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Internet Based Complex Decision Support



Supporting participatory budgeting elaboration through the web

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Participatory budgeting

- Some municipalities are allowing their citizens to participate on deciding how to spend (part of) the municipal budget
- Based on discussion and some kind of voting mechanism
- Little use of ICTs
- Our main critique:
 - -Little decision support methodology used

Problem statement

- A group of people decides on how to spend a budget in view of multiple evaluation criteria
- There is a set of project proposals on which to spend the budget
- In addition to the budget constraint, there may exist other constraints

An example

- An annual university departmental grant
- Budget
 - 10.000 Euros
- Participants
 - Lecturers and students (from our lab) want to participate in deciding which proposals to spend the grant
- Criteria
 - Expected Cost
 - Expected number of students directly benefiting
 - Expected number of researchers directly benefiting
 - Expected number of papers in the next two years, directly related with such proposal

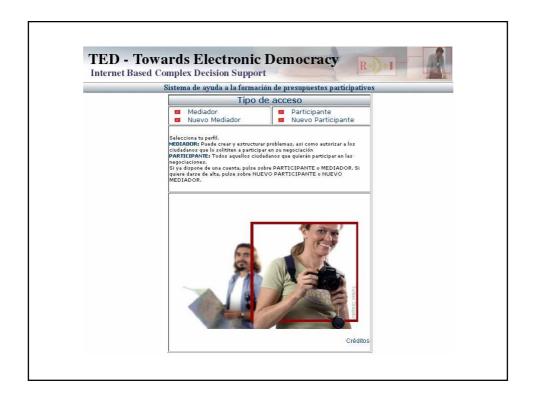
Methodology

- 1. Budget preparation
- 2. Discussion and consolidation
- 3. Preference modeling
 - + Individual optimal budgets
- 4. Negotiation
- 5. Voting
- 6. Post-settlement

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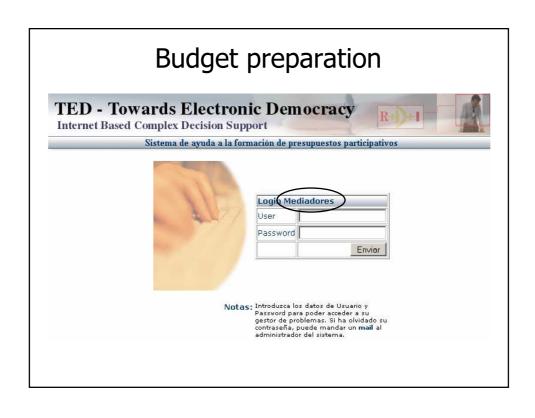
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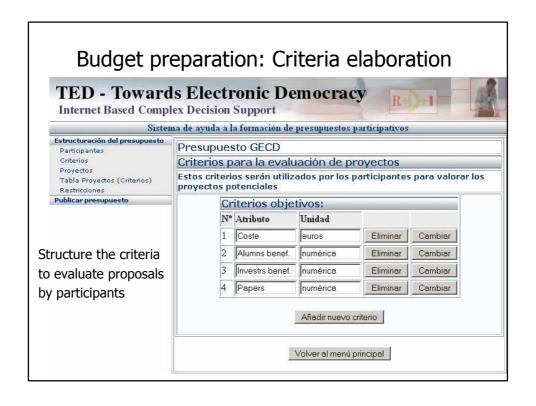
- a wGDSS
- which implements our methodology
- to support groups
- in the elaboration of a budget

