

“Towards Electronic Democracy: Internet based complex decision support”

Scientific Report on the Visit in Universidad Rey Juan Carlos

“e-Participation in Environmental Decision Making”

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The expenses: The expenses include the air travel tickets 292.15 eur and daily allowance.

The purpose of the Visit:

- Preparatory activities related to the upcoming TED Conference in Helsinki in May 2005, <http://www.ted.tkk.fi/workshop/index.html>
- Mutual learning on TED related recent activities conducted in Universidad Rey Juan Carlos and Systems Analysis Laboratory at TKK, including among other issues:
 - Participatory budgeting and public decision making
 - Internet-based generation and evaluation of innovation ideas

Description of the work carried out during the visit

Mr. Könnölä familiarized with the work of the Statistics and Decision Sciences Group, collaborated with the researchers of the group and discussed the upcoming TED conference in Helsinki as well as TED summer school in Madrid in July. Specific activities included also studying the presentations and research papers on e-democracy and participatory budget formation conducted in the group with the guidance of Mr. Jesus Ríos and Prof. David Ríos Insúa. Meetings were organized in addition to informal communication among researchers. Mr. Könnölä gave also a seminar

presentation for the research group on Internet-based generation and evaluation of innovation ideas that lead to further clarification of possible collaboration areas.

Description of the main results obtained

Both parties obtained improved understanding for the preparation TED activities, for the workshop in Helsinki and summer school in Madrid.

Mutual learning occurred on research activities and methods in the both research groups. In particular Könnölä created general understanding on participatory budget formation develop in the group. On the other hand, further areas for research collaboration were identified. After his return to Finland, Mr. Könnölä also disseminated the results of the visit within the Systems Analysis Laboratory.

Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)

In particular, the common research interests were clarified on the participatory budget formation and robust portfolio modeling developed in Systems Analysis Laboratory. Researcher Jesus Ríos also shew initial interests in visiting Systems Analysis Laboratory for the continuation of the concrete collaboration.

Projected publications/articles resulting or to result from your grant

At this stage of collaboration, joint research papers have not been initiated which however are truly perceivable in the near future.

Other comments (if any)