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## **First Call for Papers**

**Conference on Electronic Democracy EDEM 2009**

**Sept. 7- 8, 2009 University of Economics and Business  
Administration, Vienna**

<http://edem2009.ocg.at>

<http://e-voting.at>

### **Conference Outline**

There are a number of eDemocracy applications, ranging from transparency sites and information, discussion, deliberation and consultation platforms to decision-making and voting systems, thus encompassing the entire democratic process. As technical devices have matured and feasibility is largely not considered an issue any more, other questions are now also considered:

- ◆ To what extent can eDemocracy support and enrich our democracy?
- ◆ What and where are the interfaces, what methods can be used to integrate eParticipation in present public administration processes?
- ◆ How can we ensure that the greatest number of people are reached and are able to use the means of participation?
- ◆ How can the modern media support political education?
- ◆ How can the Internet increase participation in political discussion?
- ◆ What are the limitations and the risks of eDemocracy?
- ◆ How may traditional Decision Support Systems be included in the eDemocracy framework?
- ◆ How may microeconomic models (eg, game theory) contribute to the understanding of the dynamics created by electronic citizen involvement?

EDEM 2009 presents the unique opportunity to look into these questions and discuss the answers. During the conference experiences will be shared, examples of good (and maybe not so good) practice analysed, the State-of-the-Art and future scenarios will be presented and discussed.

## Areas of Interest

We are looking for contributions on all areas and levels of electronic democracy and participation systems, precedence will be given to those contributions which include national and/or international experience.

Concrete projects can also be submitted, and, if accepted, would be presented as examples of “hands-on” demonstrations of eDemocracy and eParticipation.

The main conference language is English; submissions in German are also possible.

We invite individuals from academic and practical backgrounds as well as public administration officials, representatives from public bodies, NGOs, educational institutions and independent organisations, to submit their contributions.

## Deadlines

- ◆ Submission of papers (max. 10 pages): 17.5.2009
- ◆ Notification of acceptance: 19.6.2009
- ◆ Final paper submission: 19.7.2009
- ◆ Conference: 7./8.9.2009

## Submissions

Please send your submission in pdf format to [alexander.prosser@wu-wien.ac.at](mailto:alexander.prosser@wu-wien.ac.at) or [peter.parycek@donau-uni.ac.at](mailto:peter.parycek@donau-uni.ac.at). Submission via a Web page will be made available soon. Submissions should be 10 pages max.

All submissions will be submitted to a double-blind full paper review by at least 2 reviewers. To facilitate the review process, please write a separate cover sheet with the paper title and affiliation/s and omit the affiliations in the actual paper.

## Conference Fee

EUR 95,- for authors

EUR 115,- *early bird rate* for conference participants (until 17 July 2009)

EUR 135,- for conference participants

The fee includes the conference, proceedings and social program.