
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 is 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.



3 December, 2017

Government data: How open is too open?

<https://www.hpe.com/us/en/insights/articles/government-data-how-open-is-too-open-1712.html>

4 December, 2017

People, trust and government: Getting the measure

<http://oecdinsights.org/2017/12/04/people-trust-and-government-getting-the-measure/>

12 December, 2017

EC study: Member States are prioritising open data

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/race-top>

13 December, 2017

Stopping dirty money: The global effective-o-meter

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/stopping_dirty_money_the_global_effective_o_meter

14 December, 2017

From Bali to Jakarta: The evolution of OGP in Asia Pacific

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/about/news-and-events/bali-jakarta-evolution-of-ogp-asia-pacific>

14 December, 2017

New Report: Avoiding data use silos – How governments can simplify the open licensing landscape

<https://blog.okfn.org/2017/12/14/new-report-avoiding-data-use-silos-how-governments-can-simplify-the-open-licensing-landscape/>

15 December, 2017

New Citizen Lab Report Shows Ethiopian Government Used Spyware to Target Dissidents

<https://www.movedemocracy.org/new-citizen-lab-report-shows-ethiopian-government-used-spyware-target-dissidents>

15 December, 2017

Study: Can Civic Tech save Democracy?

<https://atelier.bnpparibas/en/smart-city/article/study-civic-tech-save-democracy>

20 December, 2017

Democratising the future: How do we build inclusive visions of the future?

<https://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/democratising-future-how-do-we-build-inclusive-visions-future>

22 December, 2017

Barcelona and Amsterdam to cooperate on data protection

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/blockchain-rules>

22 December, 2017

Forum “EU perspectives for Local Authorities” concluded in a document

http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/news_dett.php?id=2087

29 December, 2017

Denmark aims to regain control over its ICT

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/essential-knowledge>

29 December, 2017

France revises technology roadmap for state and local administrations

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/sharing-now-core-principle>

29 December, 2017

Latvia pilots use of AI for eGovernment service

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/virtual-agents>

5 January, 2018

How Cities Can Embrace Innovation Without Sacrificing Public Health and Safety

<https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/how-cities-can-embrace-innovation-without-sacrificing-public-health-and-saf>

7 January, 2018

Who Owns Urban Mobility Data?

<https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2018/01/who-owns-urban-mobility-data/549845/>

8 January, 2018

‘Open banking’: radical shake-up, or a threat to your private data?

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2018/jan/08/open-banking-bank>

8 January, 2018

What it’s like to live in a well-governed country?

<http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20180107-what-its-like-to-live-in-a-well-governed-country>

9 January, 2018

New York City Adopts Historic Policing Reform

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2018/01/new-york-city-adopts-historic-policing-reform>

10 January, 2018

ECAS’ Work Programme 2018 – Empowering Citizens and Enhancing Participation

<http://ecas.org/ecas-work-programme-2018/>

11 January, 2018

People-Led Innovation: Toward a Methodology for Solving Urban Problems in the 21st Century

<http://thegovlab.org/people-led-innovation-toward-a-methodology-for-solving-urban-problems-in-the-21st-century/>

11 January, 2018

Publics Globally Want Unbiased News Coverage, but Are Divided on Whether Their News Media Deliver

<http://www.pewglobal.org/2018/01/11/publics-globally-want-unbiased-news-coverage-but-are-divided-on-whether-their-news-media-deliver/>

11 January, 2018

Technology fostering greater accountability but also aiding repression and surveillance

<http://www.ids.ac.uk/news/technology-fostering-greater-accountability-but-also-aiding-repression-and-surveillance>

11 January, 2018

Using new data sources for policymaking

<http://thegovlab.org/using-new-data-sources-for-policymaking/>

11 January, 2018

What's New in Civic Tech: Where Are the Code for America Brigades Headed in 2018?

<http://www.govtech.com/civic/Whats-New-in-Civic-Tech-Where-are-the-Code-for-America-Brigades-headed-in-2018.html>

12 January, 2018

City of Barcelona Kicks Out Microsoft in Favor of Linux and Open Source

<https://itsfoss.com/barcelona-open-source/>

12 January, 2018

New edition of Data Journalism Handbook to explore journalistic interventions in the data society

<https://blog.okfn.org/2018/01/12/new-edition-of-data-journalism-handbook-to-explore-journalistic-interventions-in-the-data-society/>

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>
- American Research Institute for Policy Development
<http://aripd.org>
- Arab Reform Initiative
<http://www.arab-reform.net/en>
- Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation
<https://ash.harvard.edu/>
- Beeck Center Social Impact + Innovation, Georgetown University
<http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/>
- Blavatnik School of Government
<https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/>
- 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>
- 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>
- Demos Think Tank
<http://www.demos.co.uk>
- Digital Civil Society Lab
<https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab>
- 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>
- 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 Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)
<http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/>
- European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)
<http://ecas.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>
- IBM Center for Cognitive Government
<http://www-01.ibm.com/industries/government/ieg/ccg/index.html>
- Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
<http://www.idea.int/>
- Institute of Development Studies
<http://www.ids.ac.uk>
- 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/>
- MIT Innovation Initiative
<https://innovation.mit.edu/>
- MySociety
<http://www.mysociety.org>
- National Endowment for Democracy
<http://www.ned.org>
- Notre Dame Global Adaptation Index
<http://index.gain.org/>
- NTEN – Nonprofit Technology Network
<https://www.nten.org/>

- 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/>
- 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>
- P2P Foundation
<http://p2pfoundation.net>
- Participatory Politics Foundation
<http://www.participatorypolitics.org/>
- Pew Research Center Internet Project
<http://www.pewinternet.org>
- Public Agenda
<https://publicagenda.org/>
- Red Latinoamericana por la Transparencia Legislativa
<http://www.transparencialegislativa.org>
- SmartCities DIVE
<http://www.smartcitiesdive.com/>
- 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 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/>
- 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>

- Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem)
<https://www.v-dem.net/en/>
- 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 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/>