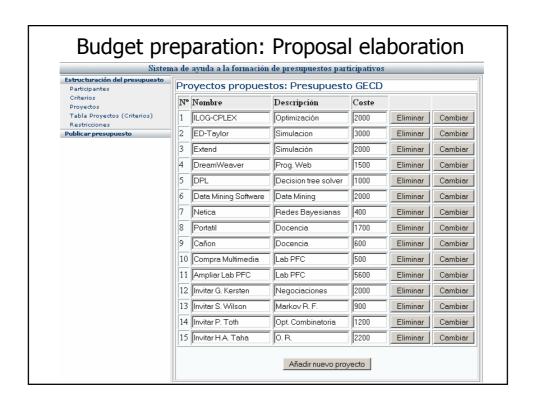


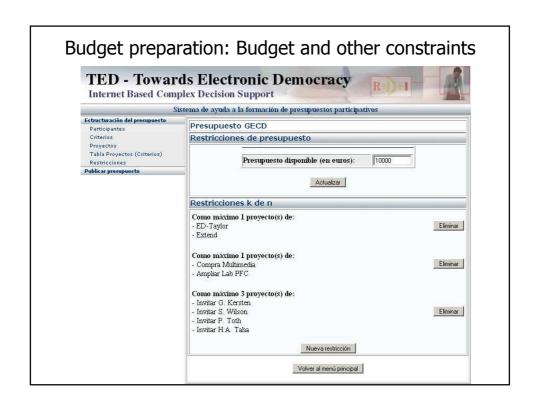
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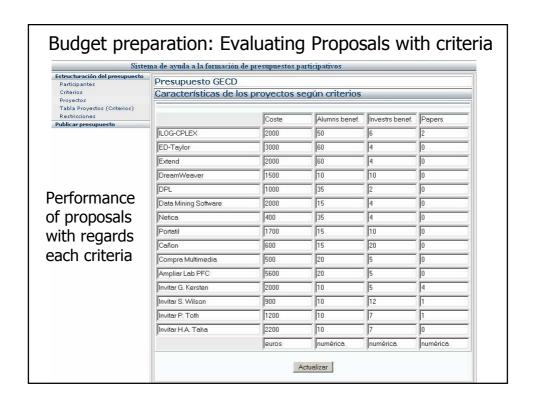
- An initial draft of the budget problem with a initial list of proposals
- A brainstorming process allowed participants to
 - propose new projects and criteria
 - guided by a facilitator
 - to consolidate a final list of proposals

