
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.



February 1, 2022

Demos: Locating Authority: A vision for relational local government

<https://demos.co.uk/project/locating-authority-a-vision-for-relational-local-government/>

February 28, 2022

MRSC: Technology and Open Government: Maximizing Participation and Transparency

<https://mrsc.org/Home/Stay-Informed/MRSC-Insight/February-2022/Maximizing-Participation-Transparency-with-tech.aspx>

March 2022

Microsoft: Open Data for Social Impact Framework

<https://news.microsoft.com/open-data-social-impact-framework/>

March 2, 2022

Gov.ie: Connecting Government 2030: A Digital and ICT Strategy for Ireland's Public Service

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/136b9-connecting-government-2030-a-digital-and-ict-strategy-for-irelands-public-service/#>

March 3, 2022

StateScoop: How open data helps cities be more accountable

<https://statescoop.com/podcast/how-open-data-helps-cities-be-more-accountable/>

March 7, 2022

The MIT Press Reader: The Sustainable City Podcast: Zero-Carbon, From Buildings to Cities

<https://thereader.mitpress.mit.edu/the-sustainable-city-show-zero-carbon-from-buildings-to-cities/>

March 8, 2022

Nten: 2022 Managing Nonprofit Tech Change Report

<https://www.nten.org/article/2022-managing-nonprofit-tech-change-report/>

March 8, 2022

European Parliament: Civil society: Parliament calls for EU rules and strategy to counter threats

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20220304IPR24799/civil-society-parliament-calls-for-eu-rules-and-strategy-to-counter-threats>

March 9, 2022

Diginomica: Why has UK Government digital transformation just created a giant bureaucracy?

<https://diginomica.com/why-has-government-digital-transformation-created-giant-bureaucracy>

March 10, 2022

Technical.ly: How can municipal gov better use public algorithms? Pitt Cyber has some ideas

<https://technical.ly/civic-news/pitt-cyber-pittsburgh-task-force-public-algorithms/>

March 10, 2022

Open Data Policy Lab: Toward A Periodic Table of Open Data Elements in Cities

<https://opendatapolicylab.org/articles/publication-toward-a-periodic-table-of-open-data-elements-in-cities/index.html>

March 10, 2022

Transparency International: Corruption stands in the way of women accessing land and basic services in Africa: What can be done?

<https://www.transparency.org/en/blog/corruption-africa-women-land-basic-services>

March 10, 2022

Mint: IndEA 2.0 presents a step forward on re-imagining GovTech for Web 3.0 era

<https://www.livemint.com/opinion/indea-2-0-presents-a-step-forward-on-re-imagining-govtech-for-web-3-0-era-11646933296999.html>

March 14, 2022

Apolitical: Three reasons why public authorities have to take ownership in software development

<https://apolitical.co/solution-articles/en/three-reasons-why-public-authorities-have-to-take-ownership-in-software-development>

March 14, 2022

Smart Cities Dive: How smart is your city? NIST provides a framework to measure

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/nist-smart-cities-ecosystem-kpis-framework/620287/>

March 15, 2022

The World Bank: GovTech Case Studies: Solutions that Work

https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/infographic/2022/03/15/govtech-case-studies-solutions-that-work?qterm_test=GovTech+Case+Studies%3A+Solutions+that+Work#

March 16, 2022

Global Government Forum: ‘They need a paradigm shift’: How government can empower citizen-centric digital innovation

<https://www.globalgovernmentforum.com/they-need-a-paradigm-shift-how-government-can-empower-citizen-centric-digital-innovation/>

March 17, 2022

Government Technology: How Should Local Governments Approach AI and Algorithms?

