
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.



March 2021

worldbank.org: World Development Report 2021-Data for Better Lives

<https://wdr2021.worldbank.org>

March 2021

[oecd.org](https://www.oecd.org): Open data in action: initiatives during the initial stage of the COVID-19 pandemic

<http://www.oecd.org/gov/digital-government/use-of-open-government-data-to-address-covid19-outbreak.htm>

March 2021

wik.org: European Data Economy: Between Competition and Regulation

<https://www.wik.org/en/veroeffentlichungen/studien/weitere-seiten/translate-to-englisch-europaeische-datenoekonomie>

March 2, 2021

opengovpartnership.org: Improving Governance by Asking Questions that Matter

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/stories/improving-governance-by-asking-questions-that-matter/>

March 4, 2021

blogs.worldbank.org: How can we measure productivity in the public sector?

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/governance/how-can-we-measure-productivity-public-sector>

March 5, 2021

treehugger.com: Using Data and Citizen Science for Gardening Success

<https://www.treehugger.com/data-citizen-science-for-gardening-success-5115346>

March 8, 2021

lisboncouncil.net: Policy 2.0 in the Pandemic World: What Worked, What Didn't and Why

<https://lisboncouncil.net/policy-2-0-in-the-pandemic-world-what-worked-what-didnt-and-why/>

March 8, 2021

policyoptions.irpp.org: One year into pandemic, federal digital government is largely business as usual

<https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/march-2021/one-year-into-pandemic-federal-digital-government-is-largely-business-as-usual/>

March 9, 2021

aeon.co: Lessons from all democracies

<https://aeon.co/essays/democracy-is-common-and-robust-historically-and-across-the-globe>

March 9, 2021

wbcds.org: Sustainable mobility: Policy making for data sharing

<https://www.wbcds.org/Programs/Cities-and-Mobility/Transforming-Mobility/Digitalization-and-Data-in-Urban-Mobility/Policy-to-Enable-Data-Sharing/Resources/Sustainable-mobility-Policy-making-for-data-sharing>

March 12, 2021

eu.lohud.com: Why COVID-19 proved to be a bad year for openness in government

<https://eu.lohud.com/story/news/politics/2021/03/12/why-covid-19-proved-bad-year-openness-government/4661719001/>

March 12, 2021

brookings.edu: A new approach to problem-solving across the Sustainable Development Goals

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2021/03/12/a-new-approach-to-problem-solving-across-the-sustainable-development-goals/>

March 15, 2021

bcg.com: The New Tech Tools in Data Sharing

<https://www.bcg.com/publications/2021/new-data-sharing-tools-helping-companies-find-value>

March 16, 2021

eu.usatoday.com: Coming wave of video games could build empathy on racism, environment and aftermath of war

<https://eu.usatoday.com/story/tech/gaming/2021/03/16/video-games-and-vr-tackle-racism-environment-and-aftermath-war/4718952001/>

March 16, 2021

scientificamerican.com: How ‘Good’ Social Movements Can Triumph over ‘Bad’ Ones

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-lsquo-good-rsquo-social-movements-can-triumph-over-lsquo-bad-rsquo-ones/>

March 16, 2021

expressnews.com: Disasters beg for more government transparency

<https://www.expressnews.com/opinion/commentary/article/Commentary-Disasters-beg-for-more-government-16030296.php>

March 18, 2021

demos.co.uk: Good Foundations: Why democracies should care about the wiring of the Internet

<https://demos.co.uk/project/good-foundations-why-democracies-should-care-about-the-wiring-of-the-internet/>

March 21, 2021

wired.com: Negligence, Not Politics, Drives Most Misinformation Sharing

<https://www.wired.com/story/negligence-most-misinformation-sharing/>

March 21, 2021

thelivinglib.org: Governance Innovation ver.2: A Guide to Designing and Implementing Agile Governance

<https://thelivinglib.org/governance-innovation-ver-2-a-guide-to-designing-and-implementing-agile-governance/>

March 23, 2021

apolitical.co: What does public deliberation aim to achieve?

https://apolitical.co/en/solution_article/what-does-public-deliberation-aim-to-achieve

March 25, 2021

amnesty.org: Americas: States can defeat COVID-19 by adopting vaccination plans in line with 10 human rights obligations

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2021/03/americas-programas-vacunacion-10-imperativos-derechos-humanos/>

March 28, 2021

longislandpress.com: Democracy Requires Community, Community Requires Trust

<https://www.longislandpress.com/2021/03/28/oped-democracy-requires-community-community-requires-trust/>

March 28, 2021

santafenewmexican.com: Teach civics, media literacy and save democracy

https://www.santafenewmexican.com/opinion/my_view/teach-civics-media-literacy-and-save-democracy/article_3bfe0512-87b2-11eb-92b1-275f0c587e48.html

March 29, 2021

euobserver.com: Covid-19: Democracy and rule of law under pressure in EU

<https://euobserver.com/coronavirus/151376>

March 29, 2021

newyorker.com: What Data can't do

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/03/29/what-data-cant-do>

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/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/>
- 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://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 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/>