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1. DIGIWHIST EU dissemination conference

A final Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST project conference was held in Brussels on January 29, 2018. The title of the event was “Big data with local impact: Using open data to improve public procurement” and with the support of MEP Benedek Jávör as our host the conference was held on the premises of the European Parliament (“Altiero Spinelli” building).

After starting off with an informal sandwich lunch prior to the conference, the conference commenced at 13:00h with a greeting from the host, MEP Benedek Jávör, followed by Ella McPherson (University of Cambridge), the Principal Investigator of the Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST project.

During the first session of the conference, entitled “Transparency and data availability in European public procurement. How far have we gotten and what needs to be done”, Jiri Skuhrovec (DATLAB) presented the project findings on data availability and data transparency and pointed out relevant gaps in the overall availability of certain data. Gavin Hayman (Open Contracting Partnership) and Friedrich Lindenberg (OCCRP) commented on the results and the current and future needs of civil society members to play an active role in the monitoring of public expenditures and procurement procedures. A brief Q&A allowed for questions to the speakers.

The second session aimed to provide a “Snapshot of government favoritism in European public procurement”. The session started off with Mihaly Fázekas (University of Cambridge) who introduced the overall research methodology of the project and pointed out the resulting risk areas and risk assessment methods and the policy lessons that can be derived from the results. Ana Gomes (MEP) gave examples of bad practise and warned that some national governments enable corruption on a national level -- despite regulatory efforts by the EU -- simply by not caring enough to follow through with agreements made on EU level. Frank Michlik (OLAF) followed her lead by commenting on how anti-fraud safeguards in public procurement should be a matter of priority for both EU Member States and EU institutions. A brief Q&A allowed for questions to the session speakers followed by a brief coffee break.

In the third session, entitled “How to reform to address problems, the interaction between legal arrangements and civil society activism (digital whistleblowing)”, Aram Khaghaghordyan (Hertie School of Governance) introduced the EuroPAM platform (www.europam.eu), an original Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST product. EuroPAM is a database of legal and regulatory norms assesses in-law efforts to enhance the transparency of public administration and the accountability of public officials. Mara Mendes (Open Knowledge Foundation Germany) then presented the second original Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST product, Opentender (www.opentender.eu), which was released to the public for the first time at the conference. She was followed by Francesco Calderoni (Università Cattolica di Milano), who introduced the third original Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST product, “Monitoring European Tenders – MET”. “MET is a risk assessment tool for public authorities and helps monitor the integrity of public contracts. In his comment, Gustavo Piga (University of Rome) encouraged the spreading of best practise examples, stressing that trust is an essential element of a virtuous circle supporting accountability and innovation of government. Carl Dolan

(Transparency International Europe) underlined the importance of civil society in turning data and knowledge of corruption into accountable action. Unfortunately, Francesca Recanatini (World Bank) could not give her comment by video call due to personal time constraints. A brief Q&A allowed for questions to the speakers.

In the fourth and last session titled “The EU’s role: What should Europe do next?” Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (Hertie School of Governance) moderated a concluding panel. The panellists were Monica Macovei (MEP), Pascal Boijmans (DG REGIO), Nikita Stampa (DG GROW), Jean-Francois Junger (DG Connect) and Irina Stefuric (DG HOME).

With this conference the project aimed to reach out to all relevant EU bodies, to non-governmental stakeholders represented at the EU level, to national stakeholders and international media. The conference intended to provide high-level visibility to the final deliverables of the project amplifying its impact and contributing to its long term sustainability.

Overall, the final Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST event was able to draw major attention to the project and its products. The final conference received a large number of registrations (77 excl. speakers; 95 total participants) and more registration requests were submitted via email after the registration deadline had passed. Unfortunately, due to room constraints these potential participants had to be denied access. The registered audience represented members from NGOs, policy makers, business and commerce representatives, and journalists. In order to cater to a broader audience, the event was streamed live online both on the ERCAS YouTube channel and on the event page of the www.digiwhist.eu website. 244 live views were counted during the conference.

Livestream: DIGIWHIST Final Project Conference, 29 January, Brussels

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Together with the speakers' session slides, the recordings of the live stream were later made available on the DIGIWHIST project website. So far 45 views have been counted. (<http://digiwhist.eu/publications/big-data-with-local-impact-using-open-data-to-improve-public-procurement-conference-stream-and-slides/>)

A professional photographer took pictures during the entire duration of the event and documented the different sessions, speakers and audience.

Twitter activity during the event was high. Besides 12 original tweets from the Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST account (@digiwhist) with 186 engagements and 6.654 organic impressions, the project was mentioned 60 times in tweets of other accounts. The Twitter follower numbers rose from 664 before the event (28.01.2018) to 704 during the event (29.01.2018) and continued rising after the event. Currently the @digiwhist account counts 788 followers (22.02.2018).



Introduction:
 • Benedek Jávor (MEP): Welcome from the host
 • Ella McPherson (University of Cambridge): Welcome from DIGIWHIST

The Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST project and the Opentender platform were mentioned in the “Politico – Brussels Playbook” as one of the events “driving Brussels today” (<https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/brussels-playbook/politico-brussels-playbook-babis-does-brussels-cognac-for-juncker-pittella-jumps-ship/>)

2. Further international presence

With the coordination of HSOG but active participation of consortium partners, the Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST project team attempted to have representation at as many big international events as possible in the final 18 months of the project. During the entire length of the project, team members promoted the project at national and international events and networked with potential stakeholders.

16-17 April 2015	<p>Personal Democracy Forum, Warsaw, Poland http://epf.org.pl/en/events/pdfplcee2015/#program</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) led a session entitled "Digital Whistleblowing and Public Spending". This annual conference has become the biggest European event devoted to technology, democracy and civic engagement and gives participants from more than 25 countries the chance to join the debate and share their experiences.</p>
15-17 June 2015	<p>Data for Policy 2015 conference in Cambridge, UK http://dataforpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/06-Information-Pack-inal4web.pdf</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) led a workshop titled “Exploring government administrative data to hold governments accountable in Big Data Era” which provided an opportunity to promote DIGIWHIST and network with potential stakeholders. The conference revolved around efficient procedures, drawing links between large-scale data-processing technologies and existing expert knowledge in major policy domains.</p>