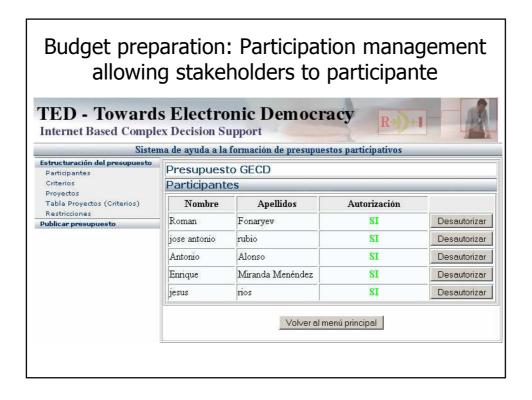


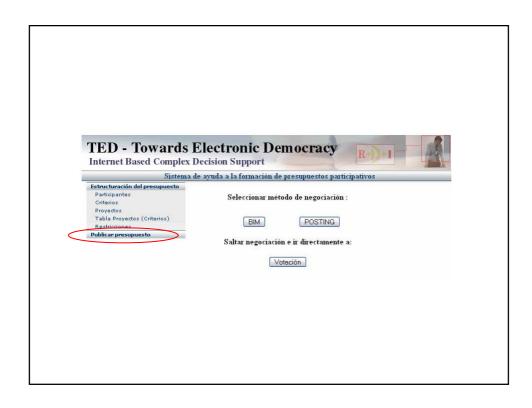






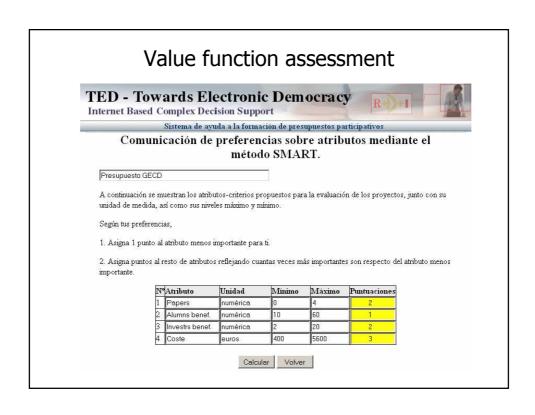


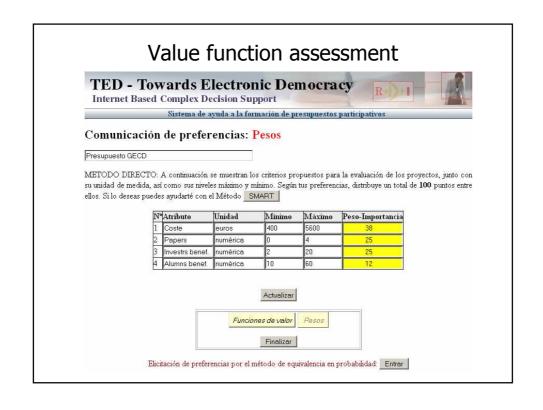


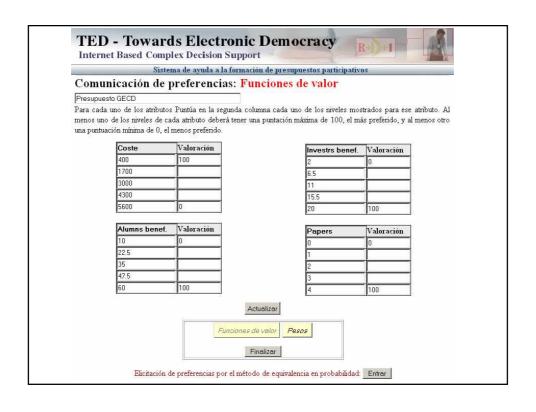


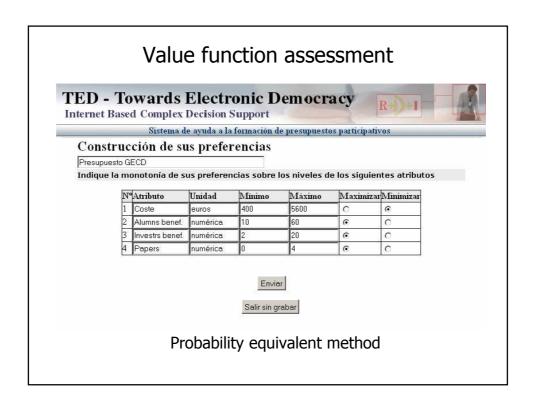
Preference communication

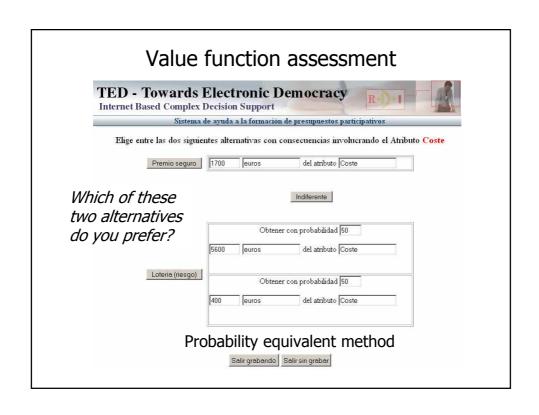
- Value Function Assessment:
 - Common multiple attributes
 - Participants communicate privately their preferences to the system
 - Additive value function model
- Analytical support during the process
- Optimal budget for each participant

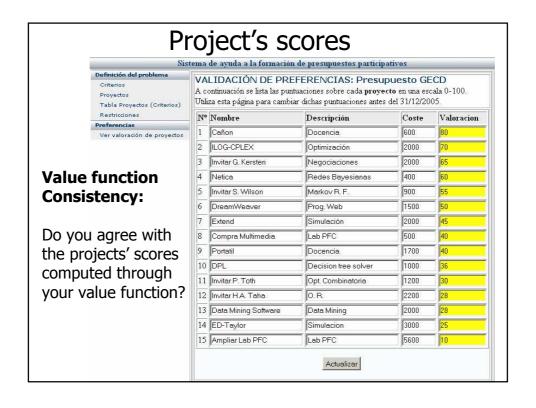












POSTING Negotiation

- Participants make offers and discuss about them, interacting and sharing knowledge
- Participants are allowed to vote in favour or against each offer
- Participants receive aid by several indexes to evaluate posted offers
- If participants' preferences change along the negotiation they can change their value functions

