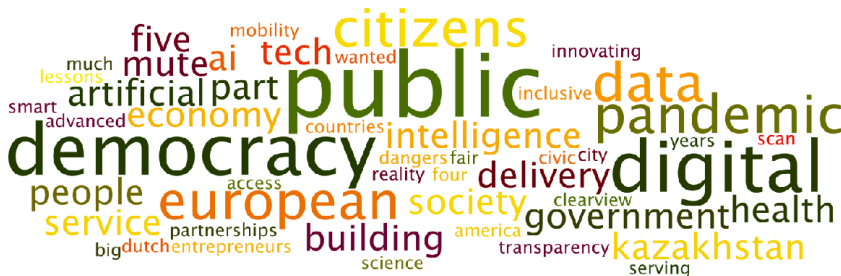

News in Brief

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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.



May 27, 2021

cities-today.com: Dutch cities to develop European mobility data standard

<https://cities-today.com/dutch-cities-to-develop-european-mobility-data-standard/>

June 1, 2021

nature.com: Wanted: rules for pandemic data access that everyone can trust

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01460-7>

June 2, 2021

sitra.fi: A fair data economy is built upon collaboration

<https://www.sitra.fi/en/publications/a-fair-data-economy-is-built-upon-collaboration/#preface>

June 2, 2021

ssir.org: Social-Tech Entrepreneurs: Building Blocks of a New Social Economy

https://ssir.org/articles/entry/social_tech_entrepreneurs_building_blocks_of_a_new_social_economy

June 3, 2021

theverge.com: The pandemic showed that big tech isn't a public health savior

<https://www.theverge.com/2021/6/3/22514951/pandemic-public-health-solutions-google-apple-facebook>

June 8, 2021

project-syndicate.org: Building an Inclusive Digital Future

<https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/policies-for-digital-inclusion-after-the-pandemic-by-lee-jong-wha-2021-06>

June 8, 2021

research.uga.edu: Citizen science allows people to 'really know' their communities

<https://research.uga.edu/news/citizen-science-allows-people-to-really-know-their-communities/>

June 9, 2021

hbr.org: How Low and Middle-Income Countries Are Innovating to Combat Covid

<https://hbr.org/2021/06/how-low-and-middle-income-countries-are-innovating-to-combat-covid>

June 11, 2021

medium.com: Citizens 'on mute' in digital public service delivery (Part 1)

<https://medium.com/data-policy/citizens-on-mute-in-digital-public-service-delivery-part-1-c27ebf4c2baf>

June 14, 2021

medium.com: Citizens 'on mute' in digital public service delivery (Part 2)

<https://medium.com/data-policy/citizens-on-mute-in-digital-public-service-delivery-part-2-31782751eae5>

June 16, 2021

oecd.org: Civic Space Scan of Finland

<https://www.oecd.org/gov/open-government/civic-space-scan-of-finland-f9e971bd-en.htm>

June 17, 2021

thechicagocouncil.org: Serving the Citizens—Not the Bureaucracy

<https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/research/report/serving-citizens-not-bureaucracy>

June 21, 2021

cdei.blog.gov.uk: Engaging with the public about algorithmic transparency in the public sector

<https://cdei.blog.gov.uk/2021/06/21/engaging-with-the-public-about-algorithmic-transparency-in-the-public-sector/>

June 22, 2021

opengovpartnership.org: Five Years Later: Four Lessons We Learned from the London Anti-Corruption Summit

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/stories/five-years-later-four-lessons-we-learned-from-the-london-anti-corruption-summit/>

June 23, 2021

thearticle.com: European civil society: the aims and activities of the Alliance4Europe

<https://www.thearticle.com/european-civil-society-the-aims-and-activities-of-the-alliance4europe>

June 23, 2021

pewresearch.org: People in Advanced Economies Say Their Society Is More Divided Than Before Pandemic

<https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2021/06/23/people-in-advanced-economies-say-their-society-is-more-divided-than-before-pandemic/>

June 24, 2021

europa.eu: AI Watch - National strategies on Artificial Intelligence: A European perspective, 2021 edition

<https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC122684>

June 28, 2021

wired.com: America's 'Smart City' Didn't Get Much Smarter

<https://www.wired.com/story/us-smart-city-didnt-get-much-smarter/>

June 28, 2021

policyforum.net: Digital media and dangers for democracy

<https://www.policyforum.net/digital-media-and-dangers-for-democracy/>

June 28, 2021

who.int: Ethics and governance of artificial intelligence for health

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240029200>

June 29, 2021

timesofmalta.com: Five steps to help us rethink our democracy

<https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/rethinking-democracy-deborah-webster.882886>

June 29, 2021

mondaq.com: Kazakhstan: Public-Private Partnerships In Kazakhstan: Evolution Of The Government Policy And Reality Of PPP Deployment

<https://www.mondaq.com/fiscal-monetary-policy/1085472/public-private-partnerships-in-kazakhstan-evolution-of-the-government-policy-and-reality-of-ppp-deployment->

June 29, 2021

insidephilanthropy.com: How to Be a Democracy Funder

<https://www.insidephilanthropy.com/home/2021/6/29/how-to-be-a-democracy-funder>

June 29, 2021

euronews.com: Why democracy is the key ingredient to battling climate change

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2021/06/29/why-democracy-is-the-key-ingredient-to-battling-climate-change>

June 29, 2021

nextgov.com: Watchdog: 10 Government Agencies Deployed Clearview AI Facial Recognition Tech

<https://www.nextgov.com/emerging-tech/2021/06/watchdog-10-government-agencies-deployed-clearview-ai-facial-recognition-tech/176411/>

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.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/eppractice/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://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://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/>