8 July 2015	<p>European Corruption Observatory Lithuania Workshop http://www.transparencyinternational.eu/european-corruption-observatory-workshops/</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) led a session on public procurement portals. The workshop was held during the Transparency International School on Integrity (TISI) in Vilnius, Lithuania and covered investigative journalism, cross-border cooperation, and corruption. Participants were from public, private, non-governmental and academic sectors and from all academic backgrounds.</p>
2-4 September 2015	<p>16th International Anti-Corruption Conference in Malaysia http://16iacc.org/blog/2014/12/16/the-16th-iacc-to-take-place-in-malaysia-september-2015/</p> <p>This was the first opportunity to officially promote DIGIWHIST at a major international event. Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) ran a stall at the conference exhibition where he distributed flyers and DIGIWHIST-branded pens and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
10-11 September 2015	<p>Western Balkans OGP Dialogue 2015, Tirana, Albania http://balkan.ogp-dialogue.org/</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) co-organised and participated in a panel entitled: "Planning and use of the State Budget – Including Public Procurement and Citizens budget Initiatives" This panel focused on making public spending more efficient and transparent, focusing on citizen monitoring of public procurement.</p>
14 September 2015	<p>Maastricht University, Netherlands http://mgsog.merit.unu.edu/</p> <p>Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) had a unique opportunity to present DIGIWHIST research findings to a cohort of young academics when she led a seminar for the Master of Public Policy students. She spoke about public policy and accountability and presented DIGIWHIST research</p>
29 September 2015	<p>Big Data Methods for Social Science & Policy: Interdisciplinary Workshop, Murray Edwards College, Cambridge http://www.bigdata.cam.ac.uk/events/events-archive/big-data-methods-for-social-science-and-policy</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM), led a workshop entitled "Exploring government administrative data to hold governments accountable in the Big Data Era", where he also presented the work of DIGIWHIST.</p>
5-6 October 2015	<p>World Bank Group in Washington, D.C</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) held a workshop entitled: "Theory-driven approaches to identifying red flags of corruption in public procurement" for the WBG Teams working on Corruption, Procurement & Data Analytics. In this intense session he was able to present the aims of the DIGIWHIST</p>

	tools.
20-22 October 2015	<p>Horizon 2020 ICT 2015 Innovate, Connect, Transform in Portugal http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/ict2015-innovate-connect-transform-lisbon-20-22-october-2015</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) attended the forum to promote DIGIWHIST and network.</p>
22-24 October 2015	<p>The Empiricist's Challenge: Asking Meaningful Questions in the Age of Big Data". Mannheim University, Germany http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/d7/de/events/the-empiricists-challenge-asking-meaningful-questions-in-political-science-in-the-age-of-big-data http://www.bigdatapoliticalscience.net/</p> <p>Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) gave a presentation entitled "Big Data for Accountability: a novel initiative for public procurement transparency", presenting the research undertaken by DIGIWHIST researchers.</p>
27-28 October 2015	<p>European Assistance for Innovation Procurement" (EAFIP), Paris http://eafip.eu/events/major-events/eafip-major-event-paris/</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) promoted DIGIWHIST and networked with potential stakeholders. The two-day event targeted procurers, policy makers, procurement law firms, and businesses to raise awareness about major PCP/PPI initiatives across Europe and promote discussion of new ideas, initiatives, and funding opportunities for PCP/PPI.</p>
28 October 2015	<p>Seminar series "Innovations in corruption studies in Europe and beyond" at UCL SSEES, London, UK http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ssees/anticorrrp/anticorrrp-events-publication/favouritism-in-public-procurement</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented and discussed DIGIWHIST research with his presentation titled: "Breaking the cycle. How to detach corrupt government contracts from financing politics?"</p>
5 November 2015	<p>Open Contracting Partnership UK workshop, London http://www.opengovernment.org.uk/2015/12/02/8-recommendations-for-open-contracting-in-the-uk/</p> <p>This event aimed to address open contracting advocates, implementers and newcomers to explore opportunities for advancing open contracting policy, practice, and technology in the UK. Bence Tóth (UCAM) gave a workshop entitled "DIGIWHIST and UK comparison" which was mainly attended by civil society organisations.</p>
17 November 2015	<p>"Digital Whistleblowing. Blessing or Curse?", Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany https://www.hertie-school.org/mediaandevents/events/events-</p>

	pages/17112015-digital-whistleblowing-blessing-or-curse/ Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) and Mara Mendes (OKFDE) participated in this roundtable debate, initiating an interesting topical discussion and capturing international attention as the debate was a World Forum for Democracy Satellite Event organized by HSOG. With other renowned speakers from Transparency International, x-net (Spain) et.al., this was a great event to showcase DIGIWHIST and to promote its topics.
18 – 21 November 2015	World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe, Strasbourg http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/source/wfd/WFD2015-Programme.pdf Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) attended the main WFD event where he was able to continue to promote DIGIWHIST and network with potential stakeholders.
30 November - 1 December 2015	Openbudgets Stakeholder Workshop, Berlin http://openbudgets.eu/events/2015/10/13/open-budgets-stakeholder-workshop/ Mara Mendes (OKFDE) organized and participated in this event. Open Knowledge International and Open Knowledge Germany organized the workshop to address the question: “How might Open Data Contribute to the Democratization of Fiscal Policy?”
2 December 2015	E-Procurement Forum, Vienna, Austria http://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2015/10/20/e-procurement-forum-enhancing-public-spending Jiří Skuhrovec (DATLAB) gave a presentation on “zIndex.cz - Czech ranking of buyers' best practice” and used the occasion to also actively promote DIGIWHIST.
4 February 2016	ANAC workshop “Indicatori rischio corruzione nel ciclo del contratto pubblico: problemi di identificazione e potenzialità di analisi e valutazione della spesa”, Rome http://www.govtransparency.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Fazekas_TED-corruption_20160203.pdf http://www.govtransparency.eu/ Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented DIGIWHIST research with his presentation titled: “Uncovering High-Level Corruption: Cross-National Corruption Proxies Using Government Contracting Data”
18-19 February 2016	H2020 INSO-1-2014 & 2015 Projects Policy and Networking Meeting at the European Commission, Brussels http://empatia-project.eu/files/OpenGov19FebREA.pdf Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented DIGIWHIST and networked with other H2020 INSO projects.

