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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.



January, 2017

[Report] Lessons learned from government transformations

https://worldgovernmentsummit.org/api/publications/document/53667dc4-e97c-6578b2f8-ff0000a7ddb6 [pdf]

4 January, 2017

10 principles for fiscal transparency: a GIFT to open government?

https://pbnetwork.org.uk/10-principles-for-fiscal-transparency-a-gift-to-open-government/

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5 January, 2017

Announcing the transparency toolkit: reporting guide & template

https://cyber.harvard.edu/node/99763

16 January, 2017

Public services and the new age of data

https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/2017/01/16/public-services-and-the-new-age-of-data/

19 January, 2017

Why big data is a big deal for cities

http://www.governing.com/blogs/bfc/col-cities-big-data-better-decisions.html

25 January, 2017

Democracy index 2016

http://thegovlab.org/democracy-index-2016/

25 January, 2017

[Report] Information for accountability: transparency and citizen engagement for improved service delivery in education systems

https://www.brookings.edu/research/information-for-accountability-transparency-andcitizen-engagement-for-improved-service-delivery-in-education-systems/

25 January, 2017

Corruption perceptions index 2016

http://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2016

30 January, 2017

The governance lab at NYU Tandon launches a network to connect criminal justice community for data-driven reform

http://engineering.nyu.edu/press-releases/2017/01/30/governance-lab-nyu-tandon-launches-network-connect-criminal-justice

February, 2017

[Report] Best government emerging technologies

https://worldgovernmentsummit.org/api/publications/document?id=24737dc4-e97c-6578b2f8-ff0000a7ddb6 [pdf]

February, 2017

Embracing innovation in government global trends

http://thegovlab.org/embracing-innovation-in-government-global-trends/

February, 2017

[Report] World development report 2017: governance and the law

https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2017

February, 2017

[Report] 2017 affordability report

http://a4ai.org/affordability-report/report/2017/

3 February, 2017

Crowdsourcing a constitution: Mexico City's experiment in collaborative drafting

https://sunlightfoundation.com/2017/02/03/crowsourcing-a-constitution-mexico-citys-experiment-in-collaborative-drafting/

3 February, 2017

OGP unveils catalogue of open government tools

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/ogp-unveils-catalogue-open-government-tools

9 February, 2017

Data analytics for more efficient services and better lives

https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/2017/02/09/data-analytics-for-more-efficient-services-and-better-lives/

10 February, 2017

What is Congress doing today? Here are 5 ways to track what your lawmakers are up to

https://mic.com/articles/168276/what-is-congress-doing-today-here-are-5-ways-to-track-what-your-lawmakers-are-up-to#.po5Pp8How

14 February, 2017

Major six-country study finds a 'spectre of fear' is haunting Europe

https://www.demos.co.uk/press-release/3270/

16 February, 2017

Mapping open data governance models: Who makes decisions about government data and how?

https://blog.okfn.org/2017/02/16/mapping-open-data-governance-models-who-decides-and-how/

16 February, 2017

The light and the dark side of the use of EU funding: the results of Monithon's civic monitoring

http://www.monithon.it/blog/2017/02/16/the-light-and-the-dark-side-of-the-use-of-eu-funding-the-results-of-monithons-civic-monitoring/

16 February, 2017

14 public institutions stand together for integrity, ethics and transparency

http://www.opengovpartnership.org/blog/ogp-support-unit/2017/02/16/14-public-institutions-stand-together-integrity-ethics-and

20 February, 2017

Towards an empowering state: turning inclusive growth into a global reality

http://oecdinsights.org/2017/02/20/towards-an-empowering-state-turning-inclusive-growth-into-a-global-reality/

21 February, 2017

Europe in the age of Tr... Transparency

https://blog.okfn.org/2017/02/21/europe-in-the-age-of-tr-transparency/

21 February, 2017

Twelve governments competing to lead the open government partnership

http://www.opengovpartnership.org/blog/ogp-support-unit/2017/02/21/twelve-governments-competing-lead-open-government-partnership

23 February, 2017

Upgrading democracy: what's possible and what can guide governments

http://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/upgrading-democracy-whats-possible-and-what-can-guide-governments