<https://www.govtech.com/products/how-should-local-governments-approach-ai-and-algorithms>

March 17, 2022

UNDP: Opportunities in the face of the governance crisis and democratic erosion

<https://www.latinamerica.undp.org/content/rblac/en/home/blog/2021/oportunidades-ante-la-crisis-de-gobernabilidad-y-erosion-democra.html>

March 17, 2022

Stanford social innovation review: Building Public Trust Through Collaborative Governance

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

March 18, 2022

Earth.org: How Emerging Smart Cities Initiatives are Shaping the Future of Vietnam

<https://earth.org/smart-cities-initiatives-vietnam/>

March 18, 2022

Penn Today: Public media can improve our ‘flawed’ democracy

<https://penntoday.upenn.edu/news/asc-public-media-can-improve-our-flawed-democracy>

March 18, 2022

OECD Forum: Driving the power of digital towards a net-zero economy—together

<https://www.oecd-forum.org/posts/driving-the-power-of-digital-towards-a-net-zero-economy-together>

March 21, 2022

Open Government Partnership: Democracies Do Better in Pandemics, But Does Transparency Matter?

<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/stories/democracies-do-better-in-pandemics-but-does-transparency-matter/>

March 21, 2022

SmartCitiesWorld: Citizen science air quality project in Brussels reveals disparity in pollution levels

<https://www.smartcitiesworld.net/news/citizen-science-air-quality-project-in-brussels-reveals-disparity-in-pollution-levels-7520>

March 22, 2022

Center for Data Innovation: Opening IEA Data is a Critical Step for Climate Research

<https://datainnovation.org/2022/03/opening-iea-data-is-a-critical-step-for-climate-research/>

March 22, 2022

Democracy without borders: Stockholm+50: Civil society wants effective governance of global commons

<https://www.democracywithoutborders.org/22169/stockholm50-civil-society-wants-effective-governance-of-global-commons/>

March 22, 2022

UNCTAD: Promoting use of technology to tackle urban problems

<https://unctad.org/news/promoting-use-technology-tackle-urban-problems>

March 22, 2022

Institute for Government: WhatsApp in government. How ministers and officials should use messaging apps – and how they shouldn't

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/publications/whatsapp-government>

March 22, 2022

MySociety: Categorising local government services for emissions reduction

<https://www.mysociety.org/2022/03/22/categorising-local-government-services-for-emissions-reduction/>

March 22, 2022

PL: Digital transformation in Cuba promotes greater citizen participation

<https://www.plenglish.com/news/2022/03/22/digital-transformation-in-cuba-promotes-greater-citizen-participation/>

March 22, 2022

MLI: Safeguarding free speech and democracy at the local level

<https://macdonaldlaurier.ca/safeguarding-free-speech-and-democracy-at-the-local-level-peter-woolstencroft-for-inside-policy/>

March 23, 2022

Oxford Internet Institute: Experts from the University of Oxford and the University of Bologna launch 'capAI', a new approach to help businesses comply with future AI regulations in Europe.

<https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/news-events/news/a-report-from-the-universities-of-oxford-and-bologna-will-help-protect-society-from-unethical-ai-with-a-world-first-approach-to-support-organisations-to-meet-future-eu-regulations/>

March 23, 2022

Carnegie Europe: Informal Civil Society: A Booster for European Democracy?

<https://carnegieeurope.eu/2022/03/23/informal-civil-society-booster-for-european-democracy-pub-86665>

March 24, 2022

Times Higher Education: How universities can promote 'democratic competences' among students

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/campus/how-universities-can-promote-democratic-competences-among-students>

March 24, 2022

Protocol: Blockchain is a terrible idea for elections, actually

<https://www.protocol.com/bulletins/blockchain-voting-report>

March 24, 2022

Apolitical: The 10 government trends reshaping the post-pandemic world

<https://apolitical.co/solution-articles/en/ten-government-trends-2022-deloitte-apolitical>

March 25, 2022

The Wall Street Journal: 'New Democracy' Review: Equality, Progress – and Coercion

https://www.wsj.com/articles/new-democracy-book-review-william-novak-american-history-equality-progress-and-coercion-11648218835?mod=latest_headlines

March 25, 2022

World Bank: Four paths to respond to the food price crisis

<https://blogs.worldbank.org/voices/four-paths-respond-food-price-crisis>

March 25, 2022

GovInsider: The modern database that can help governments build smart cities

<https://govinsider.asia/agile/the-modern-database-that-can-help-governments-build-smart-cities-amey-banarse-yugabyte/>