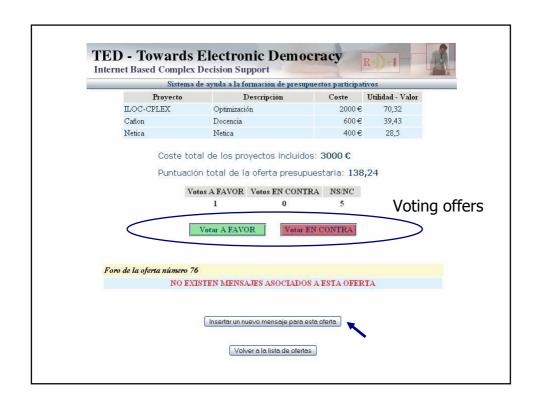
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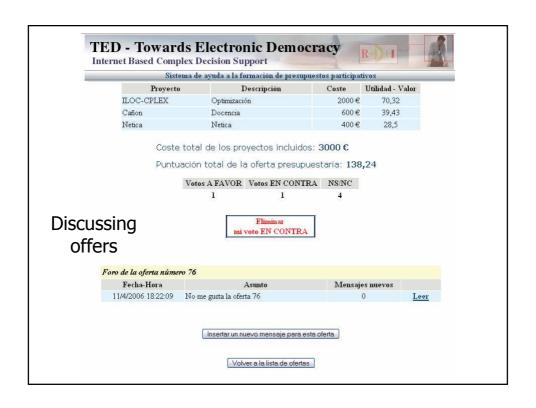
• The offers are ranked by the following index of social acceptance:

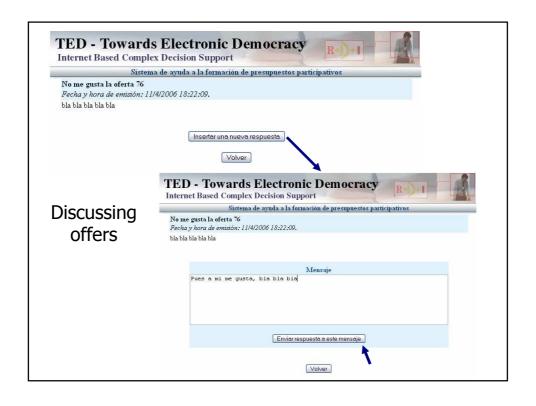
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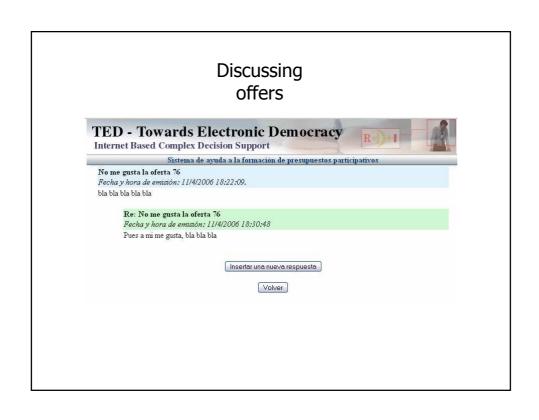
- At the deadline, the budget offer (with the highest acceptance index level) is implemented, if it is sufficiently high
- Otherwise, they move to the following phase for choosing a budget.

