
News in Brief

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A number of selected recent news of interest for the broader constituency of Electronic Governance research and practice are listed in the following. For simplicity, news are briefly presented in the form of headlines, arranged in chronological order and accompanied by pointers to sources and more information that interested readers are invited to check. At the same time the word cloud below is meant to offer a quick glimpse of the overall news coverage.

Please note that, although we make every effort to ensure that the links mentioned below are active at the time of writing, we need to disclaim responsibility for eventual cases of broken links at the time of reading. In case our readers spot any such cases, we kindly request them to let the columnist know.



5 May, 2020

Why social entrepreneurs are critical to our response to and recovery from the COVID-19 crisis

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/05/schwab-foundation-covid-response-alliance-social-entrepreneurs-coronavirus-recovery-response/>

28 May, 2020

Permanent joint committees in Belgium: involving citizens in parliamentary debate

<https://constitution-unit.com/2020/05/28/permanent-joint-committees-in-belgium-involving-citizens-in-parliamentary-debate/>

29 May, 2020

How Data-Driven Cities Respond Swiftly and Effectively to COVID-19

<https://medium.com/@WhatWorksCities/how-data-driven-cities-respond-swiftly-and-effectively-to-covid-19-4de7a96d53e3>

June 2020

The practice of democracy: A selection of civic engagement initiatives

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/651970/EPRS_STU\(2020\)651970_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2020/651970/EPRS_STU(2020)651970_EN.pdf)

June 2020

Exploring Blockchain Technology for Government Transparency

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Blockchain_Government_Transparency_Report_Supplementary%20Research.pdf

June 2020

Democracy Index 2019

<https://www.eiu.com/topic/democracy-index>

2 June, 2020

Dynamic Networks Improve Remote Decision-Making

<https://sloanreview.mit.edu/article/dynamic-networks-improve-remote-decision-making/>

4 June, 2020

Pandemic ignites need for Open Government at all levels

<https://princetonherald.com/2020/06/04/pandemic-ignites-need-for-open-government-at-all-levels/>

4 June, 2020

Libraries Supporting Open Government: Areas for Engagement and Lessons Learned

<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/93125>

6 June, 2020

Democracies contain epidemics most effectively

<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2020/06/06/democracies-contain-epidemics-most-effectively>

8 June, 2020

How Data Can Map and Make Racial Inequality More Visible (If Done Responsibly)

<https://medium.com/data-stewards-network/how-data-can-map-and-make-racial-inequality-more-visible-if-done-responsibly-9074ed84e2bf>

8 June, 2020

Toward Inclusive Urban Technology

<https://www.benton.org/publications/inclusive-urban-tech>

10 June, 2020

Innovative Citizen Participation and New Democratic Institutions

<http://www.oecd.org/gov/innovative-citizen-participation-and-new-democratic-institutions-339306da-en.htm>

12 June, 2020

Smart cities require a balance of privacy and open data

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/smart-cities-require-a-balance-of-privacy-and-open-data/579664/>

16 June, 2020

Belize launches Open Government action plan with help from OAS and Trust for the Americas

<https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2020/06/16/belize-launches-open-government-action-plan-with-help-from-oas-and-trust-for-the-americas/>

16 June, 2020

Digital diplomacy: States go online

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/digital/news/digital-diplomacy-states-go-online>

16 June, 2020

Councils often ignore residents on social media. How can digital platforms ensure they have a say in planning?

<https://theconversation.com/councils-often-ignore-residents-on-social-media-how-can-digital-platforms-ensure-they-have-a-say-in-planning-138609>

17 June, 2020

More than 200 civil society groups want citizens to be heard at the UN

<https://www.democracywithoutborders.org/13753/more-than-200-civil-society-groups-want-citizens-to-be-heard-at-the-un/>

17 June, 2020

Coalition of civil society groups launches tool to track responses to disinformation in sub-Saharan Africa

<https://www.gp-digital.org/news/coalition-of-groups-launch-disinfo-tracker-sub-saharan-africa/>

18 June, 2020

Why local data is the key to successful place making

<https://medium.com/@EdiLivingLab/why-local-data-is-the-key-to-successful-place-making-by-sally-kerr-4dbf3a0751d8>

19 June, 2020

Citizen activation is essential for Europe to meet its climate ambition

<https://www.climate-kic.org/in-detail/citizen-activation-essential-for-europe-to-meet-climate-ambition/>

22 June, 2020

Next-generation engagement platforms and the current moment

<https://civichall.org/civicist/next-generation-engagement-platforms-ii-and-the-current-moment/>

24 June, 2020

Starting with NYC, new initiative weighs pros and cons of data re-use for COVID-19 and future threats

<https://engineering.nyu.edu/news/starting-nyc-new-initiative-weighs-pros-and-cons-data-re-use-covid-19-and-future-threats>

25 June, 2020

Pandemics: How open data is guiding public policy

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/06/25/1004402/pandemics-how-open-data-is-guiding-public-policy/>

29 June, 2020

How policymakers should think about the future

https://apolitical.co/en/solution_article/how-policymakers-should-think-about-the-future

For more news on developments related to the broader Electronic Governance agenda, please be invited to peruse the following list of global, international and national coverage websites, whose focus is diversified across e-government, open government, open access, information society, development, social policy and other broad areas. The list that follows is arranged in alphabetical order, and any suggestions for additions and updates are welcome.