3 March 2016	<p>Harvard Kennedy School of Governance, Cambridge, MA, USA http://ash.harvard.edu/event/path-denmark-how-do-societies-develop-control-corruption</p> <p>In early March 2016, Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was able to promote the DIGIWHIST project during her travels to the USA. She gave a lecture titled “The Path to Denmark: How Do Societies Develop Control of Corruption?”</p>
7 March 2016	<p>The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA</p> <p>In Washington D.C., Alina Mungiu-Pippidi held a workshop titled “The Quest for Good Governance” [Invitation Only Workshop] where she also informed about the progress of the DIGIWHIST project</p>
8 March 2016	<p>Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C., USA https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/how-can-societies-control-corruption-the-european-experience</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi gave a lecture at the on the topic “How Can Societies Control Corruption? The European Experience”) Here she also raised awareness of the results of the two EU-funded projects, FP7 ANTICORRP and Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST.</p>
11-12 March 2016	<p>Logan Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIJ) Symposium, Berlin, Germany https://logancij.com/</p> <p>Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) participated at the CIJ Symposium where he promoted the DIGIWHIST project amongst investigative journalists and networked with potential stakeholders</p>
17-18 March 2016	<p>“Law, Economy, Competition and Administration” Workshop in Timișoara, Romania</p> <p>Freedom House Romania (FHR) organised a two-day training addressing Romanian and Bulgarian law-enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, and civil servants in Timișoara. The project „Law, Economy, Competition and Administration – Developing a Multidisciplinary Approach in the Fight against Public Procurement Criminality” was partnered by The Center for the Study of Democracy (BG)/ Expert Forum Association, Romanian Competition Council, Ministry of Justice, and the National Agency of Civil Servants. The project aims to identify specific institutional vulnerabilities relating to legal loopholes, economic standstills, and bureaucratic deficiencies, all of which allow for the development of public procurement corruption and stifle competitive qualitative tenderers. This effort is aided by input from business representatives and other relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>Ágnes Czibik (GTI) was invited as an expert to present „Identifying corruption risks in public procurement using big data” and promoted the DIGIWHIST project amongst potential stakeholders</p>

18 March 2016	<p>Personal Democracy Forum PL and CEE, Gdansk, Poland http://epf.org.pl/en/events/personal-democracy-forum-pl-and-cee-2016/#program1</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE), together with her colleague Cat Spangehl, held a workshop titled “Crowdsourcing Procurement Data through FOIA requests”. This annual conference with more than 400 participants devoted to technology, democracy, and civic engagement produced excellent opportunities for DIGIWHIST project promotion and networking</p>
23 March 2016	<p>“Controlling Government: Measuring Corruption Risks in Romanian Public Procurement Data”, Bucharest, Romania http://sar.org.ro/en/sar-a-co-organizat-conferinta-monitorizarea-guvernului-masurarea-riscurilor-de-coruptie-in-datele-privind-achizitiile-publice/</p> <p>The Romanian Academic Society (SAR), in partnership with the Hungarian Institute for Government Transparency (GTI), the Romanian Competition Council (CC) and the National Public Procurement Agency (ANAP), organized this conference in Bucharest, which focused on the issue of monitoring public spending through access to objective data on the award and implementation of public procurement contracts. The event was attended by the President of the ANAP (Mr. Bogdan Puscas), the President of the CC (Mr. Bogdan Chiritoiu), the Director of the CC’s Division for Auctions and Petitions (Ms Grațela George), the President of the Romanian National Council for Solving Complaints (CNSC) (Mr. Silviu Popa), as well as by Agnes Czibik (GTI) and Mihály Fazekas (UCAM).</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) held a presentation on “Corruption in public procurement: an EU perspective with a focus on Romania” and Ágnes Czibik (GTI) presented the practical application of a Corruption Risk Index on Romanian procurement contracts, visualized on the website http://ro.tendertracking.eu/ Both used the event to promote DIGIWHIST goals and to further contacts with potential project partners</p>
4-5 April 2016	<p>“The risk of abuse in public procurement – can we measure and control it better?” Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>This event on corruption risks in public procurement was organised by the Stefan Batory Foundation. Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented “New risk indicators of corruption in public procurement – Poland in a European context. Analysis using data from EU regulated tenders” and introduced the DIGIWHIST project to potential stakeholders</p>
7-10 April 2016	<p>74th MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, USA http://www.mpsanet.org/Portals/65/Conference/Program%20Archive/mpsa_prog16.pdf?ver=2016-08-02-122451-623</p> <p>Elizabeth David-Barrett, University of Sussex, presented the paper “Elite Favouritism in Public Procurement: The Limits of a One-Size-Fits-All Regulatory Approach” co-authored with Mihaly Fazekas (UCAM)</p>

12 April 2016	<p>Dutch Ministry of the Interior in The Hague, Netherlands</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was invited to present as the main expert in a meeting where she presented the findings from the ERCAS study on “Public Integrity and Trust in Europe” commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of the Interior. On this occasion she could introduce also the DIGIWHIST project, which seeks to simultaneously increase trust in governments and improve the efficiency of public spending across Europe.</p>
18-19 April 2016	<p>“Integrity Pacts – civil control mechanism for safeguarding EU funds”, Berlin, Germany</p> <p>https://www.transparency.org/whatwedo/activity/clean_contracting_safeguarding_eu_funds_in_europe</p> <p>Luciana Cingolani (HSOG), Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) and Mara Mendes (OKFDE) were participants at the Transparency International pilot initiative kick-off workshop. Luciana Cingolani presented the Horizon 2020 DIGIWHIST project to the participants followed by a discussion with the international audience. During this event, the researchers were able to network with potential stakeholders from the target countries of the project.</p>
19-20 April 2016	<p>OECD Integrity Forum, Paris, France</p> <p>http://www.oecd.org/cleangovbiz/integrity-forum-2016.htm</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) presented her book “The Quest for Good Governance” at the OECD Integrity Forum and spoke about her research within the FP7 ANTICORRP and the Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST projects. She networked with potential stakeholders</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) also participated at the OECD Integrity Forum. At the “Poster Presentation” of the OECD Integrity Forum marketplace he presented the DIGIWHIST project and its research results to an interested audience of potential stakeholders</p> <p>On top of this, Mihály Fazekas was also discussant at the Round Table “Opening up Contracting and Strengthening the Integrity of Procurement Systems” of the “New Horizons in Anti-Corruption: Policy Symposium in preparation for the United Kingdom 2016 Anti-Corruption Summit” (a side event of the OECD Integrity Forum, per invitation only).</p>
28 April 2016	<p>“Fighting corruption: from headlines to real impact”, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>http://bruegel.org/events/fighting-corruption-from-headlines-to-real-impact/</p> <p>The Brussels-based economic think tank Bruegel hosted an event featuring FP7 ANTICORRP and Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST researchers Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) and Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) and Transparency International (TI) representative Carl Dolan. In the discussion over why is it so difficult to overcome corruption and what measures need to be taken to majorly improve the situation, Fazekas highlighted public procurement as a good proxy for uncovering corruption, as the DIGIWHIST project data helps trace preferential treatment putting together data on companies who win many contracts with public funds. The event was also live-streamed for wider audience and the</p>