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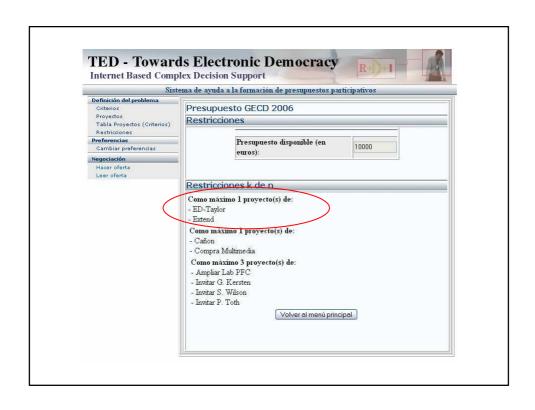


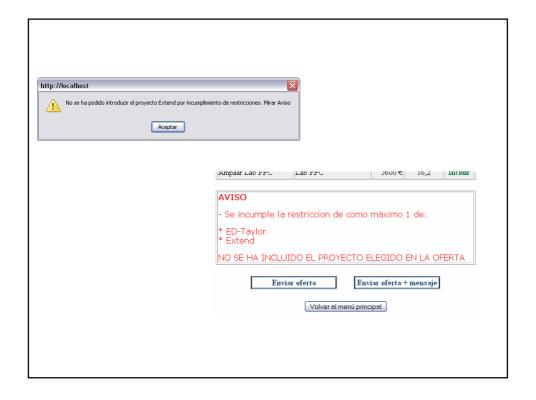




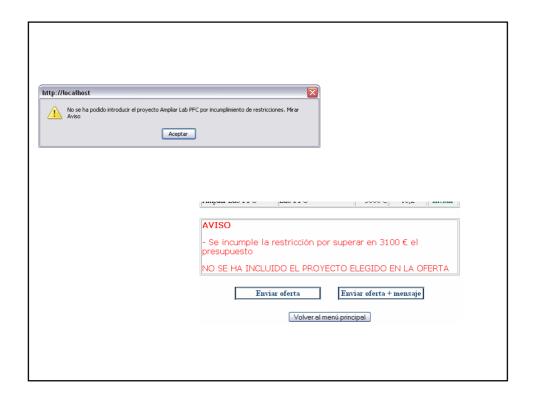


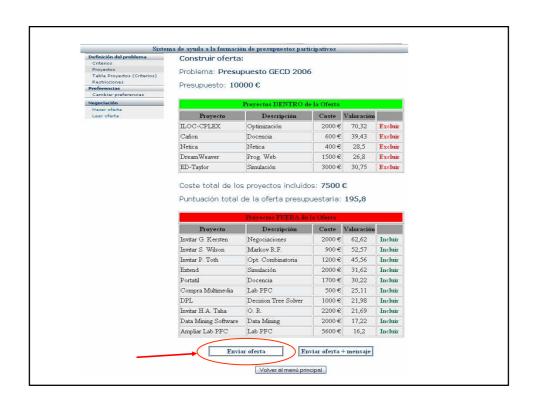


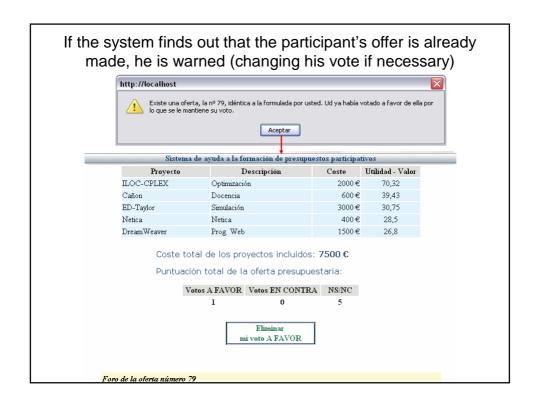


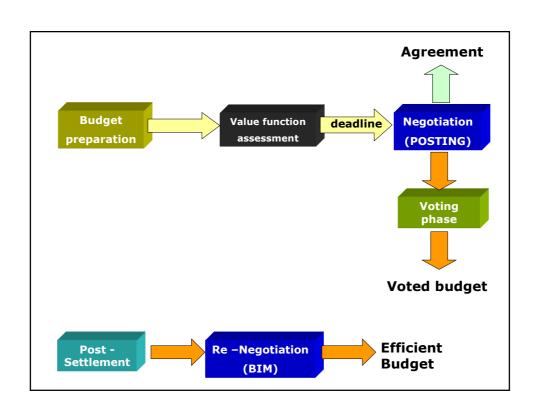










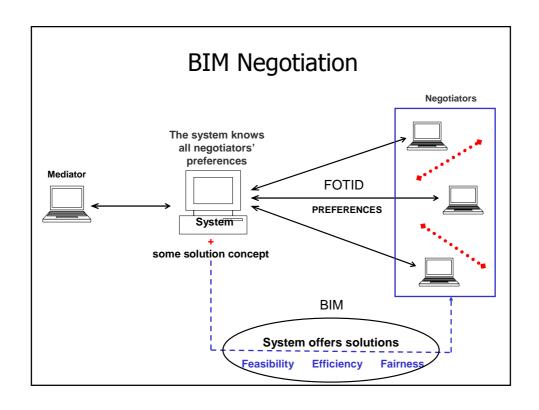


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Invitar G. Kersten	Negociaciones	65,0	V
Netica	Netica	60.0	V
Invitar S. Wilson	Markov R.F.	55.0	V
DreamWeaver	Prog. Web	50,0	V
Extend	Simulación	45.0	V
Compra Multimedia	Lab PFC	40.0	V
Portatil	Docencia	40.0	V
DPL	Decision Tree Solver	36.0	
Invitar P. Toth	Opt. Combinatoria	30,0	
Invitar H.A. Taha	0. R.	28.0	
Data Mining Software	Data Mining	28.0	
ED-Taylor	Simulación	25.0	
Ampliar Lab PFC	Lab PFC	10.0	
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DreamWeaver	Prog. Web	1500 €	5
Portatil	Docencia	1700 €	5 📕
ILOC-CPLEX	Optimización	2000 €	5
Invitar S. Wilson	Markov R.F.	900 €	4
Invitar P. Toth	Opt. Combinatoria	1200 €	4
Extend	Simulación	2000 €	3
