

Call of abstracts: SEMIC 2024 – Workshop for early-career researchers

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Context

SEMIC is an initiative by the European Commission to promote interoperability among interconnected Digital Government systems. Hosted by the European Commission, in partnership with the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Digital Flanders, this year's SEMIC conference carries the title "Interoperable Europe: From Vision to Reality". The theme is directly aligned with the objectives of the newly introduced Interoperable Europe Act, aiming to bridge the gap between the visionary goals for a seamlessly connected European digital public sector and the concrete actions and policies that are bringing this vision to life.

A series of workshops will be organised the day before the 2024 SEMIC conference, i.e. 26 June 2024. Each workshop will provide opportunities to discuss selected facets in the very rich overall context of SEMIC.

Workshop scope

One of the 2024 SEMIC workshops is dedicated to early-career researchers and addresses SEMIC-related matters. As early-career researchers, we consider anyone in the final phase of a master's thesis, on a PhD journey, or a recently stated post-doc. Limited travel support is available and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

This workshop is co-organised by:

- The Belgian presidency and the Digital Flanders agency in particular, who have been working for more than 10 years on interoperability standards to make data flow more smoothly.
- [FreshMinds](#), a collaborative space organized by the Innovation of Public Services and Digital Transformation of Governance team of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC).
- The [Interoperable Europe Academy](#), is an educational initiative promoted by the European Commission to boost public administrations' advanced digital skills in the interoperability field.

The workshop will offer a space to present and debate ongoing research and ideas for the future – always aiming at providing interoperable public services and digital-ready public administrations and governments. Early-career researchers will be able to present their research, get feedback, and discuss it with peers, policy makers, and practitioners.

Whereas the participation of others is much acknowledged, we are particularly interested in receiving and discussing research perspectives and ideas from early-career researchers.

Call for abstracts

We especially invite early career researchers (in their individual capacity) to submit abstracts of up to 500 words describing the research or study they would like to present and discuss.

Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- Cross-border and cross-sector interoperability;
- The evolution of public governance under digital transitions;
- Agile approaches to digital governance;
- Citizen engagement and collaborative digital public governance;
- Digital-ready support services and communities;
- Data-driven policy making;
- Regulatory learning from experimentations with digital policies;
- Adoption of emerging technologies in the public sector;
- Bridging the skills gap to deliver next generation public services;
- Monitoring of public sector digital policies;
- Proposing impactful user-driven monitoring.

The submission should include:

- **Title**
- **Author with affiliation**
- **Career stage: master, PhD, post-doc**
- **Abstract** of up to 500 words, addressing the following questions
 - What is the research context, topic and question(s)?
 - How does this work relate to SEMIC and the topic of interoperability in general?
 - What is your position for the future, i.e. from your current research, which needs do you see for implementing interoperable public services and digital-ready public administrations and governments?

Submissions will be reviewed by a set of experts from the SEMIC community. This review will consider the questions above, but also clarity of presentation and language use.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submissions: **07 May 2024**

Notification of acceptance: **27 May 2024**

Workshop date: **26 June 2024**

Please submit your abstract by email to JRC-Digital-Governance@ec.europa.eu using the subject "Abstract submission - SEMIC 2024"