- 100 Resilient Cities
<http://www.100resilientcities.org/>
- Accountability Initiative
<http://www.accountabilityindia.in>
- Advocate Europe
<https://advocate-europe.eu/>
- American Research Institute for Policy Development
<http://aripd.org>
- Amnesty International
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/>
- apolitical
<https://apolitical.co/>
- Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization
<http://www.aicto.org/>
- Arab Reform Initiative
<http://www.arab-reform.net/en>
- ASEAN Smart Cities Network
<https://www.asean2018.sg/Newsroom/ASCN>
- Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
<https://ash.harvard.edu/>
- Australian Public Service Commission
<https://www.apsc.gov.au/>
- Beeck Center Social Impact + Innovation, Georgetown University
<http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/>
- Black Sea NGO Forum
<http://www.blackseango.org/>
- Blavatnik School of Government
<https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/>
- Books & ideas | Politics
<http://www.booksandideas.net/+Politique-+.html>
- C40 Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative
<https://www.c40.org/>
- Cambridge Policy Lab
<https://cambridgepolicylab.org/>
- Center for Democratic Deliberation
<http://cdd.la.psu.edu/>
- Center for Policy Research
<http://www.cprindia.org>
- Center for Research on Direct Democracy
<http://www.c2d.ch>
- Child Soldiers International
<https://www.child-soldiers.org/>
- Civicist
<https://civichall.org/civicist/>
- Civil Service Quarterly blog
<https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/>
- Danube University Krems Center for E-Governance
<http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/departement/gpa/telematik/index.php>

- Democracy Barometer
<http://www.democracybarometer.org/index.html>
- Democracy Earth
<https://words.democracy.earth/>
- Demos Think Tank
<http://www.demos.co.uk>
- Digital Civil Society Lab
<https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab>
- DW Akademie Digital Innovation Library
<http://akademie.dw.com/innovationlibrary/>
- Economist Intelligence Unit Insights
<http://www.economistinsights.com/home>
- eGovernment community on the European Commission Joinup platform
<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/egovernment/home>
- Electronic Frontier Foundation topical page on Creativity & Innovation
<https://www.eff.org/issues/innovation>
- Engagement Lab @ Emerson College
<https://elab.emerson.edu/>
- e-Participation in the EU community on the European Commission Joinup platform
<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/e-participation/home>
- ePractice community on the European Commission Joinup platform
<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/home>
- ESADEgov Center for Public Governance
<http://www.esade.edu/research-webs/eng/esadegov>
- European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
<http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/>
- European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
<http://ecas.org/>
- European Green Cities Network
<http://greencities.eu/home-1>
- European Network of Living Labs
<https://enoll.org/>
- European Youth Forum
<https://www.youthforum.org/>
- Global Forest Watch
<http://www.globalforestwatch.org/>
- Global Open Data Index
<https://index.okfn.org/>
- GovLab Digest @ NYU
<http://thegovlab.org/govlab-digest>
- Harvard University Berkman Center for Internet and Society
<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu>
- Human Rights Watch
<https://www.hrw.org/>
- IBM Center for Cognitive Government
<http://www-01.ibm.com/industries/government/ieg/ccg/index.html>
- INSEIT - International Society for Ethics and Information Technology
<https://inseit.net/>
- Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
<http://www.idea.int/>
- Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
<http://www.governanceinstitute.edu.au/>
- Institute for the Future
<http://www.iftf.org/>

