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The second issue of 2010 covers in deep the EVOTE2010 conference, which took place in Castle Hofen at the Lake of Constance, Austria. The conference centered around the three topics of trust, certification and verification.

With the second magazine for 2010, we continue the tradition of guest authors and are very grateful for their contributions on the first e-voting in Poland, the developments in the Netherlands as well the use of technology in elections and its pitfalls. Finally, the carbon footprint of e-voting is analyzed. Furthermore, we provide the schematics of a generic Internet voting system, which you can separately download as well.

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IFES U.S. election workshop 2010

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) held a successful U.S. Election Program for this year's United States midterm elections. IFES' U.S. Election Program has taken place during every U.S. congressional and presidential election since 1992; its aim is to provide participants access to leading elections professionals, researchers and local and national representatives of government who have valuable insight into the electoral experience. This year's program brought together more than 200 election officials, parliamentarians and diplomats from around the world. The participants learned about a unique American electoral experience as well as each other's democratic systems and in the process created and strengthened professional relationships. Every continent and more than 40 countries

were represented in the program. E-Voting.CC was very honoured to be taking part in this event.



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Inside E-Voting.CC



Dear reader,

In front of you is the second edition of our newsletter. Our bi-monthly newsletter complementing the Modern Democracy

Magazine of which the second issue for 2010 was just delivered to your mailboxes. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading the magazine. In addition to the magazine, you find the latest trends and developments from the e-voting sphere in this newsletter. We would like to thank Everyone Counts for supporting this edition of the Modern Democracy newsletter. We would like to encourage you to join us in our cause to build the knowledge on the future of democracy. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and I kindly ask you to send me your feedback directly to m.kripp@e-voting.cc.

Yours,
Manuel J. Kripp
(Managing Director E-Voting.CC)

Welcome on board of E-Voting.CC

With October 2010, Josephin Tuljus has joined the competence center for electronic voting and participation. Josephin holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Munich with minors in European Law and History of Arts. She was working for the university and different members of the German and European Parliament. We are happy to have Josephin on board. You can get a more detailed profile @ <http://bit.ly/dYT3qj>

Partners

This edition of the Modern Democracy Newsletter is kindly supported by Everyone Counts – an internationally well-known provider of multi-channel voting systems.



CAST Workshop on electronic voting

On November 23rd, 2010, the Competence Center for Applied Security Technology invited to a seminar on Electronic Voting. Several distinguished and interesting speakers presented different perspectives on the topic of electronic and especially Internet voting. Prof. Rossnagl enlightened the

constitutional situation for e-voting in Germany, several practical experiences were presented and we were very honoured to be invited to speak about lessons learnt from the Austrian Internet voting experience. More information on the seminar (only in German) @ <http://bit.ly/f0M8cS>

Council of Europe Review Meeting on E-Voting

The CoE Recommendation rec(2004)11 on E-Voting enables the member states to keep under review their policy on, and experience of, e-voting in biennial meetings. The third of such meetings took place in November in Strasbourg and provided a platform for exchange and discussion among member states.

Furthermore, two sets of guidelines (on transparency and certification of e-voting systems) were presented. Additionally, the E-Voting Handbook – Key steps in the Implementation of e-enabled Elections was

launched, too. The e-voting project within in the CoE will end with 2010 but the dialogue and discussion should continue. The member states in general endorsed a proposal of the competence center to outsource the moderation of such dialogue to E-Voting.CC under the supervision of the Council and use the biennial EVOTE conferences as platform for the review and exchange process.

You can get more information @ <http://bit.ly/fEo0qN>

Gov2.0 Camp in Vienna

On December 3rd, the first Gov2.0 Camp took place in Vienna. The aim was to provide a space for administration, politics and the Internet community to meet and discuss in an informal manner, the various opportunities in inducing interactive technologies in the communication, interaction and decision-making processes. The meet-up was organized in a bar-camp styled way and enabled the discussion of diverse topics from e-participation and participatory budgeting to the use of concrete tools in managing web content to open data and the possibilities for the democracy of the future. All information is available online (only in German) @ <http://bit.ly/goF2ko>

CEDEM – Call for Papers extended to January 16th, 2011

The Call for Papers for the Conference on Electronic Democracy is extended until January 16th, 2011. CEDEM will take place from May 5th to 6th at the Danube University in Krems. You can get all the information on <http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/cedem> or download the CFP here @ <http://bit.ly/cP3YuR>.

Merry Christmas

E-Voting.CC, the competence center for electronic voting and participation wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New 2011. Let us embark on a new venture and join us in bringing the Modern Democracy forward.



CoE E-Voting Handbook

At the Council of Europe review meeting the E-Voting Handbook “Key steps in the Implementation of e-enabled Elections” was launched. You can your digital copy @ <http://bit.ly/eDGXOW>

Shortnews

E-Voting.CC is recruiting

The competence center for electronic voting and participation is looking for interns. If you want to apply or can recommend a committed and success-driven person write an email to m.kripp@e-voting.cc. Job description and more information is available at @ <http://bit.ly/evotingccintern>

The potential of e-voting in municipal elections

New article by Manuel Kripp from E-Voting.CC in the Austrian Municipal Newspaper (page 13-15). Get the full magazine @ <http://bit.ly/i9HB3D>

Study on e-participation and web2.0 presented

TuTech presents the CSC-study on the use of electronic participation and web 2.0 in German municipalities, city administrations and federal states. Get more information about the study and download it @ <http://bit.ly/hQRXbe> (German only)

India about to introduce EVM nationwide?

Prime minister Sheikh Hasina has advised the Election Commission (EC) to introduce electronic voting machines (EVM) throughout the country in every election (via theindependent) <http://bit.ly/g2UI22>

E-Voting in Kenya could serve democracy?

Anyang' Nyong'o argues for electronic voting and electronic counting of votes as the only sensible way to go to bring democracy in Kenya forward (via standardmedia.co.ke). Read the article @ <http://bit.ly/dKLbEA>

Parliament e-voting could save 30m pounds?

A report by the Greens in UK states that the introduction of e-voting in parliament could save up 30 million pounds based on the average decision-making process time and the average salary of an MP. (via ZDNet UK). Read the full story @ <http://bit.ly/fnqykm>. You can download the report @ <http://bit.ly/fAxmH5>

Upcoming Events, Conferences and Elections

⊗ CEDEM – Conference on Electronic Democracy, May 5th-6th, 2011, Krems, Austria
More Info @ <http://bit.ly/hBNWZJ>, Deadline for Paper Submission on January 16th, 2011

