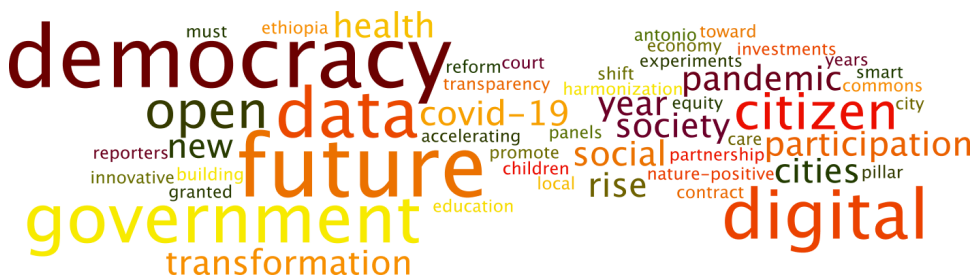

News in Brief

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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.



16 December, 2020

demos.co.uk: The Future of Towns

<https://demos.co.uk/project/the-future-of-towns/>

24 December, 2020

oecd-ilibrary.org: Anticipatory innovation governance. Shaping the future through proactive policy making.

https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/governance/anticipatory-innovation-governance_cce14d80-en

30 December, 2020

mashable.com: 2020 was the year activists mastered hashtag flooding

<https://mashable.com/article/hashtag-flooding-activism/?europa=true>

January 2021

unicef.org: Government digital services and children: pathways to digital transformation [PDF]

https://www.unicef.org/globalinsight/media/1481/file/UNICEF-Global-Insight_e-gov-services-rapid-analysis-2021.pdf

5 January, 2021

politico.com: To Thrive, Our Democracy Needs Digital Public Infrastructure

<https://www.politico.com/news/agenda/2021/01/05/to-thrive-our-democracy-needs-digital-public-infrastructure-455061>

8 January, 2021

hbr.org: Business Can't Take Democracy for Granted

<https://hbr.org/2021/01/business-cant-take-democracy-for-granted>

12 January, 2021

dailymaverick.co.za: 2021: Time for civil society to rise and reorganize

<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2021-01-12-2021-time-for-civil-society-to-rise-and-reorganise/>

12 January, 2021

nature.com: The pandemic has pushed citizen panels online

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-00046-7>

13 January, 2021

dublininquirer.com: An Open Data Team Experiments with a New Way to Tell City Stories

<https://dublininquirer.com/2021/01/13/an-open-data-team-experiments-with-a-new-way-to-tell-city-stories>

13 January, 2021

foiaproject.org: When FOIA Goes to Court: 20 Years of Freedom of Information Act Litigation by News Organizations and Reporters

<http://foiaproject.org/2021/01/13/foialitigators2020/>

14 January, 2021

fedscoop.com: Open data: A critical tool for police reform and racial equity

<https://www.fedscoop.com/open-data-critical-tool-police-reform-racial-equity/>

14 January, 2021

cigionline.org: How COVID-19 Is Accelerating the Shift Toward a Quantified Society

<https://www.cigionline.org/articles/how-covid-19-accelerating-shift-toward-quantified-society>

18 January, 2021

lgcplus.com: The value of data sharing in local government

<https://www.lgcplus.com/politics/service-reform/the-value-of-data-sharing-in-local-government-18-01-2021/>

18 January, 2021

equaltimes.org: Democracy and health: how citizen participation can also contribute to better health care

<https://www.equaltimes.org/democracy-and-health-how-citizen?lang=en#.YBFOZC0Rqu4>

19 January, 2021

itweb.co.za: Need for open data, harmonization never more urgent

<https://www.itweb.co.za/content/j5alrvQa8eKvpYQk>

20 January, 2021

blogdroiteuropeen.com: The Rise of Urban Commons in the Europe by Alessandra Quarta and Antonio Vercellone

<https://blogdroiteuropeen.com/2021/01/20/the-rise-of-urban-commons-in-the-europe-by-alessandra-quarta-and-antonio-vercellone/>

20 January, 2021

governing.com: 5 Domains of Government That Are Ripe for Transformation

<https://www.governing.com/next/5-Domains-of-Government-That-Are-Ripe-for-Transformation.html>

22 January, 2021

brookings.edu: Democracy in Asia

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/democracy-in-asia/>

25 January, 2021

worldbank.org: Innovative Citizen Engagement in Ethiopia During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Radio Shows Promote Accountable Service Delivery

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2021/01/25/innovative-citizen-engagement-in-ethiopia-during-the-covid-19-pandemic-radio-shows-promote-accountable-service-delivery>

26 January, 2021

cities-today.com: Smart cities of the future: 7 things that successful cities do

<https://cities-today.com/industry/smart-cities-of-the-future-7-things-that-successful-cities-do/>

26 January, 2021

eesc.europa.eu: European Pillar of Social Rights: a new social contract for the future

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/news-media/press-releases/european-pillar-social-rights-new-social-contract-future>

26 January, 2021

nextgov.com: Forward-Thinking Investments Will Build the Future of Digital Government

<https://www.nextgov.com/ideas/2021/01/forward-thinking-investments-will-build-future-digital-government/171634/>

26 January, 2021

europeaninterest.eu: More transparency in the EU institutions will increase citizens' trust and participation

<https://www.europeaninterest.eu/article/transparency-eu-institutions-will-increase-citizens-trust-participation/>

27 January, 2021

weforum.org: 2021: the year the real economy must start building a net-zero, nature-positive partnership

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2021/01/2021-the-year-the-real-economy-must-start-building-a-net-zero-nature-positive-partnership/>

27 January, 2021

ctmirror.org: Education is the cornerstone of democracy

<https://ctmirror.org/category/ct-viewpoints/education-is-the-cornerstone-of-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/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.economistsights.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/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.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>
- 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://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 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://whofundyou.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/>