
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.



September 2021

The Open Data Institute: Secondary use of health data in Europe

<https://secondary-use-health-data.theodi.org/explore-report/>

September 2021

democracyjournal.org: Old Dog, New Tricks. Retraining and the Road to Government Reform

<https://democracyjournal.org/magazine/62/old-dog-new-tricks/>

September 2021

unpan.un.org: World Public Sector Report 2021

<https://unpan.un.org/node/1397>

September 2021

congressfoundation.org: The Future of Citizen Engagement: Rebuilding the Democratic Dialogue

<https://www.congressfoundation.org/projects/communicating-with-congress/rebuilding-democratic-dialogue>

September 3, 2021

instituteforgovernment.org.uk: Public engagement and net zero. How government should involve citizens in climate policy making

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/publications/public-engagement-net-zero>

September 6, 2021

digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu: Commission publishes study on the impact of Open Source on the European economy

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-publishes-study-impact-open-source-european-economy>

September 6, 2021

ec.europa.eu: New report confirms positive momentum for EU open science

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/new-report-confirms-positive-momentum-eu-open-science-2021-sep-06_en

September 7, 2021

adalovelaceinstitute.org: Participatory data stewardship. A framework for involving people in the use of data

<https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/report/participatory-data-stewardship/>

September 7, 2021

thelivinglib.org: Roadmap to social impact: Your step-by-step guide to planning, measuring and communicating social impact

<https://thelivinglib.org/roadmap-to-social-impact-your-step-by-step-guide-to-planning-measuring-and-communicating-social-impact/>

September 8, 2021

theguardian.com: Study finds growing government use of sensitive data to ‘nudge’ behavior

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2021/sep/08/study-finds-growing-government-use-of-sensitive-data-to-nudge-behaviour>

September 13, 2021

carnegieeurope.eu: Strengthening Democracy Support in Regimes With Dominant Parties

<https://carnegieeurope.eu/2021/09/13/strengthening-democracy-support-in-regimes-with-dominant-parties-pub-85288>

September 13, 2021

solferinoacademy.com: Introducing collective crisis intelligence

<https://solferinoacademy.com/2021/09/13/introducing-collective-crisis-intelligence/>

September 15, 2021

oxfamapps.org: Exploring a new governance agenda: What are the questions that matter?

<https://oxfamapps.org/fp2p/exploring-a-new-governance-agenda-what-are-the-questions-that-matter/>

September 15, 2021

covidandsociety.com: Contemplating the COVID crisis: what kind of inquiry do we need to learn the right lessons?

<https://covidandsociety.com/contemplating-covid-crisis-what-inquiry-learn-right-lessons/>

September 16, 2021

theguardian.com: It’s not all about populism: grassroots democracy is thriving across Europe

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/commentisfree/2021/sep/16/populism-grassroots-democracy-thriving-europe>

September 20, 2021

brusselstimes.com: Is citizen-led democracy here to stay?

<https://www.brusselstimes.com/opinion/185904/is-citizen-led-democracy-here-to-stay/>

September 20, 2021

mckinsey.com: Government data management for the digital age

<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-and-social-sector/our-insights/government-data-management-for-the-digital-age>

September 21, 2021

europarl.europa.eu: EU Health data centre and a common data strategy for public health

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS_STU\(2021\)690009](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/thinktank/en/document.html?reference=EPRS_STU(2021)690009)

September 22, 2021

globalgovernmentforum.com: International GovTech maturity “lower than expected”, says World Bank

<https://www.globalgovernmentforum.com/international-govtech-maturity-lower-than-expected-says-world-bank/>

September 22, 2021

Nature.com: Greece used AI to curb COVID: what other nations can learn

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02554-y>

September 24, 2021

Australian Government: Statement of Principles to support proactive disclosure of government-held information

<https://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/guidance-and-advice/statement-of-principles-to-support-proactive-disclosure-of-government-held-information/>

September 27, 2021

devex.com: Corruption is a pandemic. The solution is democracy.

<https://www.devex.com/news/opinion-corruption-is-a-pandemic-the-solution-is-democracy-101614>

September 27, 2021

unctad.org: COVID-19 recovery: Civil society voices more crucial than ever

<https://unctad.org/news/covid-19-recovery-civil-society-voices-more-crucial-ever>

September 28, 2021

transparency.org: People see low political integrity throughout the European Union

<https://www.transparency.org/en/news/low-political-integrity-throughout-the-european-union-gcb-eu-2021>

September 28, 2021

coe.int: “Cycling for Democracy” or hitting the road in pursuit of original initiatives that help answer the question “Can democracy save the environment?”

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy/-/-cycling-for-democracy-or-hitting-the-road-in-pursuit-of-original-initiatives-that-help-answer-the-question-can-democracy-save-the-environment->

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/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/>