**Samos 2012 Summit Declaration**

**On ICT – enabled Governance**

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We, the participants of the Samos 2014 Summit on "**ICT-enabled Governance**" being active citizens, members of the **academic** and **industrial** communities, members of **Public sector bodies** and **SMEs**, as well as researchers of Open Data, Governance and Policy Modeling, Public Administration Transformation, Government 2.0, Interoperability, Information & Communication Technologies, Future Internet and Social Sciences

**Recognizing:**

- that **knowledge** and **innovation** are important means for tackling the global economic crisis while also being predominantly a key factor for sustainable economic growth and competitive advantage of enterprises;
- that today's global challenges are complex in nature, characterized by non-linear development, cascade spreading and unpredictability, therefore requiring the collaborative effort of scientists, private and public institutions, and citizens;
- the strategic importance of information and communication technologies in dealing with collaborative and open governance, establishing and ensuring open and competitive economies;
- the global context of the development of information society, which necessitates the transcendence of national horizons into transnational collaboration schemes and programmes across disciplines;

**Acknowledging:**

- the **European Digital Agenda 2020**, which strives to foster information society development and to provide the building blocks for sustainable growth, for all citizens and businesses;
- the **European Horizon 2020 Framework Programme** for research and innovation, which provides an evolving constitutional agenda for supporting scientific research and pre-competitive industrial development on information and communication technologies, social sciences, energy and environment, education and sustainable development;
- the **Open Governance Partnership**, that brings public sector information sharing and innovation forward, as the best mean of successfully tackling major societal challenges, which are becoming more urgent by the day;
- the **Research Roadmap on Next Generation Policy Making,** developed by the CrossOver project and published by the European Commission
- the Research Roadmap on **Global Systems Science**, as supported by the European Commission

**We call upon:**

the United Nations, the European Parliament, the European Union Presidency and Council of Ministers, the European Commission, National Governments, international organisations and NGO's, elected representatives and decision makers within the industry, SMEs and every active citizen

**To:**

- **Support research** and **innovation** in the domain of **Open Governmental Data** so that major technical and non-technical barriers for the wider availability and utilization of open data are overcome to enable significant benefits both in the research and industry and in the domain of governance for evidence-based decision making, transparency. and public trust

- **Support** the deployment and use of **Advanced Service Infrastructures**, incorporating distributed and diverse public sector information resources as well as data curation, semantic annotation and visualization tools, capable of supporting scientific collaboration and governance-related research from multi-disciplinary scientific communities

- **Support** the promotion of a **new participative governance model** for the Public sector and the enterprises within a connected, inclusive society that is based on transparency, enhanced cohesion, public engagement and trust

- **Foster collaboration** among scientific communities, industry, SMEs and citizens, towards **global systems science** where the immense potential of open, interoperable data for improved governance and decision making, economic gains and wealth creation will be exploited

- **Embrace and apply** the results of **ICT research** and **innovation** to improve interoperability and utilization of open data in the public sector, academia, industry and society.


In light of the above considerations, we have gathered at the Samos 2014 Summit on "ICT-enabled Governance" and now we call on all institutions and individuals addressed above, to take decisive steps at global, European, regional and local level regarding the development and adoption of new and advanced ICT solutions for Open Data and Global Systems Science, thereby providing the means for a proper response to the challenges of the future.