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eRepresentative
A Virtual Desktop for Elected Representatives

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The Project

eRepresentative is a two year Strategic Targeted Research project (STREP) under Action Line 2.4.13: Strengthening the Integration of the ICT Research Effort in an Enlarged Europe in the Area of eGovernment initiated in February 2006.

Members of the implementing consortium are


- Napier University International Teledemocracy Center,
- Hewlett Packard Nederland B.V,
- Scyti Secure Electronic Voting S.A,
- Gov2u,
- Dutch Parliament,
- Lithuanian Parliament,
- Catalanian Parliament,
- Hungarian National Assembly and
- Westmeath City Council (Ireland).




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The research objective

- eRepresentative focuses on the delivery improvement of key public services
- Increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of elected assemblies as well as extending the state-of-the-art in the domain
- Develop a mobile secure, personalized working environment for elected representatives based on a pan-European approach, in order to enable both inter- and intra-parliamentary communication
- enhancing the working environment of National – Regional – and Local Assemblies.



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The “eRepresentative” desktop

- The “eRepresentative” desktop will be a virtual desktop for representatives to operate in the legislative process remotely, safely and easily.
- For example, users can draft a law, discuss it, introduce an amendment and vote for its approval with appropriate security and without having to be present at every moment in the Assembly building.
- It is equipped with smart technologies to manage data overloads that representatives face in their work and enable the seamless use of the desktop with the Parliaments' current systems.



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Innovation

- ... collaboration on legislative documents with integrity, authenticity and privacy
- ... personalized interaction with, and integration of, relevant information for elected representatives to support their day-to-day committee work
- ... personalized, specific, filtered data 'anywhere, any place and any time'.



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Added value

- eRepresentative can make systems able to share information on a broad enough scale, provide the right information at the right time applying 'intelligent agent' technologies in the Parliamentary environment and stimulate inter-assembly collaboration by enabling them to share documents.
- In addition, eRepresentative focuses on enabling good governance for elected assemblies (efficiency, inclusiveness, democracy, openness and accountability) and addresses relevant critical success factors for subsequent large-scale deployment.
- eRepresentative will also review the current situation in the participating elected assemblies and other assemblies across Europe and provide a public report on current Best Practice.



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Mechanisms

- Overview
 - Inter-parliamentary search agent
 - Committee events notification
- Opinion making
 - Committee legislative actions
 - Secure discussion space
- Decision making
 - E-voting for individual ballots
 - Remote e-polling for committees

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Look & Feel

- Personalized, specific, filtered secure data to support representatives any place and anytime.
- Support collaboration between representatives.
- Convenient decision making process in a timely & remote manner (secure)

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CALENDAR









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eGovernment: European Context

- **Currently in the European context of eGovernment, the emphasis is steadily shifting from making public services available online, to delivering real results for citizens.**
- **eGovernment applications are seen as remedies for helping public administrations better tackle this enormous challenge, through modernization and innovation.**
- **eGovernment is therefore considered not only as a new way of designing, organizing for and providing services to the citizens, but more crucially, a novel approach in engaging and interacting with citizens.**

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Gov2DemOSS in Amposta

- Gov2u is collaborating with SCYTL for the customization of the e-participation tool Gov2DemOSS for the **City of Amposta in Spain**.
- This platform allows the City of Amposta to create digital communities and interact with its citizens in decision-making processes.
- The platform is currently on public consultation

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City of Amposta



The screenshot shows the web application interface for the City of Amposta. It features a search bar, a navigation menu with options like 'Home', 'Events Calendar', 'Issues for discussion', 'Links', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area displays a news article titled 'Ajuntament d'Amposta' written by Joan Maria Ràng i Grau on Thursday, 28 September 2006. The article discusses the city's commitment to modernization and citizen participation. The interface also includes a sidebar with various links and a footer with logos for the Ajuntament d'Amposta, TARRAGONA, and Generalitat de Catalunya.

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consensus
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- The Gov2DemOSS platform will be provided to some **55 municipalities in Spain**.
- Will include a single access portal to all municipal sites, with common user registry and management and a single sign-in for all the portals.
- The portal will serve various entities including city councils, citizens and local associations.
- It shall also include an e-voting function, as well as a dedicated citizen community space where citizens can create their own space and select different tools for these areas.

*The Consensus Consortium - formed by [Localret](#), [Jaume Bofill Foundation](#) and the [Catalan Institute of Technology](#) - has awarded ScytI a contract to develop the third version of its e-participation platform "e Consensus", which is currently used by over 25 cities across Catalonia.

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Other activities

- **R&D activities towards developing Computer Supported Argument Visualization (VisualPlot) software that analyzes electronic communication (such as forums, emails, etc.) and provides a summary and a visual representation of the discussion.**
- **We believe this tool will offer an innovative and invaluable solution for addressing the key challenges facing the resolution and management of online knowledge and communication.**
- **Fantasy Game on eDemocracy for the classroom**

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