
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.



16 August, 2015

Canada: a leader in democratic innovation far from the headlines

<http://www.ourwindsor.ca/opinion-story/5800218-doing-democracy-differently/>

21 August, 2015

Reaching maturity in government use of social media

<http://oecdinsights.org/2015/08/21/reaching-maturity-in-government-use-of-social-media/>

3 September, 2015

New Zealand uses crowdsourcing to built new playground: designed for and by the kids

http://www.citylab.com/design/2015/09/in-new-zealand-a-playground-designed-for-and-by-kids/402553/?utm_source=SFFB

10 September, 2015

New report looks at how to ensure that the wealth of new big data from social media can best be accurately measured and honestly interpreted

<http://www.demos.co.uk/project/the-road-to-representivity/>

14 September, 2015

White House announces new 'Smart Cities' initiative to help communities tackle local challenges and improve city services

<http://thegovlab.org/us-administration-announces-new-smart-cities-initiative-to-help-communities-tackle-local-challenges-and-improve-city-services/>

15 September, 2015

International day of democracy: civil society's projects from around the world

<http://www.ned.org/september-15-international-day-of-democracy-space-for-civil-society/>

18 September, 2015

Austria updates e-government services catalogue in need for the transposing of a directive for the recognition of professional qualifications

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/eppractice/news/austria-updates-egovernment-services-catalogue>

21 September, 2015

Geo data used by UK and Belgium in order to improve and innovate transport

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/eppractice/news/antwerp-and-birmingham-aim-innovate-transport>

24 September, 2015

Open Data Institute and future cities catapult cooperate in order to help improve urban efficiency and sustainability

<http://theodi.org/news/odi-future-cities-catapult-joint-vision-efficient-safe-cities-open-data>

25 September, 2015

Irish social democrats: openness and transparency to reform political system

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/opengov/news/irish-social-democrats-openness-and-transparency-reform-political-system>

25 September, 2015

Scotland: What is needed from governments to improve participation and transparency

<https://www.commonspace.scot/articles/2520/can-the-democratic-society-change-how-the-scottish-government-makes-policy>

28 September, 2015

New internet data dashboard by Berkman Center aiming to improve information for policy makers and researchers

<https://cyber.law.harvard.edu/node/99141>

29 September, 2015

Open: A short film about open government, open data and open source

<http://blog.okfn.org/2015/09/29/open-a-short-film-about-open-government-open-data-and-open-source/>

30 September, 2015

Bulgaria expands electronic information exchange by providing the country's public administrations access to 30 data registries

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/bulgaria-expands-electronic-information-exchange>

30 September, 2015

How the open data movement rearticulates the notions of democracy, participation and journalism

<http://thegovlab.org/datafication-and-empowerment-how-the-open-data-movement-re-articulates-notions-of-democracy-participation-and-journalism-2/>

1 October, 2015

How Washington DC's Office of open government is transforming government, one day at a time

<http://www.routeifty.com/2015/10/dc-office-open-government/122451/>

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/departament/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/membersandpartners/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/index.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>