	recording can be viewed online.
30 April 2016	<p>Open Contracting @ Transparency Camp: Training and workshop, Amsterdam, Netherlands</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-contracting-transparency-camp-training-and-workshop-fringe-event-tickets-24586866981</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) attended the workshop at this side event to the Transparency Camp where she presented the DIGIWHIST project and its future tools to target audience.</p>
1 May 2016	<p>Transparency Camp, Amsterdam</p> <p>https://transparencycamp.eu</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) attended the Transparency Camp event that works as an “un-conference” and focuses on open data, new technologies, and policies that make the EU work for people, stimulate open government and help grasp the workings of the various EU institutions. Here she promoted the DIGIWHIST project and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
11 May 2016	<p>“Tackling Corruption Together” (Pre-event to the Anti-Corruption Summit), London, UK</p> <p>http://thecommonwealth.org/tacklingcorruptiontogether</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) was invited as a speaker at the session “Empowering Citizens – Making the Link between Whistleblowers and Law Enforcement Prosecutions Stronger” where he presented and promoted the DIGIWHIST research results and products.</p>
10-12 May 2016	<p>EBRD 2016 Annual Meeting and Business Forum, London, UK</p> <p>http://www.ebrd.com/documents/admin/civil-society-procurement.pdf</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was a speaker at the Civil Society Programme of the EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum. The panel discussion she participated in was titled “Engaging civil society to promote transparent procurement” and her co-speakers were Claire Martin (Transparency International), Tato Urjumelashvili (UNCITRAL) and Jan Jackholt, (EBRD). The discussant was Michel Nussbaumer (EBRD). The event was moderated by Cristina Buzasu, (EBRD). On this occasion she could promote the project and enhance its international visibility.</p>
19 May 2016	<p>London School of Economics 2016 SSIT Open Research Forum Workshop “Data science meets social sciences: Understanding origins, means and consequences of social computing” London, UK</p> <p>https://orflse.wordpress.com/programme/</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented the paper titled: “Using government administrative data to hold governments accountable” in session 2 of the workshop. This was an excellent occasion for attracting attention to the DIGIWHIST project amongst academia.</p>

June 7, 2016	<p>“Public Procurement Oversight: Corruption Risks Identified by the CSOs”, Skopje, Macedonia</p> <p>http://eng.balkantenderwatch.eu/focus/4/2016/06/15/public-procurements-or-only-imitation.html</p> <p>The Macedonian Center for International Cooperation (MCMS) and the Center for Civil Communications (CCC) organized this conference in Skopje. Ágnes Czibik (GTI) presented at the panel “Civil society monitoring of public procurement - A state of art?” on universalistic vs. particularistic distribution of public resources, tools for detection of ‘red flag’ procurement deals, and examples of successful detection of public procurement malpractices. Ágnes Czibik’s presentation titled “Using Big Data in public procurement to detect corruption & collusion risks” made reference to the DIGIWHIST project and its research goals.</p>
17-18 June 2016	<p>“Inequality, Culture and Governance”, University of Girona, Catalonia, Spain</p> <p>http://www.udg.edu/Not%c3%adcsiesiagenda/Reculldenot%c3%adcsies/tabid/2575/p/51326/language/ca-ES/Default.aspx</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) delivered a keynote for the international workshop. She promoted the project amongst potential stakeholders.</p>
22-25 June 2016	<p>6th Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>http://www.epsanet.org/conference-2016/</p> <p>Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) presented the paper “Does more regulation result in better governance? An impact assessment of public accountability mechanisms across Europe” (co-authored with ERCAS researcher Dr. Ramin Dadasov) at the panel “Regulatory Politics in Europe”. She also chaired a panel on “Regional Dissent”.</p> <p>Luciana spread the news about DIGIWHIST research, networking with potential stakeholders.</p>
08 July 2016	<p>King’s College Workshop “Multidisciplinary perspectives on corruption and its effects on business”, London, UK</p> <p>http://www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/idi/Events/eventrecords/Multidisciplinary-perspectives-on-corruption-and-its-effects-on-business.aspx</p> <p>Bence Tóth (UCAM) presented his paper titled “Conceptualising objective corruption proxies in government contracting: An application to the UK” (written with Mihály Fazekas and Luciana Cingolani), drawing attention to DIGIWHIST research and the overall project.</p>
23-28 July 2016	<p>24th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA 2016), Poznan, Poland</p> <p>https://wc2016.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2016/home</p> <p>DIGIWHIST researchers participated in two panels at the IPSA World Congress.</p> <p>In the first panel “Taming Crony Capitalism. Diagnoses and Responses to</p>

	<p>the Business-Politics Linkage” Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented “Elite Favouritism in Public Procurement: The Limits of a One-Size-Fits-All Regulatory Approach” (co-authored with Elizabeth David-Barrett).</p> <p>In the second panel “Measuring Corruption and Testing Anti-Corruption Tools: Innovations and Challenges” Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) presented the paper “Does more regulation result in better governance? An impact assessment of public accountability mechanisms across Europe” (together with ERCAS researcher Dr. Ramin Dadasov).</p> <p>DIGIWHIST researchers promoted the project amongst academia and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
5 August 2016	<p>International Public Procurement Conference (IPP7), Bali, Indonesia http://ippc7.com/</p> <p>Jiří Skuhrovec (DATLAB) held two presentations - one on zindex risk indicators: “ZINDEX – Benchmarking Municipalities in Public Procurement” (authored together with Jan Soudek, IES), and one on cross-border procurement and single European market: “Universalistic Rules - Particularistic Implementation: The EU’s Single Market For Government Purchases” (authored together with Mihály Fazekas, UCAM). Both presentations quoted DIGIWHIST as a work in progress and promoted the future products developed by the project.</p>
7 September 2016	<p>Quality of Government Institute lunchtime seminar, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden http://qog.pol.gu.se/e/?eventId=3175156292</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented "Objective corruption proxies: experiences from 35 European countries" and offered unique insight into the preliminary results of the large-scale data collection and indicator building exercise (covering 35 European jurisdictions) undertaken by DIGIWHIST. He discussed the project research results and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
14-16 September 2016	<p>“Leading by example: implementing Anti-Corruption Summit commitments on transparency in public procurement”, Wilton Park, UK https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/event/wp1502/</p> <p>This event, organised jointly by the Open Contracting Partnership, The B Team, Transparency International and Wilton Park, brought together government and civil society representatives from countries that made specific Anti-Corruption Summit commitments to fight corruption through increased transparency, in procurement, open contracting and beneficial ownership. Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) participated as one of the integrity in public procurement experts, presenting and leading a break-out session on corruption measurement and indicators. This was an excellent occasion to present DIGIWHIST results and to promote the overall goals of the project.</p>

