Central and Eastern European e|Dem and e|Gov Days 2022

Hate Speech and Fake News – Fate or Issue to Tackle?

Ludovika University of Public Service and Budapest University of Technology and Economics, September 22-23, 2022

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Call for Papers Deadline: March 31, 2022
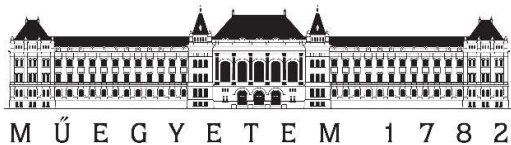
Special Conference Theme

The CEEeGov Days are dedicated to all aspects of Public Sector ICT; however, a special topic is chosen every year, which also dominates keynotes and panel discussions. This time the choices were fake news and hate speech, two closely inter-related topics that show their general relevance again in the COV-19 situation. Shady, non-scientific figures, sometimes with a more-than-doubtful personal track record, nevertheless manage to influence large portions of a country's population not to get vaccinated stoking irrational fear and at times plainly ridiculous assertions (cf. the "Bill Gates microchip implantation" hoax). The internet, particularly the social media plays an important multiplier role and provides a stage for such personalities. This situation quickly combines with people not just expressing legitimate political discontent with the government management of the situation but venting resentment against identified groups or persons. This resentment can easily foster physical violence.

At the same time, we see governments struggling to get their statistics right, flip-flopping between "freedom days" and lockdowns and at times conveying a rather disorganised image – not least because of insufficient eGovernment maturity. We would like to explore these issues in more depth and provide analysed examples for both phenomena.

The conference addresses public sector practitioners and policy-makers, industry professionals and academia alike. The disciplines covered are primarily information sciences, law and administrative science, political science, sociology and economics. Theoretical and empirical contributions are equally welcome. Geographically, we especially encourage submissions addressing the European Union in general, the Danube Region, the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Beyond the general theme, **papers are solicited in all areas of applying ICT to the Public Sector**. The conference will particularly focus on, but not limit itself to, the following topics:

- Electronic Administration services both back-office and in communication with citizens and businesses,
- eTools for pandemic management,
- Identity management for individuals,
- Privacy and data protection (including Cyber Security),
- eDemocracy on all levels (e.g., new forms of citizen participation, internet in political campaigns, eVoting),
- The role of the internet in revolutions and transition processes,
- The role of social media,
- Transparency and anti-corruption,
- eTools for establishing a European public space,
- Open Data,

- Legal aspects of eGovernment and eDemocracy,
- Economic and social impact of eGovernment and eDemocracy,
- Enabling the Digital Single Market
- Connecting urban and rural areas into a digital inclusive society

The conference language is English. Papers will be subjected to a double-blind review process and published jointly by ACM and the Austrian Computer Society.

Note on CoV-19

The conference organisers cannot foresee the state of the pandemic in September 2022. Therefore, several alternative arrangements are considered:

- "Classical" presence conference, which we consider as our "target";
- Distributed conference taking place at some of the organizing institutions to enable at least local in-person networking by participants with large-screen video streaming and interactive Q&A between locations;
- Pure video format.

Irrespective of the presentation format, we are happy to announce that the conference volume will appear in the International Conference Proceedings Series of ACM.

Organisers

- Austrian Computer Society (OCG)
- Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj (BBU)
- Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BUTE)
- Information Society Development Institute, Moldova (ISDI)
- Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest (Ludovika-UPS)
- University of Public Administration and Finance, Ludwigsburg (HVF)

Timeline and organisation

31 Mar, 2022 **Paper** submission (max. 10 pages), double-blind full paper review

15 May, 2022 Reviews out

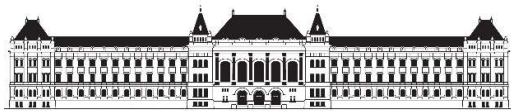30 June, 2022 "Camera-ready" papers due, ACM format

15 Sept, 2021 Volume and ACM online available

22-23 Sept, 2022 Conference

Organisation and Contact

Please, submit your abstracts/papers by email at ceeegovdays@ocg.at

A template will be made available for the paper preparation and can be found on the conference website at https://ceeegov2022.ocg.at.

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