
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.



23 January, 2018

Digital Civil Society Framework

<https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab/digital-civil-society-framework-9c549a0476b7>

25 January, 2018

A New Global Commission asks How Emerging Technologies can Benefit the Poorest

<https://www.bsg.ox.ac.uk/news/new-global-commission-asks-how-emerging-technologies-can-benefit-poorest>

30 January, 2018

US: Majorities Say Government Does Too Little for Older People, the Poor and the Middle Class

<http://www.people-press.org/2018/01/30/majorities-say-government-does-too-little-for-older-people-the-poor-and-the-middle-class/>

31 January, 2018

The What Works Team: Supporting the Rise of Experimental Government

<https://quarterly.blog.gov.uk/2018/01/31/the-what-works-team-supporting-the-rise-of-experimental-government/>

February, 2018

Exploring the Role of Digital Civil Society Portals in Improving Right to Information regimes

<https://www.u4.no/publications/exploring-the-role-of-digital-civil-society-portals-in-improving-right-to-information-regimes>

1 February, 2018

WJP Rule of Law Index 2017–2018

<https://worldjusticeproject.org/our-work/wjp-rule-law-index/wjp-rule-law-index-2017–2018>

13 February, 2018

You Vote EU: Increasing Voter Turnout by Connecting Citizens to EU Policy

<http://ecas.org/vote-eu-increasing-voter-turnout-connecting-citizens-eu-policy/>

14 February, 2018

UK Promotes APIs to ‘Improve Services, Reduce Cost’

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/news/seamless-services>

15 February, 2018

When Citizens set the Budget: Lessons from Ancient Greece

<https://theconversation.com/when-citizens-set-the-budget-lessons-from-ancient-greece-91121>

15 February, 2018

Law Enforcement Use of Face Recognition Systems Threatens Civil Liberties, Disproportionately Affects People of Color: EFF Report

<https://www.eff.org/press/releases/law-enforcement-use-face-recognition-systems-threatens-civil-liberties>

21 February, 2018

Corruption Perceptions Index 2017

https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2017

21 February, 2018

Europe and Central Asia: More Civil Engagement Needed (Part I)

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

26 February, 2018

Europe and Central Asia: More Civil Engagement Needed (Part II)

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

26 February, 2018

Follow the Money: How to Track Federal Funding to Local Governments

<https://www.urban.org/research/publication/follow-money-how-track-federal-funding-local-governments>

2 March, 2018

New Game Aims to Inoculate People against Fake News

<https://www.springwise.com/new-game-aims-inoculate-people-fake-news/>

2 March, 2018

Using Open Data for Public Services

<https://theodi.org/article/using-open-data-for-public-services-report-2/>

4 March, 2018

How Tech Used to Track the Flu could Change the Game for Public Health Response

<http://www.sacbee.com/latest-news/article201684584.html>

5 March, 2018

Will Blockchain Disrupt Government Corruption?

https://ssir.org/articles/entry/will_blockchain_disrupt_government_corruption

5 March, 2018

Mediating Populism

<https://www.demos.co.uk/project/mediating-populism/>

5 March, 2018

From Hashtag to Change: Why #MeToo Matters for Democratic Politics

<https://www.idea.int/news-media/news/hashtag-change-why-metoo-matters-democratic-politics>

12 March, 2018

The World's First Blockchain-Powered Elections just Happened in Sierra Leone

<https://qz.com/1227050/sierra-leone-elections-powered-by-blockchain/>

13 March, 2018

Could the Open Government Movement shut the Door on Freedom of Information

<https://theconversation.com/could-the-open-government-movement-shut-the-door-on-freedom-of-information-92724>

13 March, 2018

Technology Landscape for Digital Identification

<http://thegovlab.org/technology-landscape-for-digital-identification/>

14 March, 2018

Latin America and the Caribbean Come Together to Protect the Right of Their Citizens to Participate in Environmental Decisions

<https://oidp.net/en/content.php?id=1402>

15 March, 2018

Anthology on Democratic Innovation

<http://thegovlab.org/anthology-on-democratic-innovation/>

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>
- Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization
<http://www.aicto.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/>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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/>
- 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>
- 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 for Governance and Policy Analysis
<http://www.governanceinstitute.edu.au/>
- 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>
- 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/>
- 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>
- 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>
- Rights + Resources Initiative
<https://rightsandresources.org/>
- Rutgers SPAA E-Governance Institute
<https://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/centers-egov>
- SmartCities DIVE
<http://www.smartcitiesdive.com/>
- Stanford Crowdsourced Democracy Team
<http://voxxpopuli.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 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/>
- 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/>
- 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/>