15-16 September 2016	<p>18. Beschaffungskonferenz, Berlin, Germany http://wegweiser.de/de/18-beschaffungskonferenz-2016 Mara Mendes (OKFDE) networked with procurement practitioners at this German procurement event.</p>
16 September 2016	<p>Data For Policy 2016 Conference, Cambridge, UK www.dataforpolicy.org Bence Tóth (UCAM) presented on the topic “Diverse uses of government contracting data to improve spending of public funds” and promoted the DIGIWHIST project amongst potential stakeholders.</p>
9 September 2016	<p>Guest Seminar "Accountability and Implementation", Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) conducted a guest seminar on accountability and implementation at the Maastricht University where she presented DIGIWHIST as a case analysis.</p>
30 September 2016	<p>Public Procurement Forum, Belgrade, Serbia http://www.publicprocurementsymposium.eu/ Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) acted as a rapporteur for the “Big Data”-themed slot of the symposium. He networked and promoted the DIGIWHIST project amongst potential Serbian and international stakeholders</p>
6-7 October 2016	<p>IODC16, Madrid, Spain http://opendatacon.org/ Mara Mendes (OKFDE) and Andrej Sandorf (OKFDE) attended both a pre-event by Open Contracting Partnership and Hivos on Open Contracting, and attended the IODC16 conference, where they networked with potential DIGIWHIST project partners</p>
12 October 2016	<p>EC workshop “Public procurement meets open data”, Brussels, Belgium http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/regions-and-cities/reports/programme_full_2016.cfm?cid=1e2754f0532274e5015525eb14a4005a Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) and Jiří Skuhrovec (DATLAB) were both speakers at this workshop organized by the European Commission during the European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels. On this occasion they could present DIGIWHIST results and network with potential partners.</p>
17 October 2016	<p>G20 Seminar, Paris, France https://www.oecd.org/g20/topics/anti-corruption/ DIGIWHIST researcher Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) spoke at a round table on “Strengthening the evidence-base of integrity and anticorruption policies” at the G20 “Seminar on Corruption and the Global Economy”. The seminar hosted experts from OECD, IMF, and World Bank, as well as</p>

	economists & researchers from leading Universities
24-25 October 2016	<p>OSCE Anti-Corruption Expert Meeting, Vienna, Austria http://www.osce.org/secretariat/276846</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was invited as a speaker to the OSCE Anti-Corruption Expert Meeting in Vienna, Austria, where she held a Keynote at the opening session on “Corruption in the XXI Century”. She also spoke during the panel debate titled “Way Forward – How to strengthen cooperation in the fight against corruption?” together with Maciej Popowski, Deputy Director-General, Directorate General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), and Marin Mrcela, Chairman of the Council of Europe’s Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). The debate was moderated by Robert Benjamin, Regional Director of Central and Eastern Europe programs, NDI. Alina Mungiu-Pippidi networked with potential partners.</p>
28 October 2016	<p>Tatra Summit, Bratislava, Czech Republic http://www.tatrasummit.org/tatrasummit2016/programme/state-of-open-society-in-europe-today</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was invited as a panelist for a session titled “State of Open Society in Europe” at the TATRA Summit in Bratislava. Her co-speaker was Richard Wike, Director of Global Attitudes Research at the PEW Research Center in Washington, D.C. The summit brings together European commissioners, dozens of ministers and EU officials, hundreds of analysts and scholars gathered in Bratislava to reflect upon the current European problems and find solutions. Alina promoted the project and networked with potential stakeholders and sponsors for future sustainability.</p>
26 October 2016	<p>5th Annual Conference on Innovative Public Procurement, Berlin, Germany http://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/newsroom/cf/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=8866</p> <p>At this event organized by DG GROW, Luciana Cingolani (HSOG) spoke on the topic of “The potential of data in the e-procurement world”, presenting the DIGIWHIST project and networking with potential partners.</p>
2-3 November 2016	<p>“Workshop on screening collusion in procurement auctions”, Rome, Italy</p> <p>This closed workshop was organised by the Dutch Authority for Consumers & Markets and the Italian Competition Authority. Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented on “The suitability of public procurement data for developing cartel screens: European experiences” using DIGIWHIST data collection and assessment results to inform competition authorities considering using public procurement data for cartel screening and corruption measurement.</p>

10 November 2016	<p>Discussion Group SEE (MdB Gesprächskreis), Bundestag, Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) held a presentation on policy recommendations and steps to be taken in order to support the fight against corruption in Southeast Europe/Western Balkans for the Discussion Group SEE (MdB Gesprächskreis) at the Bundestag in Berlin. There she pointed out DIGIWHIST research and the need for transparency in public procurement.</p>
17-18 November 2016	<p>Data for Sustainable Growth conference, Kyiv, Ukraine https://ksedataconf.org.ua/</p> <p>Daniel Tanis (UCAM) was speaker at the Policy Making Track, Panel Session 2.2 “Anti-corruption”, which covered implementation of new measurement instruments of corruption and quality of government and the elimination of corruption risks in public procurement. He promoted the DIGIWHIST project and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
21-22 November 2016	<p>The role of data for clean contracting. How can better access to and use of data help end corruption?, Berlin, Germany</p> <p>Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) participated as an expert in the panel “Getting information for public procurement”, where he presented DIGIWHIST’s work, as well as its two outputs: www.europam.eu and www.opentender.eu. He also organised an interactive exercise using DIGIWHIST’s D1.1 deliverable.</p>
1-4 December 2016	<p>17th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), Panama City, Panama http://iaccseries.org/</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) was a speaker at the workshop “Using data and transparency to change the game in public procurement: new initiatives from local and global players” where he could spread the news about DIGIWHIST research.</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) and Bence Tóth (UCAM) were both winning presenters at the “Proxy Challenge Competition” organised by the U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center with the aim of finding the best proxy indicators that can track progress of anti-corruption reform initiatives (https://www.cmi.no/news/1751-the-proxy-challenge-award). Their joint presentation was titled “Measuring Corrupt Rent Extraction by Tracking the Misuse of Corporate Vehicles”. At the IACC both researchers networked with potential stakeholders and partners.</p>
2 December 2016	<p>Corruption and its trends: a policy challenge, Venice, Italy http://bit.ly/2gL3S7Q</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was invited as an expert speaker to discuss policy challenges related to the fight against corruption with other academic experts and policy makers at the closed workshop titled “Corruption and its trends: a policy challenge.” The workshop was</p>

