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1. Background

In the event roadmap, D-CENT has listed three project seminars that are organised to raise awareness about the project and boost interaction with our stakeholder groups: launch event, midpoint event and final event. According to the plan, the launch event will be organized in March 2014 (M6), the midpoint event in May 2015 (M20) and the final event in March 2016 (M30). The launch event, organised at the 14th of March 2014 in London, launched the D-CENT project to a wider audience. The invitee list included hackers, democracy activists, open source developers, communities and other interesting groups and projects D-CENT wants to work and collaborate with now and in the future. The size of the event was 100 people.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the D-CENT launch event, titled “Democracy reboot: Re-imagining democracy and currency in Europe” were the following:

- To increase awareness of the of the project among different stakeholder groups.
- To bring together experts in the field, key decision makers, civil society, members of the developer community and the private sector to exchange ideas and to stimulate discussion around decentralised democracy and digital currency.
- For the D-CENT consortium to engage with and increase participation of user communities and experts.
- To reach beyond the audience present at the event through social media and capturing the event through multimedia documentation.
- Raise the profile of the project through attracting key speakers.

3. Invitation & Agenda

3.1 Invitation

DEMOCRACY REBOOT: RE-IMAGINING DEMOCRACY AND CURRENCY IN EUROPE

14th March 2014

Venue: Nesta, 1 Plough Place, London, EC4A 1DE

Follow us @Twitter: #democracyreboot (@dcentproject)

D-CENT is a Europe-wide project creating decentralised and privacy-aware tools and applications for direct democracy and economic empowerment. On March 14th we will host the D-CENT launch event in London at Nesta and we would like to invite you to attend the event and participate in the open space sessions.

Together with the citizens and developers, we are creating a decentralised social networking platform for large-scale collaboration and decision-making. Despite the huge potential of online networks to transform democratic decision making or to enable citizens to shape their own economic destiny, today's Internet has done little to transform current democratic and economic institutions.

On March 14th we will host the D-CENT launch event in London at Nesta and we would like to invite you to attend the event and participate in the working group sessions.

The event will draw a number of high-level policy makers, academics, activists, civic society organisations, and hackers from the field. Together we will dive into new ways of strengthening citizens' participation and deliberation in the political process presenting already existing digital tools for open democracy, new frameworks for institutional innovation, and alternative economic models based on complementary currencies and digital crypto currencies.

Speakers include: Geoff Mulgan, Nesta; Birgitta Jonsdottir, Pirate Party Iceland; Paul Lenz, My Society; Javier Toret Medina, PartidoX Spain; Jarmo Eskelinen, Forum Virium Helsinki; Bernard Lietaer; Stacy Herbert, co-host of Keiser report on RT; Carlos de Freitas (Ph.D), Instituto Palmas Europe; and Andrea Fumagalli, Unisor and Pavia University.

3.2 Agenda

09.00	Registration
09.30	Welcome and Introductions to D-CENT project

Introduction to the EC initiative CAPS (Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation)

Fabrizio Sestini, European Commission

D-CENT Overall Vision

Francesca Bria, Nesta

Networked Democracy D-CENT pilots:

Gunnar Grimsson, Citizen Foundation

Joonas Pekkanen, Open Ministry

David Laniado, I5M Data Analysis,

Digital Social currencies for community empowerment:

Denis Roio, Dyne.org and Stefano Lucarelli, Unisor, University of Bergamo (SAEMQ Department)

Decentralised critical infrastructures: regaining citizens' control of social data

Harry Halpin, W3C and Evan Henshaw-Plath, Itzel/Neo

10.15 Panel Discussion: Rebooting democracy: rethinking participation and institutional innovation

Chaired by Geoff Mulgan, Nesta

Panellists:

Brigitta Jonsdottir, Pirate Party Iceland

Davide Barillari, M5S Italy

Tom Steinberg, mySociety

Javier Toret Medina, PartidoX Spain

Meg Hillier MP, Digital Democracy Commission, House of Commons

Pia Mancini, Director of Net Democracy

11.45 Comfort Break

12.15 Panel Discussion: Digital currencies and new economic institutions

Chaired by Bernard Lietaer

Panellists:

