Workshop Call
Nowadays, a sustainable competitive advantage is strictly related to capabilities of organizations to anticipate the constantly evolving business and technological environment, where business-IT alignment and interoperability are key success factors. This workshop will contribute to creation of a structured body of knowledge on the existing academic and industrial approaches to business-IT alignment that would help (a) the practitioners to better estimate their needs and, based on these needs, to select or elaborate their strategies of business-IT alignment; (b) the researchers to get a better understanding of the problems encountered by practitioners and to improve their methodologies and approaches accordingly.

Topics:
We encourage the original contributions exploring the challenges and solutions related to maintenance and validation of business-IT (BIT) alignment, as well as industrial case studies illustrating these challenges and solutions. The topics are among but not limited to:
• Alignment issues in a service-oriented analysis and design.
• Business services lifecycles
• Service management and engineering
• Service Value Analysis and innovation in IT-based services
• BIT alignment classifications and taxonomy
• Business value of BIT alignment: e.g. cost reduction, improved time to market, etc
• Methods and approaches on validating the BIT alignment
• Case studies and lessons learned on BIT alignment
• Case studies and empirical reports on the benefits and costs of alignment;
• Business/IT alignment in organizational networks, including co-creation of value through global networks;
• Quality based framework for Business/IT alignment elicitation
• Methods and experiences of Business/IT alignment analysis and requirements elicitation in the public sector (e-Government, e-Governance)
• Methods and frameworks for IT governance and Business Technology management and engineering
• Methods for the assessment of policy and legal issues in IT strategy alignment analysis for IS strategic planning
• Social and agency oriented perspectives in strategic engineering
• Value based model for strategic engineering and business agility

Papers submission:
We invite submissions in the form of Full papers and Short papers.
- Full papers reporting the completed research, industrial case studies, empirical studies and surveys are limited to 12 pages including all text, figures, references and appendices.
- Short papers reporting research-in-progress and problem statements are restricted to a maximum length of 4 pages (including all text, figures, references and appendices).
- All papers should be submitted in PDF format. The results described must be unpublished and must not be under review elsewhere.

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