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.

4 December, 2019

Beyond the Bubble: The online conversation on research and development

https://demos.co.uk/project/beyond-the-bubble-the-online-conversation-on-research-and-development/

5 December, 2019

Innovation in Politics Awards 2019 presented in Berlin

https://innovationinpolitics.eu/blog-post/40

11 December, 2019

Roundtable report: Artificial Intelligence: Mapping priority areas for EU assistance to democratic development

https://www.idea.int/news-media/news/international-idea-supports-european-commission-unpacking-artificial-intelligence

13 December, 2019

Too much information? The new challenge for decision-makers

https://www.ft.com/content/407f74b2-dfa8-11e9-b8e0-026e07cbe5b4

16 December, 2019

New Open Government Partnership Action Plan in Slovakia for years 2020-2021

https://www.openaire.eu/blogs/new-open-government-partnership-action-plan-in-slovakia-for-years-2020-2021

16 December, 2019

How data-savvy journalists in Kyrgyzstan are using open contracting to investigate corruption in public procurement

https://www.open-contracting.org/2019/12/16/how-data-savvy-journalists-in-kyrgyzstan-are-using-open-contracting/?fbclid=IwAR35T_LuD51Po4pYNzKy-ujfNpT4fRCsog Mh6QeOFiftrfUo2wqt4PKzDhA

19 December, 2019

The State of Democracy in East-Central Europe: Thirty Years after the fall of the Berlin Wall - Ten Points for Action

https://www.idea.int/news-media/news/state-democracy-east-central-europe-thirty-years-after-fall-berlin-wall-ten-points

28 December, 2019

Heralding citizens' participation for SDGS; the role of the media

https://www.modernghana.com/news/976067/heralding-citizens-participation-for-sdgs-the.html

29 December, 2019

Lack of guidance leaves public services in limbo on AI, says watchdog

https://amp-theguardian-com.cdn.ampproject.org/c/s/amp.theguardian.com/technology/2019/dec/29/lack-of-guidance-leaves-public-services-in-limbo-on-ai-says-watchdog

27 December, 2019

The Irish government makes digital transformation a priority for the public service in 2020

https://irishtechnews.ie/the-irish-government-makes-digital-transformation-a-priority-for-the-public-service-in-2020/

30 December, 2019

Spain gathers anonymised phone tracking data to shape public services

https://www.globalgovernmentforum.com/spain-gathers-anonymised-phone-tracking-data-to-shape-public-services/

2 January, 2020

Philosophy Is a Public Service

http://nautil.us/issue/79/catalysts/philosophy-is-a-public-service

3 January, 2020

The 2020 vision for open government

https://apolitical.co/solution_article/the-2020-vision-for-open-government?fbclid=IwAR2_QSRCermMYYy7cnuOweWiEx4hvP5y5jGUd2PeuycT0-GEPruV8Vd8eeY

7 January, 2020

Enabling Smart Rural: The Open Data Gap

https://www.europeandataportal.eu/en/news/enabling-smart-rural-open-data-gap

8 January, 2020

How GIS could create a 'smarter way of governing'

https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/martin-omalley-gis-mapping-smarter-governing/569888/

8 January, 2020

Icelandic Citizen Engagement Tool Offers Tips for U.S.

https://www.govtech.com/civic/Icelandic-Citizen-Engagement-Tool-Offers-Tips-for-US.html

9 January, 2020

Three Examples of Data Empowerment

https://medium.com/data-empowerment/three-examples-of-data-empowerment-5f3e964ffbdc

9 January, 2020

Democracy in America: Six Lessons to Live By in 2020

https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/01/09/democracy-in-america-six-lessons-to-live-by-in-2020/

10 January, 2020

Portugal to approve first surplus budget since return to democracy

https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/portugal-to-approve-first-surplus-budget-since-return-to-democracy/

10 January, 2020

Informational privacy: a precondition for democratic participation?

https://www.democraticaudit.com/2020/01/10/informational-privacy-a-precondition-for-democratic-participation/

10 January, 2020

"Democracy For Sale": Cambridge Analytica & Big Tech's History of Manipulating Elections

https://www.democracynow.org/2020/1/10/2020_election_digital_manipulation_cambridge_analytica

10 January, 2020

Open government and gender equality 2019: Opportunities for engaging women's rights organisations

https://www.equalmeasures2030.org/products/open-government-and-gender-equality/

10 January, 2020

Video: Estonia's e-government expert describes what a digital government looks like

https://estonianworld.com/technology/video-estonias-e-government-expert-describes-what-a-digital-government-looks-like/

13 January, 2020

The Internet Broke Democracy. To Fix It, Design for Human Rights.

https://www.texasobserver.org/samuel-woolley-reality-game-misinformation-fake-news/

14 January, 2020

How to make the internet safe for democracy

https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/how-to-make-the-internet-safe-for-democracy/

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

- Amnesty International
  https://www.amnesty.org/en/

- apolitical
  https://apolitical.co/

- Arab Information and Communication Technologies Organization
  http://www.aicto.org/

- Arab Reform Initiative
  http://www.arab-reform.net/en

- ASEAN Smart Cities Network
  https://www.asean2018.sg/Newsroom/ASCN

- 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

- C40 Financing Sustainable Cities Initiative
  https://www.c40.org/

- 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

- Child Soldiers International
  https://www.child-soldiers.org/

- 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/i
  ndex.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/innovationlib
  rary/

- Economist Intelligence Unit Insights
  http://www.economistinsights.com/ho
  me

- 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/

- European Green Cities Network
  http://greencities.eu/home-1

- European Network of Living Labs
  https://enoll.org/

- European Youth Forum
  https://www.youthforum.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

- Human Rights Watch
  https://www.hrw.org/

- 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/

- OECD-OPSI Curated Innovation Toolkits
  https://airtable.com/shr5ihDeNVvqehAi6/tbl1tMziqEn94IdHw

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

- Open & Agile Smart Cities
  http://oascities.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.or
  g/

- 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

- Refworld – The Leader in Refugee
  Decision Support
  http://www.refworld.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 B Team
  http://www.bteam.org/

- The Commons Transition Primer
  https://primer.commonstransition.org/

- The Global Innovation Index
  https://www.globalinnovationindex.or
  g/

- The Hunger Project
  http://www.thp.org/

- The Innovation Policy Platform
  https://www.innovationpolicyplatform
  .org/

- The Institute for Government
  https://www.instituteforgovernment.or
  g.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/

- UNHCR– The UN Refugee Agency
  http://www.unhcr.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/facultie s/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/