Stacy Herbert, Co-host of Keiser report on RT

Carlos de Freitas, Instituto Palmas Europe and FMDV - Global Fund for Cities

Andrea Fumagalli, Unisor Pavia University

John Clippinger, MIT and ID3

Felix Martin, Author of Money, The Unauthorized Biography

13.45 Lunch

14.45 Working groups with 15 min break at 15:45 - 16:00

Group 1: New institutional Models linked to new currencies

Facilitated by Danis Roio, dyne.org

Group2: Democracy infrastructures: Projects pechakucha. Gap analysis and model for collaboration

Facilitated by Jon Kingsbury, Nesta

Group3: Protocols for decentralized trust networks and identity

Facilitated by Harry Halpin, World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

17.00 Wrap-up and conclusions: How do Reboot democracy and reinvent institutions in Europe

Geoff Mulgan, Nesta

5. Speaker Biographies



Jon Kingsbury, Director Creative Economy Programmes, Nesta

Jon Kingsbury leads an inter-disciplinary team that designs, commissions and delivers multi-million pound innovation programmes that help the creative and digital economy. We work in partnership with a range of commercial digital practitioners, trade associations and arts organisations to bring great ideas to life.

Jon previously worked at the BBC in the Future Media & Technology division where his role was to improve the organisation's engagement with external creative suppliers. Before this, Jon held a number of senior content and technology commissioning roles at both the BBC and Channel 4. He's been a content producer, tech developer and commissioner - usually where traditional content meets the internet.



Fabrizio Sestini, Scientific Officer at European Commission

Fabrizio Sestini is a scientific officer working with the European Commission since 1997, currently with the unit "Net Innovation" of DG CONNECT. He is leading the team for the multidisciplinary initiatives "Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation" and "Internet Science", which aim at pioneering new innovative pilots of socially-minded Internet platforms exploiting the network effect and the collective intelligence resulting from Internet-based human collaboration, and at achieving a better understanding of the interrelations between technological developments and socio-economic-environmental impacts of the Internet. The common goal is to identify Internet solutions (both for architectures and applications) which, beyond commercial hype, can lead to a more open, inclusive, collaborative and sustainable society.

Previously, he has launched and managed several research initiatives related to different aspects of Future Internet policies and technological developments (including SAC – Situated and Autonomic Communications and FIRE – Future Internet Research and Experimentation). Before that, he spent 6 years with University of Rome "La Sapienza" (where he obtained his PhD in Information and Communication Engineering) and RAI, and published some 30 scientific papers on international journals and conferences. He is an IEEE Senior Member and has served on the boards organising several scientific conferences.



Francesca Bria, Senior Project Lead, Nesta

Francesca Bria is a Nesta Senior Project Lead in the Nesta Innovation Lab. She is the EU Coordinator of the D-CENT project on open democracy and digital currencies and the DSI project on digital social innovation in Europe. Francesca is a Researcher and Teaching

Associate at Imperial College Business School in the Innovation Studies Centre- Digital Economy Lab.

She has a background in social science and innovation economics, an MSc in E-business and Innovation from the University College of London, Birkbeck, and a PhD from Imperial College, London

Francesca is a member of the Internet of Things Council and an advisor for the European Commission on Future Internet and Smart Cities policy. She is also a member of the EC Expert Group on Open Innovation (OISPG) and a member of the EC Stakeholders Group on the Internet of Things (IoT-A).

Francesca has been advising the City of Rome and the Region of Lazio on innovation policy and open cities.



Gunnar Grímsson, Citizens Foundation CEO

On the Internet since '92, web / interface design / teaching in universities / companies / institutions since '94. Activist since 1980 anti- war / whaling / earth destruction / democracy. Developer of democracy software since '08. Co-founder / CEO of Citizens Foundation (<http://citizens.is>), non-profit org devoted to furthering electronic democracy / interaction between citizens / administration.

Focus crowd-sourced priorities / ideas / concepts and best arguments for / against them and get best input from citizens.