April, 2017

[Report] The opportunity in government productivity

http://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-sector/our-insights/the-opportunity-ingovernment-productivity

April, 2017

Creating safer streets through data science

http://www.datakind.org/projects/creating-safer-streets-through-data-science/

4 April, 2017

Governance by dashboard

https://www.demos.co.uk/project/governance-by-dashboard/

5 April, 2017

Minecraft in urban planning: how digital natives are shaking up governments

https://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2017/apr/05/public-appetite-for-new-tech-is-shaking-up-governments

13 April, 2017

'Bring Open Data to Your School': connecting teens with open data in Argentina

https://theodi.org/blog/bring-open-data-to-your-school-connecting-teens-with-open-data-in-argentina

20 April, 2017

Blockchain technology and its potential for transforming governance

http://thegovlab.org/the-govlab-selected-readings-on-blockchain-technology-and-its-potential-for-transforming-governance/

23 April, 2017

Can democracy survive the internet?

http://thegovlab.org/can-democracy-survive-the-internet/

25 April, 2017

For whom the budget cut tolls

http://oecdinsights.org/2017/04/25/for-whom-the-budget-cut-tolls/

26 April, 2017

How can government officials become innovators?

https://www.oecd.org/governance/observatory-public-sectorinnovation/blog/page/howcangovernmentofficialsbecomeinnovators.htm

28 April, 2017

Germany wants to simplify eGovernment services

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/germany-wants-simplify-egovernment-services

May, 2017

Making cities wiser - crowdsourcing for better decisions

http://www.fig.net/resources/monthly_articles/2017/kahila_etal_may_2017.asp

May, 2017

'ALTwitter' – the alternate Twitter is the profiles of the Members of European Parliaments built on their Twitter metadata

http://www.privacypies.org/ALTwitter/

3 May, 2017

Malta unveils first set of mobile eGovernment apps

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/epractice/news/malta-unveils-first-set-mobile-egovernment-apps

5 May, 2017

NYC's new tech to track every homeless person in the city

https://www.wired.com/2017/05/new-york-citys-businesslike-tech-fighting-homelessness/

9 May, 2017

Going digital: restoring trust in government in Latin American cities

https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/blog/going-digital-restoring-trust-government-latin-american-cities/

9 May, 2017

Volunteers tailor Ubuntu Linux to UK's health service

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/osor/news/volunteers-tailor-ubuntu-linux-uk's-health-service

11 May, 2017

The six top trends in government innovation

https://apolitical.co/trends-government-innovation/

12 May, 2017

Brazil: open data just made investigating corruption easier

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/brazil_open_data_just_made_investigating _corruption_easier

16 May, 2017

Civic tech cities: researching US government inhouse technologies

https://www.mysociety.org/2017/05/16/civic-tech-cities-researching-us-government-inhouse-technologies/

16 May, 2017

What next for digital social innovation? Realising the potential of people and technology to tackle social challenges

http://www.nesta.org.uk/publications/what-next-digital-social-innovation-realising-potential-people-and-technology-tackle-social-challenges

17 May, 2017

Is civil society ready to sit at the table with policymakers? – new study on six eastern partnership countries

http://www.newdiplomacy.net/2017/05/is-civil-society-read-to-sit-at-table.html

17 May, 2017

[Report] Open up guide: using open data to combat corruption

http://opendatacharter.net/wp-content/themes/proparty/assets/anticorruption_guide.pdf

17 May, 2017

Building a better relationship between citizens and governments

https://medium.com/positive-returns/building-a-better-relationship-between-citizens-and-governments-5f2b5be4bf21

17 May, 2017

The New Zealand Government's Lab+ experiment – testing a fundamental change in the service delivery model

http://www.opengovasia.com/articles/7606-exclusive---the-new-zealand-governments-lab-experiment---testing-a-fundamental-change-in-the-service-delivery-model

18 May, 2017

Policymakers around the world are embracing behavioural science

http://www.economist.com/news/international/21722163-experimental-iterative-data-driven-approach-gaining-ground-policymakers-around

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/ccg/index.html
- 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.transparencia legislativa.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