
Editorial

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This special issue of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance* on One-Stop Government, guest edited by Dr. Efthimios Tambouris and Professor Konstantinos Tarabanis, inaugurates the journal's policy to alternate between regular issues that cover broader subjects on the electronic governance agenda and special issues focusing on specific topics of interest to our readership. One-Stop Government, in particular, constitutes one of the most critical topics for the development of user-friendly electronic government services, as succinctly presented in our guest editors' introduction.

The regular research department of our current issue contains one more paper:

- 'The status of broadband in Western Greece: a study on the supply and the demand of broadband services for e-government promotion', by Bouras et al., provides a very interesting analysis of the current demand for and supply of broadband infrastructures in the region of Western Greece, discussing how the existence or absence of broadband offerings can influence the deployment and penetration of e-government services.

Concluding this editorial, we would like to also bring to your attention this issue's *News and Briefs* department, covering some EU-focused studies and project calls on e-participation, e-accessibility and e-inclusion, as well as our *Conference Calendar*, listing more than ten events of interest to the electronic governance community and open for attendance or submissions in the months to come. Please be invited to browse the forthcoming special issues of *IJEG* on *E-Participation Systems and Services in Converging Regions*, guest-edited by Dr. Yannis Charalabidis, Professor Maria Wimmer and Mr. Gianluca Misuraca and *Delivering Electronic Government*, guest-edited by Dr. G.P. Sahu.

Last but not least, please note that the submission deadline for the special issue on *Users and Uses of Electronic Governance*, guest-edited by Professor Stéphanie Wojcik and Mr. Giles Moss, has been extended to 30 September, 2008.

Leaving the floor to our guest editors for their introduction on the topic of the special issue, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the contributors of the research papers and news columns that follow.