

ABSTRACT

The rapid use of information technology in all aspects of life from the government environment to the community has encouraged several cities in Indonesia to apply the connectedness of the use of existing information technology in the form of integration of city elements to support the continuity of information technology-based urban life or can be called Smart City. Smart governance is an important thing needed in the development of a Smart City, the reason is because smart governance is the main foundation of a smart city.

This study aims to determine whether Brebes Regency is ready to become a Smart City in terms of the dimensions of Smart Governance and its indicators. Indicators to measure the readiness of smart governance implementation are Openness and Public Participations, E-Governance, New Public-Private Collaboration, Guarantee System, Modern Processes of Public Management of The Municipal Budget, Modern System of Public Management of The Municipal Government, Transparency Auditing of The Government's Public Management, Local Government Staff.

The method used in this study is a qualitative method. Research that is being carried out at this time includes descriptive research. The involvement of researchers in research (extent of research interference) consists of researchers who intervene in the data and researchers who do not intervene in the data. This study analyzes units at the Group level. This research is included in the research with a longitudinal implementation time. The data in this study were obtained from interviews with 6 active Smart City development actors who carry out the smart governance development process. The data is then processed using source triangulation.

Based on the results of the study, it can be seen that the Brebes district is currently in the process of implementing the initial stage towards Smart City. All interviewees agreed that currently the Brebes district and its OPD are committed both in terms of budget and program to direct their respective institutions to participate in carrying out the Brebes Smart City program in accordance with the master plan that has been discussed in 2022.

Brebes Regency in its implementation has implemented e-governance indicators based on the standards set by PPID, unfortunately it is still not optimal or has not been carried out in other sectors or fields. For example, for the transportation sector, there is still no public transportation service that is directly managed by the region and integrated with the e-governance system like in Singapore.

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