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the USA and the e-Government Track at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS), the EGOV series of conferences has established itself as the leading annual conference on e-Government, e-Participation and e-Governance in Europe, with a global reach. Last year, the ?rst two professional societies were formed in North America 1 and Europe, the Digital Government Society of North America (DGSNA) and 2 the European EGOV Society (EGOV-S) . Both sister societies work closely - gether.

Itisnoteworthythatbothsocietieshaveadoptedalmostidenticalmission statements. They both define themselves as multi-disciplinary organizations "of scholars and practitioners engaged in and committed to democratic digital government. Digital (or electronic) government fosters the use of information and technology to support and improve public policies and government operations, engage citizens, and provide comprehensive and timely government services".