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OCOPOMO in a nutshell

OCOPOMO provides an innovative "off the mainstream" bottom-up approach to policy modelling, combined with advanced ICT tools and techniques supporting open collaboration. The project will develop an ICT-based environment integrating lessons and practical techniques from complexity science, agent based social simulation, foresight scenario analysis and stakeholder participation in order to formulate and monitor social policies to be adopted at several levels of government. The project is co-funded by the European Commission

OCOPOMO success story

In the first year, OCOPOMO has analysed a number of policy development approaches and has identified a severe gap in policy development: many approaches lack openness, traceability and transparency to enable active involvement of stakeholders in the development of policies. OCOPOMO has developed a comprehensive policy process to address this gap. Based on the policy process description as well as identified users' requirements, an overall architecture of the OCOPOMO ICT toolkit was outlined and the main components of the toolkit were defined. Also discussions in the social simulation and policy development communities evidence that a generalised method of involving stakeholders of all kinds and of helping them to consolidate their views of their scenarios is both necessary and possible. Several projects have already seen the idea behind OCOPOMO and agreed that -- had they known the intermediary results of OCOPOMO -- the OCOPOMO method would have helped them a lot. With this generic policy process, OCOPOMO contributes to open government and good governance principles:

- (i) enable a wider society engagement and transformation of policy development into an open and engaging policy procedure,
- (ii) focusing on stakeholder involvement and exploitation of technological advancements in the policy process, and
- (iii) making policy development more transparent and comprehensible to wider stakeholder groups, which are no experts in policy development and social simulation.

Insights on last meetings to advance policy developments

Joint meeting to align the OCOPOMO policy development process with the specifications of the ICT toolbox

Project partners met on October 13-15, 2010 in Koblenz (Germany) in order to clarify expected outcomes and align needs among policy modeling and technical development. Among the points discussed was the progression of conceptual design, including development of use case diagrams, user stories, process models, data models and mock-ups. Special focus was given to user requirements on scenario generation and analysis and its transformation to formal policy models, stakeholder participation needs, and the process of relating stakeholder-generated scenarios to model-generated scenarios. The major achievement of the meeting was the formulation of the overall OCOPOMO policy development process, presented in the following picture:



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under the 7th Framework Program, Theme 7.3 (ICT for Governance and Policy Modelling).

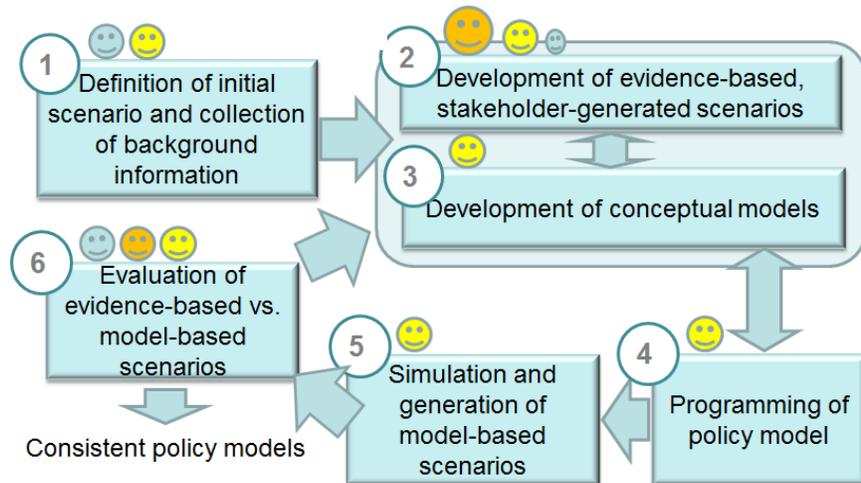
This newsletter aims at staying in touch with relevant stakeholders and at providing updates about the project developments. In addition, interesting and relevant news and articles in the context of policy modeling supported by innovative ICT tools can be posted here as well. Interested parties shall contact the dissemination manager Claudio Delrio (c.delrio@re-lab.it), if you wish to publish such relevant information through our newsletter!

Best regards,

The OCOPOMO consortium

OCOPOMO in social networks: updated figures

The online presence of OCOPOMO-Open Collaboration for policy modelling, has grown significantly over the last months, particularly into relevant social networks. To date, the LinkedIn group has 50 members and the blog has already 5 posts with comments from stakeholders. The Facebook group adds a further crossmedia dimension to the project's dissemination activities:



Legend: # Process phase Actors: Domain Experts (Policy Planner / Strategic Decision Maker)
 Stakeholders involved
 Experts for Policy Analysis / Policy Modelling

→ Transition to next phase

Third project meeting in Naples



Partners met in Naples on December 7-10, 2010, to discuss and advance current policy goals, actors and issues, with a particular focus on the involvement of stakeholders in defining policy goals.

The main topics of discussion evolved around those steps within the policy process in which scenario building, policy modelling and open collaboration are to be incorporated. The first two days were dedicated to define a Status and Action Plan for Campania's and KSR's pilot experiences and validations of models and tools for the Regions.

OCOPOMO presented at...



The EGES conference on "E-Government and E-Services" at WCC 2010 is a cooperation of a number of groups that already have well-established activities in the field of e-government, e-governance, e-business... Maria A. Wimmer presented OCOPOMO in the panel session "New applications: what's new?", 21st September, 2010 in Brisbane, Australia.



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30 members, links, additional information, discussions and soon to be published photos and videos.

At a glance, here are OCOPOMO's social pages:



**Register to our
Facebook group:**

<http://on.fb.me/bie60r>



**Register to our
LinkedIn group:**

<http://linkd.in/9yG3qv>



Consult the blog at:

<http://ocopomoproject.blogspot.com/>

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study description at**

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Crossroad organized a workshop at the 9th international EGOV conference, which was organised by the IFIP WG 8.5 group, on August 29 – September 2, 2010 in Lausanne, Switzerland. Maria Wimmer gave a presentation about the OCOPOMO project and approach. Download the presentation from the project website here.



3rd World Congress on Social Simulation Complex Systems, WCSS 2010 took place on the 6-9 September, 2010/ Kassel (Germany). Melanie Bicking presented a Paper on Regulatory Impact Assessment referring to the OCOPOMO policy modelling approach <http://www.usf.uni-kassel.de/wcss2010>



The International Conference Information Systems Architecture and Technology took place in Wroclav on the 19-21 September 2010. Peter Butka, Tomáš Sabol, Karol Furdík, Marián Mach gave a presentation on ICT-based support for policy modelling, presenting OCOPOMO high-level vision of system, preliminary architecture, requirements analysis



The First WCSA conference-complexity systemic sciences and the key global challenges of our times took place in Bologna on the 4-5 December 2010. Claudio Delrio gave a presentation about "Policy modelling for key challenges of the 21st century" illustrating OCOPOMO concept and expected results in the context of key challenges for 21st century policy making www.wcsaglobal.org/

Additional pilot: Greater London Authority



The Greater London Authority (GLA) social housing department expressed strong interest to become an additional pilot in the OCOPOMO project. The main problem of London housing to be addressed is that the city does not have enough affordable homes. London has published a housing strategy in January, 2010.

The GLS case aims to raise aspirations and promote opportunities to produce more affordable homes and to increase opportunities for home ownership. Consultations between planning authorities and stakeholders are performed. Thirty-two planning authorities and different stakeholders are to be involved in decision making. The case provides an interesting new pilot application environment for the OCOPOMO policy process and software.



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