	<p>organised by the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Venice. On this occasion, AMP introduced the DIGIWHIST project and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
7-8 December 2016	<p>4th Open Government Partnership (OGP) Global Summit, Paris, France https://en.ogpsummit.org/civil-society-morning/</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) gave a keynote speech titled “THE DIGITAL VIRTUOUS CIRCLE: How enlightened citizens create Open Government and the other way around” at the Civil Society Morning of the Open Government Partnership World Summit in Paris. Alina’s remarks were followed by a discussion with Manish Bapna (World Resources Institute) and Sanjay Pradhan (OGP).</p> <p>Mara Mendes (OKFDE) co-organised a session with the Open Contracting Partnership entitled “Tools & strategies to transform public contracting”, where she introduced DIGIWHIST and networked with potential stakeholders and partners. https://en.ogpsummit.org/osem/conference/ogp-summit/program/proposal/248</p>
8 December 2016	<p>“Aid and Abetting? The Impact of EU Assistance on Governance”, Carnegie Europe, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Together with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Europe Office, HSOG organised a policy dinner on 8 December. It brought together high-level policy makers and civil society representatives with FP7 ANTICORRP and Horizon2020 DIGIWHIST researchers from HSOG and German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA). The dinner was aimed to inform policy makers of the research results.</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) and Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) participated in this dinner and also introduced the research of the DIGIWHIST project.</p>
9 December 2016	<p>“Transformative Power of Europe”, Brussels, Belgium http://ecdpm.org/events/eu-affect-governance-assistance-programmes/</p> <p>The Open Society European Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Hertie School of Governance Berlin and its partner the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), organized a workshop at the Open Society Institute for Europe (OSIFE) office in Brussels. Bringing together a number of experts (including experts from the OSIFE, the European Commission, and researchers from HSOG and GIGA), the workshop tried to answer the question of how the EU affects governance through its assistance programmes. Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was speaker and moderator at the workshop. Other DIGIWHIST researchers participating in the workshop were Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) and Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG). They introduced DIGIWHIST research and discussed possible outcomes with policy makers.</p>

24 January 2017	<p>“Improving Transparency and Effectiveness of Public Procurement in Ukraine through Cooperation with Civil Society”, Kiev, Ukraine https://ptfund.org/program-to-strengthen-ukrainian-civil-societys-role-in-monitoring-public-procurement-launches-jan-24th-in-kyiv/</p> <p>Jiří Skuhrovec (DATLAB) was a speaker at the event launching a two-year program in monitoring e-procurement in Ukraine, subsequently serving as advisor to EBRD and TI Ukraine. He introduced the DIGIWHIST project and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
1 February 2017	<p>DIGIWHIST Indicator Workshop, Prague, Czech Republic http://digiwhist.eu/events/digiwhist-indicators-workshop/</p> <p>The “DIGIWHIST Indicator Workshop“, organised in Prague, was part of WP3 efforts to assess different approaches in measuring corruption risks in public procurement across the globe. It reviewed progress to-date as well as offered a structured discussion forum for researchers, governments, journalists, and NGOs. Besides DIGIWHIST researchers, a number of international external participants from several organisations attended the workshop.</p>
21 February 2017	<p>“Public procurement workshop II: Academic education and competences; Career management and incentives”, Amsterdam, Netherlands https://ec.europa.eu/growth/single-market/forum/2016_cs</p> <p>Jiří Skuhrovec (DATLAB) took part in this workshop on Professionalization in Public Procurement for the “Single Market Forum 2016/2017” (organized and hosted by the European Commission). It was mainly visited by central purchasing bodies and professionals from member countries. He presented on zindex/DIGIWHIST risk indicators to help identify what can be done to improve the functioning of the Single Market.</p>
27 February 2017	<p>The British Academy and the Department for International Development (DFID) Anti-Corruption Evidence Partnership Event for Award Holders“, London, UK</p> <p>At this joint event organized by The British Academy and the Department for International Development (DFID) Anti-Corruption Evidence Partnership, Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) publicly discussed together with Professor Paul Heywood the topic of anti-corruption initiatives. Alina networked with potential project partners and sponsors for future sustainability</p>
9 March 2017	<p>“Conoscere la corruzione per combatterla. Una prospettiva interdisciplinare all’analisi dei fenomeni corruttivi”, Rome, Italy</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) presented at this workshop organized for the Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority (ANAC) by the University of Perugia in Rome. Alina networked with potential project partners and sponsors for future sustainability.</p>

	Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) gave a Master class lecture introducing the DIGIWHIST project and allowing the students to work with original DIGIWHIST data.
5 May 2017	<p>“State of the Union”, Florence, Italy https://stateoftheunion.eui.eu/2017/</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was a speaker at the EUI State of the Union even, which discussed the topic of “Building a Peoples Europe”. Alina participated in the Morning Session I panel discussion, which focused on the topic of “The European Union at Sixty.” There she mentioned DIGIWHIST’s work and networked with potential project partners and sources for future project sustainability.</p>
31 May 2017	<p>“Hamburg Lecture” Hamburg University , Hamburg, Germany https://www.jura.uni-hamburg.de/einrichtungen/institute-seminare/institut-recht-oekonomik/veranstaltungen/hamburger-lectures.html</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) gave a lecture at Hamburg University entitled, “Do Governance Virtuous Circles Exist? Explaining Institutional Quality and its Stagnation.” In this context she discussed the specific work DIGIWHIST is doing to expose corruption in European institutions and how this can lead to greater institutional integrity and quality.</p>
5-9 June 2017	<p>CRcER 2017, Mexico City, Mexico https://crecer.org.mx/en/</p> <p>Tomas Posepny (UCAM) presented at the closed event portion of the 2017 Regional CRcER Conference on Accounting and Accountability for Regional Economic Growth on “Public Buyers Rating”, discussing how DIGIWHIST data can be used to assess and rate public buyers by a variety of criteria. He also engaged in networking and promotion of DIGIWHIST research over the course of the conference.</p>
7-8 June 2017	<p>Quality of Government Institute Workshop, Gothenburg, Sweden https://qog.pol.gu.se/digitalAssets/1643/1643616_agenda-final.pdf</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented at the Quality of Government Institute’s workshop on “Public Management and Institutional Quality.” He presented the paper, “Lights on the Shadows of Public Procurement: Transparency in government contracting as an antidote to corruption?”, where he discussed DIGIWHIST research and findings.</p>
13-14 June 2017	<p>Open Government Partnership Open Data conference, Brussels, Belgium http://www.danube-region.eu/communication/past-events/600225-open-data-conference-brussels</p> <p>Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) participated in this conference organized by the Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) with support from Danube Strategy Point. The conference served as a platform for the exchange of views on the importance of open government, open data, and the Open Government Partnership. Aram promoted DIGIWHIST’s</p>

