



## Introduction

Welcome to the final newsletter of the [CROSSOVER](#) project.

In the last thirty years the role of the government has moved consistently away from services provision to regulation. Society and economy has become more interconnected, unstable and unpredictable than ever, and citizens are keener to engage in complex policy making. Within this context, traditional tools for policy making, based upon the perfectly rational representative agent maximizing its own utility in a general equilibrium framework, have been demonstrated to be unable to predict and cope with some of today's most pressing challenges, such as the financial crisis and climate change.

Despite the explosion of data availability, the possibility to analyse them through crowdsourcing and large scale collaboration, the advance in modelling and simulation tools for assessing non-linear impact of policy options, the full potential offered by the new instruments for policy making has yet to be achieved. Therefore policy makers have not yet at their disposal a set of instruments able to cope with the needs stemming from their decision making activities.

With this respect, CROSSOVER aims at reaching out to and raise the awareness of users, particularly public government's practitioners and policy-makers, while developing a research roadmap for establishing the scientific and political basis for long-lasting interest and commitment to next generation policy-making.

In this newsletter, we provide information about the latest developments and the final Crossover conference.

Thank you for your interest in our work!

The [CROSSOVER](#) team

## Project News

### International Conference on Policy Making 2.0



On the 17th and 18th of June 2013 at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, the [Crossover project](#), together with [UNDP](#), the [Democratic Society](#) and [EurActiv](#), organized a conference, exploring the emerging technologies and trends that are changing the way policy-making is performed. Policy-making 2.0 refers to a blend of emerging and fast developing technologies that enable better, more timely and more participative decision-making in government.

The aim of this final conference organized by the project was to cross-fertilize projects to support community building and to learn from each other. Over these two days many topics were discussed including: open and big data, visual analytics, modelling and simulation, collaborative governance and crowdsourcing, serious gaming, and opinion mining. Many of these points were of direct relevance to the Crossover Research Roadmap and helped in its enrichment.

The conference also gave all participants the opportunity to contest for the Policy 2.0 prize. It's goal was to motivate the community and attract more outside attention on the Crossover project. There were 47 submissions, out of which 3 were selected by the jury and nominated as the ones that are most likely to have a real impact on policy-making.

The event was free and open – through the EventBrite platform - to anyone with an interest in 21st century policy-making. Invited speakers, animators, and invited guests were among the 87 attendees (172 registrations were received through EventBrite). Furthermore, by regularly posting tweets using the #policy20 hashtag, others were able to monitor the event. The agenda, attendee list and final report are all available on the [Crossover website](#).

### Winners of Policy-making 2.0 Prize

Our goal, throughout the project, was to identify, classify and provide visibility to the most effective policy-making 2.0 practices, those which delivered a real impact on policy-making. Awarding a prize to the best applications was therefore most suitable for our purposes. Apart from rewarding the teams of scientists for their efforts, our goal was also to attract more attention to the event, and if possible breed a new generation of policy-modelling enthusiasts.

The final Crossover conference nominated the following three winners:

[Pathways 2050](#)

[Ideascale SAVE](#)

[Liquid Democracy](#)

### Crossover Final Roadmap



The international [roadmap](#) aims to establish the scientific and political basis for long-lasting interest and commitment to next generation policymaking, as well as to provide a clear outline of what technologies are available now for policymakers to improve their work, and what could become available in the future. In particular, the research roadmap presents an analysis of a number of cases in order to identify the characteristics and benefits resulting from applications of ICT tools for collaborative governance and policy modelling, and provides an outline of what technologies are and will be available to meet the needs of policy-makers. A specific focus is on ICT tools and methodologies highlighting opportunities, challenges and current practices in public governance, in Europe and worldwide.

The project builds on the [CROSSROAD](#) model and roadmap with the aim to reach a stronger focus on policy modelling. We started from the Crossroad roadmap and we enriched it with desk-based research: 202 collected in the platform plus 4 cases collected and described in the case studies performed by the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), and the 50 applications to the prize. Then the first draft is also commented by some of the 740 members of the LinkedIn group who also provide cases. Also the survey of users' needs provides insights from 240 respondents and 200+ people presents at live events, and the findings of the two workshops are embedded. Finally discussions with [Global Systems Science](#) community, third party workshops and the [US Policy Informatics Network](#) helped in further refining the roadmap.

## Recent Events

### CROSSOVER at Samos Summit 2013 event, 1-5 July 2013

The [4th Samos Summit on Digital Innovation for Government, Business and Society](#) was organised with great success on 1-5 July, in Samos, Greece. The event offered an unprecedented opportunity to see, interact with and influence cutting-edge European ICT research projects and initiatives. Attended by high caliber experts from research, administrations and enterprises, the Samos 2013 Summit focused on the newest developments of Information and Communication Technologies and innovative applications in the context of the public and private sector.



This year, Samos Summit also included the [1st International Summer School on Open and Collaborative Governance](#).

The Summit hosted presentations of international research projects [CROSSOVER](#), [NOMAD](#), [PADGETS](#), [ENGAGE](#), and [SocialSensor](#), which are expected to produce innovative applications for citizens, public officials, politicians and businesses, in the coming years.

Eva Jaho, project manager at Athens Technology Center, presented the major outcomes and the final roadmap of [CROSSOVER](#) and had face to face interactions with other stakeholders.

### CROSSOVER at the 13th European Conference on eGovernment, 13-14 June 2013

**ECEG 2013** conferences  
13-14 June, Como, Italy

On 13-14 June, Dr Gianluca Misuraca, Senior Scientist at the European Commission, JRC-IPTS, and a member of [CROSSOVER](#), presented [CROSSOVER](#) results at the 13th European Conference on eGovernment (ECEG 2013) where he was a keynote speaker.

More information on the event can be found on the [ECEG 2013 website](#).

### Future of Energy Policy Webinar, 26 April 2013

The webinar & the foresight exercise of the Futurium platform of the European Commission took place 26 April 2013 at 4pm CET. This webinar is part of a series of 'Future Fridays' webinars with thought leaders from different backgrounds.

You can find the report [here](#).

## CROSSOVER in Social Media

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