Joonas Pekkanen, founder of Open Ministry

Joonas is the founder of the non-profit Open Ministry that aims to crowdsource legislation. Open Ministry helps citizens prepare good quality law proposals and campaigns and has helped issues like same-sex marriages, copyright reform and banning of fur-farming end up on the parliamentary agenda. Joonas is a former

software entrepreneur with studies in finance and law. Joonas works at Forum Virium Helsinki as an Open Democracy Expert on the D-Cent project.



David Laniado, Researcher at Barcelona Media

Dr. David Laniado is a researcher in the Social Media Group at Barcelona Media. He received from Politecnico di Milano his master degree in Computer Science in

2007 and his Ph.D in Information Engineering in 2012, with a thesis in the field of the Social Semantic Web. Since 2010 he works at Barcelona Media on quantitative approaches to analyse and characterise online communities, ranging from social network analysis and data mining to sentiment analysis and text mining. His main research interest is the study of interaction patterns in social media, with a special focus on online conversation and discussion, deliberation processes, and collaboration dynamics in peer-production communities. He is a member of the datAnalysis15m transdisciplinary research group, focused on the investigation of the Spanish 15m (or indignados) grassroots movement.



Denis Roio, dyne.org

Denis Roio, better known as Jaromil, is a software developer, activist and artist, executive director of the Dyne.org foundation.

For more than a decade his works have focused on computer viruses, piracy, freedom of speech, privacy and independent media practices. Jaromil's software creations are recommended by the Free Software Foundation and redistributed in several GNU/Linux systems worldwide, while he is also an active contributor to media theory discourses. He was the receipt of the Vilém Flusser Award in 2009 and selected in the "40 under 40 European Young Leaders" program in 2012.

Currently, he is a fellow of the Waag Society, institute for art, science and technology, while completing his Ph.D on digital economies, also focusing on cryptographic systems such as Bitcoin.



Stefano Lucarelli, Assistant Professor, University of Bergamo

Stefano Lucarelli (Marsciano 1975) is assistant professor in Political Economy at University of Bergamo, where he teaches International Monetary Economics and Economic Ethics. His interests include monetary theory of production, complementary currencies, financialization, knowledge-based economy and the history of economic thought. He also taught at Bocconi University of Milan, University of Pavia and IUSS Pavia. He has published in a wide variety of journals including the Review of Social Economy, European Journal of Economic and Social Systems, International Journal of Political Economy, Metroeconomica. Together with Andrea Fumagalli he edited the special issue of European Journal of Economic and Social Systems, "Money and Technological Change. The Role of Financing in the Process of Evolution" (Hermes-Lavoisier, 2008). Together with Marco Passarella he edited "New Research Perspectives in the Monetary Theory of Production", (Bergamo University Press, 2012). His most recent book, written with Giorgio Lunghini, The Resistible Rise of Mainstream Economics. The Dominant Theory and the Alternative Economic Theories was published by Bergamo University Press in October 2012.



Harry Halpin, Fellow of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

Harry Halpin is a W3C Fellow funded by Eduserv, working as staff contact for the RDB2RDF Working Group and co-chairing the Social Web Incubator Group. Previously he was Chair of the GRDDL Working Group that focused on combining microformats and XML with the Semantic Web. Guiding his work at the W3C is his commitment to keeping the Web an universal space of information for the development of collective intelligence. He enjoys working with diverse communities to make their data accessible on the Web.

He received his Ph.D. in Informatics from the University of Edinburgh under Henry Thompson and Andy Clark, with a thesis on theories of reference on the Web combining information retrieval and knowledge representation. Previously, he worked on the intersection of philosophy and literature with computing at Duke University and held a DAAD scholarship to Freie Universität Berlin.



Evan Henshaw-Plath, CTO, Neo

Evan Henshaw-Plath is the CTO of Neo. He was the first hire and lead developer of Odeo.com through the pivot to Twitter. From there he was architect at Yahoo Brickhouse where they built the social location platform, Fire Eagle. He's spoken extensively on startups, software development, media, social change. Past speaking engagements include: Web 2.0 Expo, OSCON, Rails Conf, XTech, Mobile Active, Emerging Telephony Conference, Emerging Communications Conference and more.



