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About Ideal-ist

Ideal-ist is the first and unique quality labelled international ICT partner search network with 13 years experience. The network of Ideal-ist consists of 63 national contact points (NCP) in the area of Information and Communications Technologies. The Consortium members are from EU and Non-EU Countries, including Associated States, Eastern European Partner Countries (EEPC) and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC) and Emerging countries like China, Brazil, India and South Africa. Ideal-ist is part funded by the European Commission and supports research organisations and companies worldwide

- to find partners for their project ideas.
- to join projects and
- to find services leading them to success in the 7th Framework programme.

Furthermore, the main goal is the enhancement of cooperation between the national NCPs within FP7 and an overall improvement of quality across Europe in the dynamically growing area of ICT.

This is in line with the international cooperation strategy of the European Commission.

How Did Ideal-ist Help?

We needed a partner who has experience in mobile computing as none of our consortium partner has the skills. I've been known to Idealist in the FP7 workshop organized by Singleimage in Cambridge and Pisa, Italy.

About 40 applications were made and one partner was selected as the consortium partner.

9 partners from 6 countries

Project Details

UbiPOL – Ubiquitous Participation Platform for Policy Making | UK | submitted in ICT Call4, ICT7.3 ICT for governance and policy modelling, STREP

Mention specific results of the evaluation (e.g. best proposal in its objective etc.)

UbiPOL was evaluated as the second best among 54 applications for STREP.



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What Is the Project About?

Summarize in a few lines, what the project is about and what the general objectives are. Furthermore one could also add one or two (small, but printable) pictures here.

eParticipation researches have shaped a new stream of ICT applications in eGovernment to facilitate the participation of citizens in policy making processes (PMPs) of central and/or local governments. Recently, the rapid advance in mobile computing technologies also facilitated the emergence of mParticipation (mobile participation) to allow citizens be involved in PMPs even on the move. This type of systems is mostly focusing on how to provide citizens with ICT tools for the access to the central debating forums within governmental systems. However, as many researches hinted the effectiveness of such electronic participation tools can be maximised only when the end users (citizens) are committed and have proactive attitude to the PMPs. As a result, it is an issue to devise ICTs to make citizens motivated to be involved in PMPs apart from enabling them to access to the PMPs.

UbiPOL aims to develop a mobile platform that motivates its users to be involved in PMPs.

Literature review reveals that one of the reasons that make citizens de-motivated in policy making is the ignorance of relevant policies and PMPs in governments. It is suggested that the more they find connections between their as-usual life activities and relevant policies, the more they become proactive or motivated to be involved in the PMPs.

For this reason, UbiPOL aims to provide context aware knowledge provision with regard to policy making. That is citizens using UbiPOL will be alerted with relevant policies and PMPs when they are moving around physical places according to their as-usual life pattern at the work, commerce, education and so on. For instance, if a citizen is stuck in a traffic jam, then s/he would be able to navigate the policies with regard to the road work plan where s/he is currently located and send her/his opinion to the relevant agencies for future consideration.

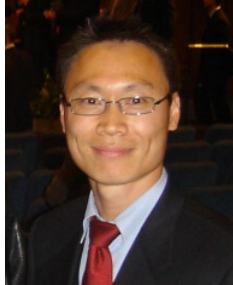
With the platform, citizens are expected to

- be more widely aware of any relevant policies and PMPs for involvement during their as-usual life;
- be more likely to participate to the relevant PMPs as they find the PMPs in the middle of doing their usual activities; and
- provide more relevant opinion (or information) to the PMP as it is collected at the right time when it is created from the citizens' experience in their real life.



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