	research and engaged in networking.
15-16 June 2017	<p>"IRRESISTIBLE? A symposium on the phenomenon of CORRUPTION", Berlin, Germany http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/dokumentation/250037/irresistible</p> <p>Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG) held a workshop titled "Making Public Tenders More Transparent: How big data can be used in the fight against corruption" and was panelist on the topic of "Corruption and civil society" at the event and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
19-21 June 2017	<p>Global Conference on Transparency Research, Limerick, Ireland https://transparency2017.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Victoria Dykes (HSOG) presented a paper at the conference and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
3 July 2017	<p>Lear conference, Rome, Italy http://www.learconference.com/</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) was a speaker at the session titled "Screening tools and big data", where he presented research methods of the DIGIWHIST project and promoted the project to potential stakeholders. Francesco Calderoni (UCSC) also attended the conference and networked for the project.</p>
11 July 2017	<p>Croatian National Bank and IMF joint High-Level Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia https://www.hnb.hr/en/about-us/conferences/reaccelerating-convergence-in-central-eastern-and-southeastern-europe-the-role-of-governance-and-institutions</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) presented at the conference, which had the theme "Reaccelerating Convergence in Central, Eastern, and Southeastern Europe – The Role of Governance and Institutions." She presented on the quality of institutions in central and southeast Europe and networked with potential DIGIWHIST stakeholders and sponsors for future sustainability efforts.</p>
17 July 2017	<p>The British Academy and Department for International Development (DFID) Workshop – Rethinking Corruption, London, UK https://ptfund.org/?event=workshop-on-rethinking-corruption-in-the-21st-century-at-the-british-academy</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) participated in this workshop, linked to the British Academy/DFID Anti-Corruption Evidence Partnership. There she networked with potential project partners and sponsors for future sustainability</p>
19-21 September 2017	<p>WTO/EBDR regional workshop on public procurement, Tbilisi, Georgia https://www.ppi-ebdr-uncitral.com/index.php/fr/component/content/article/442-wto-ebdr-gpa-</p>

	regional-workshop-on-government-procurement-held-in-tbilisi-georgia Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG), Mihály Fazekas (UCAM), and Tomáš Pošepný (UCAM) were speakers at this event, discussing the role of DIGIWHIST in fighting corruption in public procurement, how the availability of open, electronic data can promote good governance, and the challenges associated with open government.
30 September 2017	DIGIWHIST Workshop in Collaboration with OKLab Bonn, Bonn, Germany https://codeforbonn.de/digiwhistworkshop/ Bence Toth (UCAM), Arne Semsrott (OKF), and Martina Rotondi (UCSC) led this workshop, which gave participants a first look at the Opentender.eu platform from DIGIWHIST and introduced them to important concepts in transparency and public procurement.
10 October 2017	Lecture at the CEU, Budapest, Hungary https://www.ceu.edu/event/2017-10-10/open-society-and-problem-corruption-diagnosis-and-remedies Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) gave a lecture at the Central European University on “The Open Society and the Problem of Corruption: Diagnosis and Remedies.” There she referenced DIGIWHIST’s research and networked with potential sponsors and stakeholders for future sustainability efforts.
17 October 2017	Transparency International Workshop, Berlin, Germany Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) spoke and Victoria Dykes (HSOG) participated at the Transparency International workshop in collaboration with Griffith University entitled: “Transparency International’s Anti-Corruption Research with Citizens: Extending the Global Corruption Barometer.” There they mentioned DIGIWHIST’s work and networked with potential stakeholders and sponsors.
20 October 2017	DIGIWHIST Workshop in collaboration with Yourdatastories , Athens, Greece https://yourdatastories.eu/features/hackathons/yds-hackathon-athens/ Daniel Tanis (UCAM) and Francesco Calderoni (UCSC) led a workshop to give participants a first look at the Opentender.eu platform and share insights on how public procurement data can be used to combat corruption.
27 October 2017	G7 high-level workshop on corruption measurement, Rome, Italy http://www.asvis.it/public/asvis/files/G7_Corruption_measurement.pdf Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) participated in a round table discussion on how to adequately measuring corruption, including mentioning DIGIWHIST’s research and findings. Mihály Fazekas also participated in a round table where he discussed “Addressing risk prevention management within national anticorruption strategies” through the lens of

	his work with DIGIWHIST.
10 November 2017	<p>DIGIWHIST Workshop, Milan, Italy http://www.transcrime.it/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Agenda-Digiwhist.pdf</p> <p>Francesco Calderoni, Riccardo Milani, Carlotta Carbone and Martina Rotondi (UCSC) led a workshop to give participants a first look at the Opentender.eu platform and share insights on how public procurement data can be used to combat corruption.</p>
17 November 2017	<p>Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology", Philadelphia, USA https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc17/index.php?cmd=Prepare+Online+Program&program_focus=main&PHPSESSID=m8c0idm31622co3pomvt92rdc0</p> <p>A group of DIGIWHIST researchers, Francesco Calderoni (UCSC), Carlotta Carbone (UCSC), Mihály Fazekas (UCAM), Martina Rotondi (UCSC), Bence Toth (UCAM), Riccardo Milani (UCSC), presented at the panel "When Organised Crime Meets Corruption. Risk Factors of Infiltration in Procurement and Legal Businesses" during the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. They presented the paper "Corruption in Public Procurement: Exploring possible Risk-indicators at the Company Level", which made use of DIGIWHIST research.</p>
20 November 2017	<p>Conference on European Economic Integration 2017, Vienna, Austria https://www.oenb.at/Geldpolitik/Schwerpunkt-Zentral-Ost-und-Suedosteuropa-CESEE/Conference-on-European-Economic-Integration-CEEI/ceei-2017-vortragende.html</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) was a discussant in a session on "Best practices – Which reforms are sustainable?" She engaged in networking and promoting DIGIWHIST among possible stakeholders and sponsors.</p>
24 November 2017	<p>"Advanced Global Workshop on Government Procurement", Geneva, Switzerland http://www.ujn.gov.me/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Agenda-Ženeva.pdf</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented at this WTO-EBRD workshop on GPA trade agreements. He presented his paper "GPA reporting through e-procurement tools: avenues for better integrity analysis" during the session of this conference titled "Improving transparency and value for money and facilitating trade in government procurement markets: the role of e-Procurement". Fazekas promoted project research and findings and networked with potential stakeholders.</p>
29 November 2017	<p>Open Contracting 2017, Amsterdam, the Netherlands http://www.opencontracting2017.org/</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) attended this conference, where he actively</p>

