or demonstrations, from individuals and organisations working in the field. Presentation submissions should follow the abstract submission process. For product demonstrations, please submit a proposal of 200-300 words describing the product you would like to demonstrate and the audience it serves. Proposals should be sent as an email attachment to [Sue Nugus](mailto:Sue.Nugus) not later than **12 January 2012**. Demonstrations themselves are expected to be approximately 15 minutes in length. At least one person must register for the conference to give the presentation

Selected papers will also be considered for publication in the Electronic Journal of e-Government (EJEG-<http://www.ejeg.com>).

### Submission details

**Abstract details:** All submission types require an abstract in the first instance. Abstract should be a minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words including up to five keywords and keyphrases to be received by **24 November 2011**. Please read the [abstract guidelines](#) section of the website before submitting.

**Submission:** Online via the [submission form](#) at <http://academic-conferences.org/eceg/eceg2012/eceg12-abstract-submission.htm>. Please ensure that you complete all relevant sections of the form, including the conference track the abstract is intended for, the proposed title for the paper, the full names (first name and surname, not initials) and email addresses of all authors and a postal address and telephone number for at least one contact author. Please indicate clearly if the contact author is not the lead author.

**Full paper:** Only required when the abstract has been selected and not to be more than 5,000 words including abstract, keywords and references (the Harvard referencing rules need to be followed). Submission date will be no later than **12 January 2012**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, Charlotte Hall at [Charlotte.hall@academic-conferences.org](mailto:Charlotte.hall@academic-conferences.org)

### Important information

- The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference.
- The authors of abstracts that describe a relevant paper will receive a notification of abstract selection.
- All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.
- For authors whose first language is not English we request that you have your work proof read prior to submission by a native English speaker (or at least a fluent English speaker). Papers can be rejected due to a poor standard of English.
- Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration).
- Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee prefers that an author presents only one paper. However, if multiple papers are accepted for publication and presentation, each paper requires a separate registration fee. Author registration and payment must be completed by **10 May 2012** and there are special [discounts](#) available for earlybird registration and group bookings, including a special reduced rate for supervisors and students attending together.

### Important dates

Abstract submission deadline:	<b>24 November 2011</b>
Notification of abstract acceptance:	<b>1 December 2011</b>
Full paper due for review:	<b>12 January 2012</b>
Notification of paper acceptance:	<b>22 March 2012</b>
Earlybird registration closes:	<b>5 April 2012</b>
Final paper due (with any changes):	<b>19 April 2012</b>
Final author registration date:	<b>10 May 2012</b>

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