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, generated from the news headlines using Wordle (http://www.wordle.net), is meant to offer a quick glimpse of the overall news coverage.

6 February, 2015

TI publishes report on Local Governance Integrity principles and standards

http://www.transparency.org/whatwedo/publication/local_governance_integrity_principles_and_standards

3 March, 2015

Open Government Partnership releases its 2014 Annual Report

http://www.opengovpartnership.org/blog/munyema-hasan/2015/03/03/ogp-annual-report-2014

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/opengov/news/ogp-36-action-plans-submitted-2014

25 March, 2015

World Justice Project publishes the Open Government Index 2015

http://worldjusticeproject.org/blog/wjp-open-government-index-2015-launches

http://thegovlab.org/world-justice-project-wjp-open-government-index/

26 March, 2015

The Zambia Central Statistical Office and World Bank launch a report on Poverty Mapping, to help the government reach the poorest

http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2015/03/26/new-poverty-mapping-report-helps-government-reach-the-poorest

http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/2015/03/24201582/mapping-subnational-poverty-zambia

7 May, 2015

Report by IBM on Using Innovation and Technology to Improve City Services

http://www.businessofgovernment.org/report/using-innovation-and-technology-improve-city-services

26 May, 2015

Sunlight Foundation analysis reveals only 15% of US congressional websites are HTTPS ready

https://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2015/05/26/sunlight-analysis-reveals-15-of-congressional-websites-are-https-ready/

27 May, 2015

Launch of the Citizen 2015 portal, to focus on Citizen to Government engagement and participation

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/egovernment/news/citizen-2015-launched

http://citizen20series.com

27 May, 2015

New guidebook for city mayors and public administrators promotes citizen-driven innovation

https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/21984

http://thegovlab.org/citizen-driven-innovation-a-guidebook-for-city-mayors-and-public-administrators/

3 June, 2015

Why Technology Hasn't Delivered More Democracy (blog post)

https://foreignpolicy.com/2015/06/03/why-technology-hasnt-delivered-more-democracy-democratic-transition/

3 June, 2015

Measuring 'governance' to improve lives (blog post)

http://theconversation.com/measuring-governance-to-improve-lives-42100

http://thegovlab.org/measuring-governance-to-improve-lives/

5 June, 2015

Seminar by the University of Sussex on Public Engagement in Health Systems

http://www.ids.ac.uk/news/public-engagement-in-health-systems-what-can-the-uk-and-brazil-learn-from-each-other

8 June, 2015

Estonia comes up as a model country for e-Government

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/estonia-model-e-government

http://cacm.acm.org/magazines/2015/6/187320-estonia/fulltext

10 June, 2015

DUO government agency in Netherlands switches core services to open source

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/osor/news/dutch-government-agency-switches-core-services-open-source

10 June, 2015

Chile: Leading but lacking in e-governance (blog post)

http://oecdinsights.org/2015/06/10/chile-leading-but-lacking-in-e-governance/

15 June, 2015

Open Records Initiative (ORI) of the California Common Sense (CaCS) think tank stores US government documents on the cloud

http://sunlightfoundation.com/blog/2015/06/15/opengov-voices-crowdsourcing-state-and-local-transparency/

http://cacs.org/ori/

15 June, 2015

Veneto Region in Italy releases an Open Data Action Plan

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/opengov/document/open-data-action-plan-2014-2020-veneto-region-open-data-action-plan-path-

16 June, 2015

Four open government takeaways from Tanzania (blog post)

http://www.opengovpartnership.org/blog/francis-lansana/2015/06/16/my-four-open-government-takeaways-tanzania

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.

- Accountability Initiative
  http://www.accountabilityindia.in

- American Research Institute for
  Policy Development
  http://aripd.org

- Center for Policy Research
  http://www.cprindia.org

- Center for Research on Direct
  Democracy
  http://www.c2d.ch

- Civil Service Quarterly blog
  https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/

- Danube University Krems Center
  for E-Governance
  http://www.donau-
  uni.ac.at/en/department/gpa/telematik/
  index.php

- DemocracyOS
  http://democracyos.org

- Demos Think Tank
  http://www.demos.co.uk

- 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

- 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

- European Citizens Initiative
  Organization community on the
  European Commission Joinup
  platform
  https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community
  /ecio/home

- GovLab Digest@NYU
  http://thegovlab.org/govlab-digest

- Harvard University Berkman
  Center for Internet and Society
  http://cyber.law.harvard.edu

- IBM Institute for Electronic
  Government
  http://www-01.ibm.com/industries/
  government/ieg

- Institute of Development Studies
  http://www.ids.ac.uk

- ITMO University e-Government
  Center
  http://egov.ifmo.ru/en

- MySociety
  http://www.mysociety.org

- National Endowment for Democracy
  http://www.ned.org

- OECD Civil Society webpage
  http://www.oecd.org/about/membersa
  ndpartners/publicaffairs/civil-
  society.htm

- OECD Insights
  http://oecdinsights.org

- 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

- Oxford Internet Institute
  http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk

- P2P Foundation
  http://p2pfoundation.net

- Participatory Politics Foundation
  http://www.participatorypolitics.org/

- Pew Research Center Internet Project
  http://www.pewinternet.org

- Red Latinoamericana por la
  Transparencia Legislativa
  http://www.transparencialegislativa.
  org

- Social Media in eGovernment
  community on the European
  Commission Joinup platform
  https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community
  /socialmedia/home

- Sunlight Foundation
  http://sunlightfoundation.com/

- The Commonwealth Center for
  Electronic Governance
  http://www.electronicgovindia.net/ind
  ex.php

- The University at Albany Center for
  Technology in Government
  http://www.ctg.albany.edu

- Transparency International
  http://www.transparency.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

- World Bank Group
  http://www.worldbank.org

- World Internet Project
  http://worldinternetproject.net

- World Summit on the Information
  Society
  http://www.itu.int/wsis/index.html