Geoff Mulgan, Chief Executive Officer, Nesta

Geoff Mulgan is Chief Executive of Nesta, and has been in post since June 2011. Under his leadership Nesta has moved out of the public sector to become a charity (in 2012), launched a range of new initiatives in investment, programmes and research, and has implemented a new strategy involving partnerships with other funders in the UK and internationally.

From 2004-2011 he was the first Chief Executive of the Young Foundation, which became a leading centre for social innovation, combining research, creation of new ventures and practical projects.

Between 1997 and 2004 Geoff had various roles in the UK government including director of the Government's Strategy Unit and head of policy in the Prime Minister's office. Before that he was the founder and director of the think-tank Demos.

He has also been Chief Adviser to Gordon Brown MP; a lecturer in telecommunications; an investment executive; and a reporter on BBC TV and radio.

He is a visiting professor at LSE, UCL, Melbourne University and a regular lecturer at the China Executive Leadership Academy. He is an adviser to many governments around the world, and has been a board member of the Work Foundation, the Health Innovation Council, Political Quarterly and the Design Council, and chair of Involve. He is also currently chair of the Studio Schools Trust and the Social Innovation Exchange.

His recent books include *The Art of Public Strategy - Mobilising Power and Knowledge for the Public Good* (OUP, 2008), *Good and Bad Power: the ideals and betrayals of government* (Penguin, 2006) and *Connexity* (Harvard Business Press and Jonathon Cape, 1998). His latest book, *The Locust and the Bee* was published by Princeton University Press in March 2013.



Birgitta Jónsdóttir, Member of the Icelandic Parliament, Pirate Party Iceland

Birgitta Jónsdóttir an Icelandic Poetician and is currently serving as is a member of the Icelandic Parliament for the Pirate Party and is one of its founders. Birgitta is also the founder and Chairperson of the International Modern Media Institute, better known as IMMI. She specializes in lawmaking for the 21st century.

She has worked as a volunteer and activist for various organizations including WikiLeaks, Saving Iceland, and Friends of Tibet in Iceland. She carries on being an activist in Parliament, a Poet and a Pirate. She organized Iceland's first online broadcast in 1996, was the first female Icelandic web developer and has worked as a publisher in cyberspace for Beyond Borders since 1995.



Davide Barillari, Chairman of the Board, M5S Italy

Davide Barillari is a Certified IT Specialist working for IBM Global Services in Italy. He joined IBM in 1996 and worked 3 years with IBM Education, as z/OS instructor. He has 12 years of experience in the IBM Technical Support, with a deep knowledge of zSeries architecture.

His skill is actually covering WebSphere Application Server running on z/OS, Linux, Windows and Unix environments. His areas of excellence include J2EE technologies, application serving infrastructure design and maintenance, architecture and security issues, high availability solutions, and advanced troubleshooting.

Mr. Barillari since 2009 is an IBM Certified Solution Developer as well as IBM Certified System Administrator for WebSphere Application Server, WebSphere Process Server and SOA Solutions. Since 2011 he is accredited at Senior level in the Product Services profession.

Mr. Barillari is also certified as Level I experienced IT Specialist by IBM Profession Office AITS, and he become a IBM Certified Solution Architect - Cloud Computing Infrastructure.

Davide is currently providing consultancy services at customer sites in banking sector, on WebSphere Application Server for z/OS.



Tom Steinberg, Director, mySociety

Tom Steinberg is the founder and director of mySociety, an international non-profit group which aims to help people become more powerful in the civic and democratic parts of their lives, through digital means.

mySociety runs the popular UK transparency websites TheyWorkForYou and WhatDoTheyKnow, and problem-fixing sites FixMyStreet and FixMyTransport. It also builds open source software to enable international re-use of mySociety's projects.

Tom's job is to help ensure that mySociety's UK sites are as helpful as possible to the people who need them, to enable and encourage overseas groups to deploy their own versions of our sites, and to supply products and consulting services to media companies, campaign groups and public sector clients.