- Institute of Development Studies
<http://www.ids.ac.uk>
- International Institute for Environment and Development
<https://www.iied.org/>
- International Observatory on Participatory Democracy
<https://www.oidp.net/en/>
- ITMO University e-Government Center
<http://egov.ifmo.ru/en/about>
- Kettering Foundation
<https://www.kettering.org/>
- Knowledge Base of UN Public Service Awards Initiatives
<https://publicadministration.un.org/en/Research/Case-Studies/unpsacases>
- Landesa Rural Development Institute
<https://www.landesa.org/>
- MIT Innovation Initiative
<https://innovation.mit.edu/>
- Mohammed Bin Rashid Centre for Government Innovation
<https://www.mbrcgi.gov.ae/>
- MySociety
<http://www.mysociety.org>
- National Endowment for Democracy
<http://www.ned.org>
- New Zealand Government Web Toolkit
<https://webtoolkit.govt.nz/>
- Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index
<http://index.gain.org/>
- NTEN – Nonprofit Technology Network
<https://www.nten.org/>
- Observatory of Public Sector Innovation
<https://www.oecd.org/governance/observatory-public-sector-innovation/>
- OECD Civil Society webpage
<http://www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/publicaffairs/civil-society.htm>
- OECD Insights
<http://oecdinsights.org>
- OECD topical page on Innovation
<http://www.oecd.org/innovation/>
- OECD-OPSI Curated Innovation Toolkits
<https://airtable.com/shr5ihDeNVvqehAi6/tbl1tMziqEn94IdHw>
- OGP CitizENGAGE
<https://www.ogpstories.org/>
- Open & Agile Smart Cities
<http://oascities.org/>
- Open Contracting Partnership
<https://medium.com/@opencontracting>
- Open Data Institute
<http://theodi.org>
- Open Government community on the European Commission Joinup platform
<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/opengov/home>
- Open Government Partnership
<http://www.opengovpartnership.org/>
- Open Knowledge Foundation
<https://okfn.org>
- OpenGov Foundation
<http://opengovfoundation.org>
- Overseas Development Institute
<https://www.odi.org/>
- Oxford Internet Institute
<http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk>
- Oxford Refugee Studies Centre
<https://www.rsc.ox.ac.uk/>
- P2P Foundation
<http://p2pfoundation.net>

- Participatory Budgeting Project
<https://www.participatorybudgeting.org/>
- Participatory Methods for social change
<http://www.participatorymethods.org/>
- Participatory Politics Foundation
<http://www.participatorypolitics.org/>
- Pew Research Center Internet Project
<http://www.pewinternet.org>
- Prague Civil Society Center
<https://praguecivilsociety.org/>
- Public Agenda
<https://publicagenda.org/>
- Red Latinoamericana por la Transparencia Legislativa
<http://www.transparencialegislativa.org>
- Refworld – The Leader in Refugee Decision Support
<http://www.refworld.org/>
- Rights + Resources Initiative
<https://rightsandresources.org/>
- Rutgers SPAA E-Governance Institute
<https://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/centers-egov>
- SmartCities DIVE
<http://www.smartcitiesdive.com/>
- Source Network
<http://thesourcenetwork.eu/>
- Stanford Crowdsourced Democracy Team
<http://voxpathuli.stanford.edu/>
- Sunlight Foundation
<http://sunlightfoundation.com/>
- TED topical page on Innovation
<https://www.ted.com/topics/innovation>
- The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI)
<http://tacsi.org.au/>
- The B Team
<http://www.bteam.org/>
- The Commons Transition Primer
<https://primer.commonstransition.org/>
- The Global Innovation Index
<https://www.globalinnovationindex.org/>
- The Hunger Project
<http://www.thp.org/>
- The Innovation Policy Platform
<https://www.innovationpolicyplatform.org/>
- The Institute for Government
<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/>
- The University at Albany Center for Technology in Government
<http://www.ctg.albany.edu>
- Transparency International
<http://www.transparency.org>
- UNHCR topical page on Innovation
<http://www.unhcr.org/innovation/>
- UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency
<http://www.unhcr.org/>
- United Nations Public Administration Network
<http://www.unpan.org>
- United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
<http://www.unrisd.org>
- University of Antwerp Institute of Development Policy and Management
<https://www.uantwerpen.be/en/faculties/iob>
- Urban Institute Social and Economic Policy Research
<https://www.urban.org/>

- Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)
<https://www.v-dem.net/en/>
- Who Funds You
<http://whofundyou.org/>
- Women Research Institute
<http://www.wri.or.id/>
- Women's World Banking
<https://www.womensworldbanking.org/>
- World Bank Group
<http://www.worldbank.org>
- World Council on City Data
<http://www.dataforcities.org/>
- World Economic Forum WEFLIVE Platform
<https://365.weflive.com/>
- World Forum for Democracy
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy>
- World Inequality Report
<http://wir2018.wid.world/>
- World Internet Project
<http://worldinternetproject.com>
- World Justice Project
<https://worldjusticeproject.org/>
- World Movement for Democracy
<http://www.movedemocracy.org/>
- World Resources Institute
<http://www.wri.org/>
- World Summit on the Information Society
<http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html>
- World Values Survey
<http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/>
- World Vision International
<https://www.wvi.org/>