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.

2 May, 2018

How Citizens Can Hack EU Democracy

https://carnegieeurope.eu/2018/05/02/how-citizens-can-hack-eu-democracy-pub-76168

30 May, 2018

Six or Seven Things Social Media Can Do For Democracy

http://www.ethanzuckerman.com/blog/2018/05/30/six-or-seven-things-social-media-can-do-for-democracy/

2 June, 2018

Charting a course to government by the crowd, for the crowd

https://theconversation.com/charting-a-course-to-government-by-the-crowd-for-the-crowd-78166

4 June, 2018

Hiding in Plain Sight: A Call for a Code of Ethics in Data Usage

http://beeckcenter.georgetown.edu/hiding-in-plain-sight/

5 June, 2018

To Lose (But your Chains): Using Blockchain To Better Humanity

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59c8dee3f14aa1916ae7ac27/t/5b0d4bc8758d461b3726d2c6/1527598036108/Nothing+To+Lose+-+But+Your+Chains.pdf [pdf]

5 June, 2018

Sidewalks, Streets, and Tweets: Is Twitter a Public Forum?

https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/LSB10141.pdf [pdf]

7 June, 2018

Community Engagement through Filmmaking

https://ash.harvard.edu/news/harvard-students-alumni-produce-films-new-study-group

8 June, 2018

Blockchain in Cities

https://citiesspeak.org/2018/06/08/blockchain-in-cities/

10 June, 2018

Livestreaming Pollution: A New Form of Public Disclosure and a Catalyst for Citizen Engagement?

http://www.nber.org/papers/w24664

11 June, 2018

Latin America is fighting corruption by opening up government data

https://apolitical.co/solution_article/latin-america-is-fighting-corruption-by-opening-up-government-data/

11 June, 2018

Introducing Keep It In The Community

https://www.mysociety.org/2018/06/11/introducing-keep-it-in-the-community/

12 June, 2018

European Civic Days 2018: Citizenship – Participation – Policies: Building Europe from Grassroots Up!

https://ecas.org/european-civic-days-2018-citizenship-participation-policies-building-europe-from-grassroots-up/

12 June, 2018

To sustain a happier democracy, we must find a better way of doing digital politics

https://www.demos.co.uk/blog/to-sustain-a-happier-democracy-we-must-find-a-better-way-of-doing-digital-politics/

12 June, 2018

Delivering for citizens: How to triple the success rate of government

https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-sector/our-insights/delivering-for-citizens-how-to-triple-the-success-rate-of-government-transformations?cid=other-pso-twi-mps-mps-oth-1805transformations

13 June, 2018

Unlocking of government's mapping and location data to boost economy by £130m a year

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/unlocking-of-governments-mapping-and-location-data-to-boost-economy-by-130m-a-year

14 June, 2018

Do delivery units deliver?: Assessing Government Innovations

https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/8935

17 June, 2018

Ontario is trying a wild experiment: Opening access to its residents' health data

https://qz.com/1246042/ontario-is-releasing-its-residents-personal-health-data-to-eager-tech-companies/

18 June, 2018

Unveiling of Montréal's Resilient City Strategy, a first in Canada

http://www.100resilientcities.org/unveiling-of-montreals-resilient-city-strategy-a-first-in-canada/

18 June, 2018

Developing an impact framework for cultural change in government

https://www.nesta.org.uk/blog/developing-impact-framework-cultural-change-government/

18 June, 2018

Research Shows Political Acumen, Not Just Analytical Skills, is Key to Evidence-Informed Policymaking

https://www.r4d.org/news/eip-announcement/

20 June, 2018

When Technology Gets Ahead of Society

https://hbr.org/2018/07/when-technology-gets-ahead-of-society

21 June, 2018

Europe's proposed PSI Directive: A good baseline for future open data policies?

https://blog.okfn.org/2018/06/21/europes-proposed-psi-directive-a-good-baseline-for-future-open-data-policies/

21 June, 2018

The Mayor of London has launched #CrowdfundLDN – a £1m fund to support projects that benefit local communities.

https://oidp.net/en/content.php?id=1483

21 June, 2018

CITY-AS-A-SERVICE

https://www.circle-economy.com/city-as-a-service/#.WzCtqi2B00r

23 June, 2018

Blockchain Ethical Design Framework

http://thegovlab.org/blockchain-ethical-design-framework/

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

- apolitical
  https://apolitical.co/

- 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/

- Australian Public Service Commission
  https://www.apsc.gov.au/

- 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/department/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

- INSEIT – International Society for Ethics and Information Technology
  https://inseit.net/

- Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
  http://www.idea.int/

- Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis
  http://www.governanceinstitute.edu.au/

- Institute for the Future
  http://www.iftf.org/

- 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

- New Zealand Government Web Toolkit
  https://webtoolkit.govt.nz/

- 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/

- OGP CitizENGAGE
  https://www.ogpstories.org/

- 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

- Oxford Refugee Studies Centre
  https://www.rsc.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/

- Source Network
  http://thesourcenetwork.eu/

- Stanford Crowdsourced Democracy Team
  http://voxpopuli.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/

- Who Funds You
  http://whofundsyou.org/

- 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/

- World Vision International
  https://www.wvi.org/