Tom's interest in technology and government comes from an unusual background in both fields. Having worked as a sysadmin and junior think-tank researcher, he became a policy analyst at the Prime Minister's Strategy Unit from 2001 to 2003. He is a US/UK citizen and currently lives in Oxford.

Outside of mySociety, Tom is frequently asked by governments to help formulate policy advice relating to digital issues. Tom has also advised governments and parties across a spectrum of countries, and a range of ideological positions. He believes that good digital government services, usable community tools and powerful transparency sites are not the preserve of any one political ideology.

In 2007 he co-authored The Power of Information Review with Ed Mayo and the Strategy Unit, and from 2010-2012 was a member of the UK government's Public Sector Transparency Board. He's also proud to be an advisor to Code For America.



Javier Toret Medina, PartidoX Spain

Researcher at the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute, at the Open University of Catalunya. He is interested in the intersections of philosophy, politics, psychology and technology, and researches the mutations of subjectivity and the new forms of collective action in the network age. He is member of the X Party, the X.net collective and the DatanalysisI5M research group.

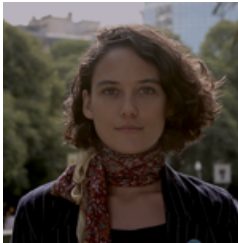
Recently, he led and co-authored the publication of "Technopolitics and I5M: the power of connected multitudes



Meg Hillier MP, Digital Democracy Commission, House of Commons

Meg has been the MP for the internationally renowned 'tech-hub' of Shoreditch since 2005. Previously a Minister in the Home Office, she is currently a member of the Public Accounts Committee.

In 2013 Meg was selected by The Speaker of the House of Commons to serve on The Speaker's Digital Democracy Commission. The Commission will explore the effect of the digital revolution on representative democracy. The objective of the Speaker's Commission on Digital Democracy is to consider, report and make recommendations on how parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom can embrace the opportunities afforded by the digital world.



Pia Mancini, Director of Net Democracy

Political Scientist. Director of Net Democracy, a foundation that proposes a space where citizens can meet to imagine, design and implement innovations on the political system that open up democracy's bandwidth.

Peer and co-founder of The Net Party, President of arteBA's Young Committee, Political Studies (UTDU), MA in Asian Studies (Australia). Former Chief of Advisors Deputy Secretary of Political Affairs, Government of the City of Buenos Aires. Worked at CIPPEC, was part of the founding team of Interrupción Free Trade, a non for profit that aimed at building corporate social responsibility, fair trade and responsible consuming projects. Author of Art Bits, collector and entrepreneur.



Bernard Lietaer

Bernard Lietaer has been active in the domain of money systems for a period of 30 years in an unusual variety of functions. While at the Central Bank in Belgium he co-designed and implemented the convergence mechanism (ECU) to the single European currency system. During that period, he also served as President of Belgium's Electronic Payment System.

His consultant experience in monetary aspects on four continents ranges from multinational corporations to developing countries. He is the author of eighteen books including The Future of Money translated in 18 languages. His most recent co-authored books are Rethinking Money (February 2013); Money and Sustainability: the Missing Link (May 2012); People Money (June 2012). His book The Future of Money (1999) has been translated in eighteen other languages.

He is currently a Research Fellow at the Center for Sustainable Resources of the University of California at Berkeley (<http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/csrd>); member of the board of EU Chapter of the Club of Rome; Fellow at the World Academy of Arts and Sciences; of the European Academy of Arts and Sciences; and of the World Business Academy.

More information about his background and current work is available on www.lietaer.com.



Stacy Herbert, co-host of Keiser report on RT

Stacy Herbert is the co-presenter of the Keiser Report, a programme about markets and finance. The show is broadcast internationally and was one of the first international news programmes to discuss bitcoin and has since covered the emergence of other crypto currencies. She also hosts a weekly radio show in London and produces a new online series, GetREAL, about real assets, including crypto currencies, precious metals and other commodities.