	<p>promoted DIGIWHIST and networked with possible stakeholders and sponsors. A blog post was published after the event and can be read here: https://www.open-contracting.org/2017/12/06/greater-transparency-calls-tenders-save-europe-billions/</p>
4 December 2017	<p>EIB Annual Anticorruption Conference, Luxembourg http://www.eib.org/attachments/general/events/tackling-corruption-new-solutions-in-a-shifting-landscape-programme.pdf</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented at this conference, which was entitled “Tackling Corruption: New Solutions in a Shifting Landscape.” His talk was on “Fraud in EU Funds: Using Big Data to control risks and improve governance”, where he talked about the DIGIWHIST project and how its data and methodologies can be used to identify risk of corruption and promote good governance.</p>
5 December 2017	<p>European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) offered expert input into fraud prevention performance audit of the EC based on his research and work with DIGIWHIST.</p>
6-7 December 2017	<p>Transparency International Global Conference, Brussels, Belgium http://transparency.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2017-12-05-internal-agenda_December-Money-Politics-event.pdf</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (HSOG) spoke at the TI global conference, whose theme was: “The corridors of power: where money meets politics.” Alina was part of a panel on “Counting political corruption”, where she mentioned DIGIWHIST’s research and also engaged in networking activities.</p>
6 December 2017	<p>DG GROW: Powering investment conference, Brussels, Belgium https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/%E2%80%9Cjoining-forces-public-procurement-power-investment-high-level-conference-transparency-and_en</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) was a discussant in a breakout session on “Best practices and challenges in developing transparency solutions and enhancing integrity in the context of the public procurement reform and of digital transformation”, where he discussed DIGIWHIST’s research and products.</p>
12 December 2017	<p>Spain CIVIO event, online https://civio.es/novedades/2017/12/07/encuentro-con-mihaly-fazekas-digiwhist-slash-crcb-sobre-deteccion-de-riesgos-de-corrupcion-en-contratacion-publica/</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented at an online meeting of the working group Laboratory of Innovation in Public Procurement of Medialab-Prado. He discussed corruption risk detection in public procurement through DIGIWHIST. Video available.</p>

12 December 2017	<p>El-vis website launch, Amsterdam, Netherlands https://dezwijger.nl/programma/elvis-map-me-tender/</p> <p>Ágnes Czibik (GTI) participated in the launch of the El-vis website, which does network analysis of public procurement data using DIGIWHIST-provided data; she promoted the project and engaged in networking.</p>
14 December 2017	<p>TAIEX-REGIO MultiCountry Workshop on Integrity Pact Stakeholder, Bucharest, Romania https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/TMSWebRestrict/resources/js/app/#/library/detail/65508</p> <p>Ágnes Czibik (GTI) presented on the use of open data to promote greater transparency in government, referencing DIGIWHIST's research and products; she also engaged in networking with possible stakeholders.</p>
18-19 January 2018	<p>DIGIWHIST Workshop, Barcelona, Spain https://xnet-x.net/digiwhist-defensa-bienes-publicos/</p> <p>In collaboration with X-Net, Spain, Aram Khaghaghordyan (HSOG), together with Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) and Riccardo Milani (UCSC) held a workshop in Barcelona, followed by a press conference the following day. The workshop was closed and invited selected NGOs who could potentially become future stakeholders in maintaining the project sustainable. A great national press coverage helped obtain new attention for the upcoming release of the Opentender platform.</p>
29 January 2018	<p>DIGIWHIST Workshop "Big Data on Public Procurement", Brussels, Belgium https://transparency.eu/digiwhist-workshop/</p> <p>In collaboration with Transparency International Europe in Brussels, Francesco Calderoni (UCSC), Martina Rotondi (UCSC), Jiri Skuhrovec (DATLAB) and Bence Toth (UCAM) held a workshop for interested participants on the products of the DIGIWHIST project and networked with future stakeholders.</p>
29 January 2018	<p>"Big data with local impact: Using open data to improve public procurement", Brussels, Belgium http://digiwhist.eu/events/big-data-with-local-impact-using-open-data-to-improve-public-procurement/</p> <p>The final DIGIWHIST project conference took place at the European Parliament hosted by MEP Benedek Jávor. Most of the DIGIWHIST researchers and team members participated in this event together with 77 registered participants. The event was streamed live and counted 244 views.</p> <p>The recorded live stream of the event can be viewed online: http://digiwhist.eu/publications/big-data-with-local-impact-using-open-data-to-improve-public-procurement-conference-stream-and-slides/</p>

31 January 2018	<p>OLAF lunchtime debate, Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) presented DIGIWHIST findings at a lunchtime debate for OLAF members.</p>
16 February 2018	<p>Workshop in crime prevention, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France</p> <p>Mihály Fazekas (UCAM) participated in a workshop on crime prevention at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg where he presented findings and policy recommendations of the DIGIWHIST research.</p>
14-15 February 2018	<p>Clarity Conference, Skelleftea, Sweden https://www.clarity-conference.com/en/</p> <p>The Clarity Conference brought together researchers and government employees from the spheres of open government to discuss what open government means, how to foster and support it, and what risks and benefits open government presents. DIGIWHIST Researcher Victoria Dykes (HSOG) participated in a panel on Open Government and Creating Safe Spaces to Innovate, where she discussed the role DIGIWHIST plays in creating more transparent governments and what challenges the project has encountered in this quest for transparency.</p>

3. Appendix

3.1 Conference Agenda



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**DIGIWHIST Project Final Conference
29 January 2018
European Parliament, ASP5E1 (Altiero Spinelli building), Brussels**

- 12:00-13:00 Sandwich lunch
- 13:00-13:15 Intro:
- Benedek Jávor (MEP): Welcome from the host
 - Ella McPherson (University of Cambridge): Welcome from DIGIWHIST
- 13:15-14:00 Session 1: Transparency and data availability in European public procurement. How far have we gotten and what needs to be done?
- Jiri Skuhrovec (DIGIWHIST): Data availability, transparency, and data gaps [15 mins]
 - Commentators: Gavin Hayman (Open Contracting Partnership), Friedrich Lindenberg (OCCRP) [15 mins]
 - Q&A [15 mins]
- 14:00-15:00 Session 2: Snapshot of government favoritism in European public procurement
- Mihaly Fazekas (DIGIWHIST): Risk assessment methods, risk areas and policy lessons [20 mins]
 - Commentators: Ana Gomes (MEP), Frank Michlik (OLAF) [15 mins]
 - Q&A [25 mins]
- 15:00-15:30 Short break
- 15:30-16:45 Session 3: How to reform to address problems, the interaction between legal arrangements and civil society activism (digital whistleblowing)
- Aram Khaghaghordyan (DIGIWHIST): Europam [10 mins]
 - Mara Mendes (DIGIWHIST): opentender [10 mins]
 - Francesco Calderoni (DIGIWHIST): risk assessment software [10 mins]
 - Commentators: Francesca Recanatini (World Bank, *by video call*), Gustavo Piga (University of Rome), Carl Dolan (TI Europe) [25 mins]
 - Q&A [20 mins]
- 16:45-17:30 Session 4: The EU's role: What should Europe do next?
- Intro & moderation: Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (DIGIWHIST)
 - Concluding panel: Monica Macovei (MEP), Pascal Boijmans (DG REGIO), Nikita Stampa (DG GROW), Jean-François Junger (DG Connect), Irina Stefuriuc (DG HOME)

3.2 Conference Poster

The poster features a network diagram background with nodes and connecting lines in blue, green, and black. A large dark blue rectangle contains the title and date. Below it, a light blue circle highlights the host, and a dark blue circle highlights the co-organiser. The bottom section contains logos for the European Parliament, The Greens | EFA, digiwhist, and the European Union, along with funding information.

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