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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.



13 November, 2018

These patients are sharing their data to improve healthcare standards

https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2018/11/these-patients-are-sharing-their-data-to-improve-their-treatment/

27 November, 2018

Prototyping for policy

https://openpolicy.blog.gov.uk/2018/11/27/prototyping-for-policy/

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28 November, 2018

Harnessing Digital Tools to Revitalize European Democracy

https://carnegieeurope.eu/2018/11/28/harnessing-digital-tools-to-revitalize-european-democracy-pub-77806

4 December, 2018

Chatbots Are a Danger to Democracy

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/04/opinion/chatbots-ai-democracy-free-speech.html

5 December, 2018

New possibilities for cutting corruption in the public sector

http://voxdev.org/topic/institutions-political-economy/new-possibilities-cutting-corruption-public-sector

6 December, 2018

Implementing Public Policy: Is it possible to escape the 'Public Policy Futility' trap? https://buildingstatecapability.com/2018/12/06/implementing-public-policy-is-it-possible-to-escape-the-public-policy-futility-trap/

6 December, 2018

Why Taking a Step Back From Social Impact Assessment Can Lead to Better Results https://ssir.org/articles/entry/why\_taking\_a\_step\_back\_from\_social\_impact\_assessment\_can\_lead\_to\_better\_res

9 December, 2018

Innovations in the Fight Against Corruption In Latin America

https://www.forbes.com/sites/bethsimonenoveck/2018/12/09/innovations-in-the-fight-against-corruption-in-latin-america/#e9df0e572bcd

10 December, 2018

Innovation in the public sector is challenging, both for governments and for providers – why?

https://reform.uk/the-reformer/innovation-public-sector-challenging-both-governments-and-providers-why

17 December, 2018

The Yellow Vests movement and the urge to update democracy

https://www.opengovpartnership.org/stories/yellow-vests-movement-and-urge-update-democracy

18 December, 2018

Citizen science for environmental policy: Development of an EU-wide inventory and analysis of selected practices

https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/science-update/eu-wide-inventory-citizen-science-environmental-policy

19 December, 2018

Seven design principles for using blockchain for social impact

https://apolitical.co/solution\_article/design-principles-blockchain-for-social-impact/

20 December, 2018

The Future of Government 2030+: A Citizen Centric Perspective on New Government Models

https://blogs.ec.europa.eu/eupolicylab/futurgov/

24 December, 2018

Congress passes 'OPEN Government Data Act' to make open data part of the US Code

https://hub.packtpub.com/congress-passes-open-government-data-act-to-make-open-data-part-of-the-us-code/

1 January, 2019

In High-Tech Cities, No More Potholes, but What About Privacy?

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/01/us/kansas-city-smart-technology.html

4 January, 2019

The first decade of open data has been a win — but not for the reasons you think

 $https://apolitical.co/solution\_article/the-first-decade-of-open-data-has-been-a-win-but-not-for-the-reasons-you-think/$ 

7 January, 2019

Opinion: The promises — and challenges — of data collaboratives for the SDGs

https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-the-promises-and-challenges-of-data-collaboratives-for-the-sdgs-94082

7 January, 2019

How Design Sprint can save Civic Tech?

https://www.sprintux.com/feed/design-sprint-save-civic-tech?fbclid=IwAR2eE0kpWxNL4tq43C2wh1Jpr1wOmSVL9r0FmRUyCANrEjNPaJ3mzBEUIZI

7 January, 2019

Missing: A digital playbook for local elected officials

https://civichall.org/civicist/missing-digital-playbook-local-electeds/

8 January, 2019

Open Government Partnership places United States under review

https://e-pluribusunum.org/2019/01/08/open-government-partnership-puts-united-states-under-review/?fbclid=IwAR1k6NQ5qHiV6mt3Tm96YEANHYmb6vLKU7oNwvh-HvrmYaiXQuO0uyf0x78

9 January, 2019

New technology presents new threats to transparency in government

https://abc6 on your side.com/news/nation-world/new-technology-presents-new-threats-to-transparency-in-government

9 January, 2019

Three strategies for mobilizing people and communities in the digital age

https://medium.com/the-digital-civil-society-lab/three-strategies-for-mobilizing-people-and-communities-in-the-digital-age-63220695e730

10 January, 2019

FOI requests can help authorities identify what they should be publishing proactively

https://www.mysociety.org/2019/01/10/foi-requests-can-help-authorities-identify-what-they-should-be-publishing-proactively/

11 January, 2019

Why democracy is worth fighting for?

https://dailytimes.com.pk/342901/why-democracy-is-worth-fighting-for/

11 January, 2019

Co-design in policy: learning by 'doing'

https://openpolicy.blog.gov.uk/2019/01/11/co-design-in-policy-learning-by-doing/

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.donauuni.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-civilsociety-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/
- 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/shr5ihDeNVvqeh Ai6/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. 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.
- 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. 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/
- 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/ 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/