The eGovernment domain is becoming an area for research where an ever increasing number of solutions are being proposed. These solutions currently include theoretical characterization of a particular situation with the objective of providing a real solution, exploring possibilities and features for a particular framework. This phenomenon is demonstrated by the large number of conferences regarding the eGovernment domain taking place in today’s information age. As an example of these well-known conferences, we would like to present the MeTTTeG conferences.

This issue gathers extended versions of relevant articles from the most recent edition of this conference. After a comprehensive review, a set of articles was selected. We would like to express our appreciation to the authors for their collaboration.

These versions of the articles, enhanced with comments and remarks from our collaborators, are intended to be useful for both the academic and industrial community involved in the development of the eGovernment domain.

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The first article included in this issue is entitled “Architectural Guidelines and Practical Experiences in the Realization of E-Gov Employment Services”. This contribution is focused on the provision of the basis of the diverse architectural engineering guidelines that are used to support interoperability at different levels of abstraction. Those readers interested in the development of interoperable software for services among networked organizations will find this contribution quite interesting.

Features related to participation and its different possibilities are the focus of the research in this domain. In response to this new trend in the field, some contributions related to this area are included in this journal. For example, the paper entitled “Technical Audit of an Electronic Polling Station: A Case Study” presents a very interesting practical review of an actual polling process carried out using telematic support in Mexico. Additionally, the article entitled “Protecting a Distributed Voting Schema for Anonymous and Secure Voting Against Attacks of Malicious Partners” presents a schema for the provision of a secure eVoting service.

In the same line of research, the article entitled “Policy Cycle-Based E-Government Architecture for Policy-Making Organisations of Public Administrations”, describes a method to provide a business and application architecture for policy-making organisations of public administrations. This discussion will lead
readers to an interesting description concerning interoperability in the domain, involving intra and inter organization issues.

Finally, to complete the overview of the eGovernment area, the article entitled “The WAVE Platform: Utilising Argument Visualisation, Social Networking and Web 2.0 Technologies for eParticipation”, discusses how the use of Web 2.0 techniques can be of application to this domain.

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