The annual EGOV conference assesses the state of the art in e-government/e-governance and provides guidance for research, development and application in this fast-moving field. EGOV 2005 in Copenhagen built on the achievements of the preceding conferences (EGOV 2004 in Zaragoza, EGOV 2003 in Prague, EGOV 2002 in Aix-en-Provence). The EGOV conferences have become a reunion for academics and professionals worldwide. In that way, EGOV conferences provide both an exchange on the state of affairs concerning e-government developments and a basis for networking and building the community.

EGOV 2005 brought some changes in the outline and structure of the conference. In line with the growing number of submissions the conference was more structured and the reviewing process was more formalized, adopting a double-blind peer-review procedure.

The new design of EGOV safeguards the scientific quality and guarantees up-to-date information together with a discussion of the state of the art and of emerging themes in the field. Hence EGOV 2005 had both research sections and a workshop part. It comprised completed research and research in progress, workshop and poster presentations, and a PhD student colloquium. The proceedings volume published by Springer, Heidelberg includes the papers presented in the conference part. The volume published by Trauner, Linz contains the EGOV workshop and poster contributions.

This year’s conference bore the message: E-government is Both a Vision and a Construction Site. Consequently, a considerable set of themes was covered in several streams:

- Visions, challenges and frameworks
- Policies and strategies
- Methods and tools
- Technologies
- Design aspects
- Interoperability and standards
- Knowledge management and semantic modelling
- E-participation
- Electronic services
- GIS (geographical information systems)
- Monitoring and performance indicators

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