

learning in ways that contribute directly to the objectives below, including:

- bringing together people from all backgrounds, cultures and income groups, including people who can/cannot afford to pay
- using effective local partnerships to bring together key providers and relevant local agencies and services
- devolving planning and accountability to neighbourhood/parish level, with local people involved in decisions about the learning offered
- involving volunteers and Voluntary and Community Sector organisation (VCSO) groups, shifting long term, 'blocked' classes into learning clubs, growing self-organised learning groups, and encouraging employers to support informal learning in the workplace
- supporting the wide use of online information and learning resources
- minimising overheads, bureaucracy and administration.

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, the CLT defined the Cambridgeshire County Council Adult Learning and Skills Strategy (Skills strategy framework). The skills strategy is implemented through different action plans according to local priorities in four different districts in Cambridgeshire. Each district has Community Learning and Skills (CLAS) partnership which identify local priorities for funding. The priorities for each district are identified annually by Partnership members using a range of information such as DBIS policy, SFA funding rules, CCC skills strategy, data on deprivation, unemployment, current availability of provision, historical provision, local knowledge of stakeholders, facilities etc. This process is identified in the action plan as a local needs analysis. Funding decision is made based on scorecards which are marked by proposal evaluators.

The problems with current process for CLT funding include the lack of 'learner voice' in this decision making and local Learner Advisory Panels (LAP) are being developed to address this. Also, the priority setting in local district is still conducted based on qualitative opinion of participants despite of the existence of quantitative data due to the lack of analytic tool. Also, the evaluators of proposals are lacking tools to conduct direct impact analysis of the proposals toward the local priorities and skills strategy.

Policy Compass will provide decision makers with user friendly graphic interface for analysing different indices in comparison with multiple regions within the district. Also, the policy model based on fuzzy cognitive map is expected to allow the proposal evaluators conduct impact analysis which shows how much impact a proposal can make to the local priorities and skills strategy of the council.

Figure 1 illustrates how FCM can be applied to model the policy impact of funding proposals. The concepts on the right hand side include strategic and goal concepts while the ones on the left hand side the concepts derived from submitted proposals. The diagram show how each selected funding proposal can

make impacts to the strategic goals of the programme.

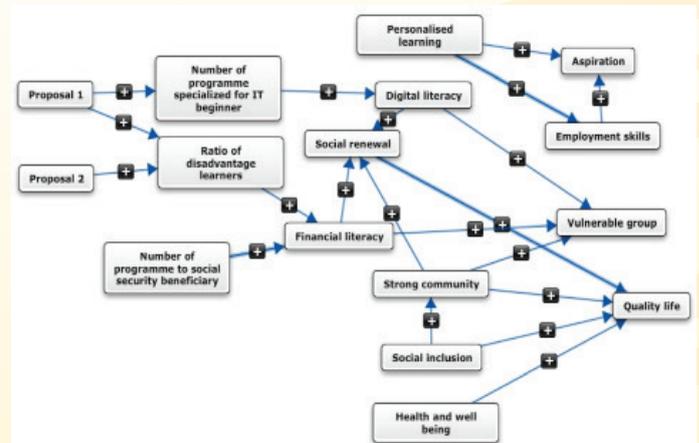


Figure 1: An FCM showing impact of funding proposals on the strategic goals of the funding scheme

Figure 2 shows a potential simulation results that will show how the strategic goal concepts will be changing during the simulation periods when one of the proposal concept on the left hand side is selected. The graphs will show how strategic goal concepts will be changing by funding of one or more proposals.

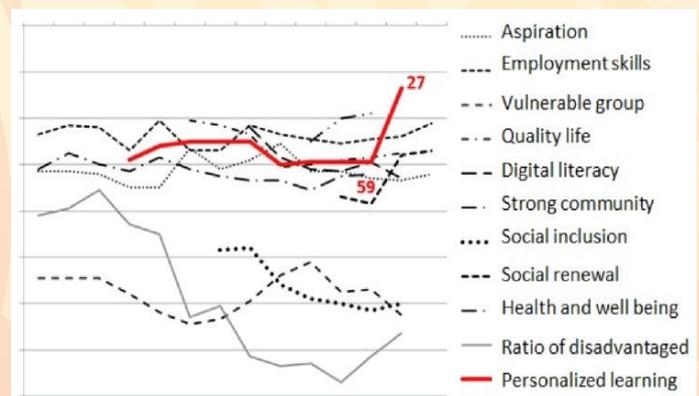


Figure 2: Simulation results based on the FCM based policy impact model

2nd Policy Compass Plenary Meeting

The 2nd Plenary Meeting of the Policy Compass consortium took place in the ATOS premises in Madrid, Spain on the 26th and 27th of June, 2014.

A sum up of the up-to-date achievements of the project took place, as well as interesting and fruitful discussions regarding the project's architectural design, evaluation methodology and pilot applications. Discussions on the project's publications and dissemination activities were also realised.

All Policy Compass partners were represented and active discussions were realised.

Participation in the t-Gov Workshop 2014

The aim of the t-Gov workshop was to provide a common platform for academics and practitioners to discuss and present original research highlighting issues related with technical, organisational, managerial and socioeconomic aspects of both (e) and (t)-Government implementation and adoption.

Brunel University presented a scientific paper in the context of t-Gov 2014 (entitled "Evidence-Based, Transparent and Accountable Policy Analysis and Evaluation – The Policy Compass Approach"), relevant to the project's concept and approach.



Participation in Samos Summit 2014

Being recognized as one of the established and important summer events of the last few years, this year's Samos Summit (Samos Summit 2014) was dedicated on ICT-enabled

Governance.

Since the scope of Samos Summit 2014 totally fell in the interests and areas of application of the Policy Compass project, the Policy Compass consortium was represented by Fraunhofer FOKUS in the event. The project's scope, as well as the up to date findings and advancements were communicated to a large and multidisciplinary audience.

In addition, exchange of ideas and knowledge and possible synergies amongst related projects and initiatives were discussed.

Participation in EPART 2014 Conference

The annual international IFIP Electronic Government (EGOV) conference is the European core conference in the domain of ICT in the public sector. Together with IFIP ePart, the sibling conference on electronic participation, and frequently affiliated workshops on emerging topics, the IFIP EGOV 2014 conference is expected to attract many participants from various domains of interest.

Taking advantage of this excellent scientific publication and dissemination opportunity, Policy Compass will present a scientific paper entitled "Fusing Open Public Data, Prosperity Indexes, Fuzzy Cognitive Maps and Argumentation Technology for more factual, evidence-based and accountable policy analysis and evaluation", presenting the overall Policy Compass notion and approach.

Exchange of ideas and knowledge and possible synergies amongst related projects and initiatives will also be sought by NTUA that will be representing the Policy Compass consortium.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event	Details
IFIP EGOV/EPART 2014	When: 1-3 September 2014 Where: Dublin, Ireland Website: http://www.egov-conference.org/egov-2014
eChallenges e-2014	When: 29-31 October 2014 Where: Belfast, Ireland Website: http://www.echallenges.org/e2014
EGOSE 2014	When: 18-20 November 2014 Where: St. Petersburg, Russian Federation Website: http://www.egov-conf.ifmo.ru