Compra Multimedia	Lab PFC	500 €	2
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Post Settlement phase

- The agreement reached in the POSTING negotiation or the winning budget in the voting session might be dominated
- Participants should re-negotiate from the reached solution taking the last budget as disagreement point and initial solution of BIM
- BIM makes nondominated offers which are better than the previous solution

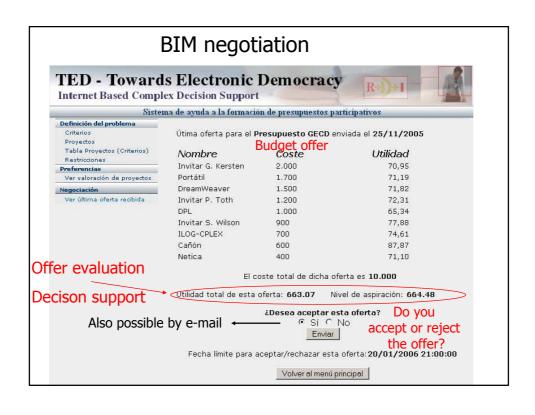


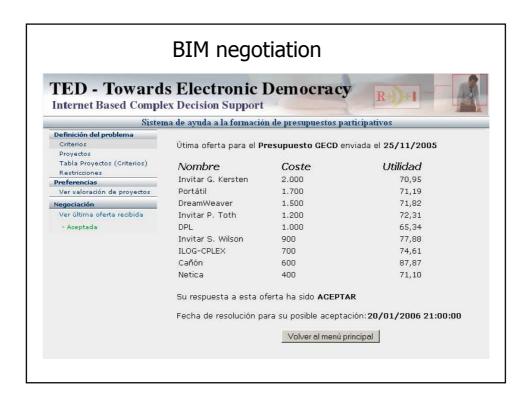
BIM negotiation

- Information received with each budget offered by the system
 - Private evaluation through their value functions
 - Aspiration levels
- If no answer to the last budget offer The system asks for an answer
- If answered:

The system does not allow to answer again The system shows if it was accepted

• E-mails





Discussion

- IT based coherent methodology
- Implementation and interfaces to be improved
- Going comercial soon
- Can it be scaled to large groups ??
- Unequal treatment of participants ??
- Common criteria in participatory budgeting problems