Carlos de Freitas, Instituto Palmas Europe and FMDV - Global Fund for Cities

Working in the field of sustainable local development since 1999, Carlos de Freitas provides expertise in the creation, implementation and promotion of urban programmes integrating inclusive criterias and multi-stakeholder debate and strategic planning. He focuses on financial engineering (including for endogenous financing) and local economic development.

He currently coordinates the Palmas Institute Europe and acts as Head of Programmes for the international cities' network FMDV (Global Fund for Cities' Development): both activities relate to the promotion of community- and real-economy- based innovative solutions for development as well as coordination and complementarity between multi-scale and multi-stakeholder financing strategies for urban integration.

He is now launching with the FMDV the 3 years international programme “REolutions to Fund Cities” aiming at preparing local authorities to attend the UN Habitat III Conference to be held in 2016. REolutions will focus on identifying, analysing, transferring and pilot-implementing economic and financial strategies and mechanisms that have improved the impact and performance of local urban development policies.

He regularly co-authors articles and edits associative or mass-market publications.

Winner of the 2008 AVINA Award for investigative journalism, he is co -author with Joaquim Melo and Elodie Bécu of the book Viva Favela ! (Michel Lafon Editions - 2009) dealing with the Banco Palmas experience (community currencies, microcredit and endogenous development) in Brazil.

He co-created the International Week of Community and Complementary Currencies, held every 2 years since 2011, where representatives of associations, citizens, researchers, local authorities, central banks, artists, public institutions meet, coming from different countries.



Andrea Fumagalli, Unisor Pavia University

Andrea Fumagalli (1959) is Professor of Economics at the University of Pavia, Departments of Economics. He is involved in research activity on labour transformations, macroeconomic analysis and innovation theory.

He is co-author (with Maurizio Lazzarato) of "Tute bianche", Derive Approdi, Rome, 1999, a book which introduced in Italy the debate on basic income. Among other publications, see: (with Sergio Bologna), Il lavoratore autonomo di seconda generazione", Feltrinelli, 1996, "Bio-economics, labour flexibility and cognitive work: why not basic income?" in G.Standing (ed.) Promoting Income Security as a Right: Europe and North America, Anthem Press. London, 2005, pp. 337-50. He writes articles in the journals Posse, Multitudes and other magazines linked to the no-global movement.



John Henry Clippinger, Executive Director, ID3

John Henry Clippinger is co-founder and Executive Director of ID3 (Institute for Innovation & Data Driven Design), a 501 C(3) non-profit organization (www.idcubed.org) formed to develop and field test legal and software trust frameworks for data-driven services, infrastructures, and enterprises. He is also a Research Scientist at the MIT Media Lab's Human Dynamics Group. Previously, Dr. Clippinger was founder and Co-Director of The Law Lab (www.lawlab.org) at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University.

Dr. Clippinger is the author of A Crowd of One: The Future of Individual Identity (Perseus, Public Affairs, 2007, and The Biology of Business, Natural Laws of Enterprise Josey Bass, 1998). Previously, he was Director of Intellectual Capital, Coopers & Lybrand and the founder of four artificial intelligence software companies.

Dr. Clippinger is a graduate of Yale University and holds a MA. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania where completed his thesis on a computational model of discourse composition, (He is a member of the eG8 Forum, and the Global Leadership Telco Council and the Risk Analysis Network for the World Economic Forum, The DoD sponsored Highlands Forum, The Aspen Institute, the CEO Leadership Institute of Yale School of Management, Creative Leadership Summit, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Aspen Institute Italy, World Technology Network Leader Finalist, Monaco Media Forum, Ashoka, and The Santa Fe Institute Business Network.



Felix Martin, Author of Money, The Unauthorized Biography

Felix Martin was educated in Britain, Italy, and the United States, and holds degrees in classics, international relations and economics, including a doctorate in

economics from Oxford University. He worked for the World Bank and for the European Stability Initiative think tank, and is currently a partner in the fixed income division at Liontrust Asset Management plc. His book *Money: The Unauthorised Biography* was published by The Bodley Head in June, 2013.

6. Social media

Twitter was utilised for communication in the event, hashtag #democracyreboot was opened for discussion. The hashtag was actively used throughout the event and attracted a lot of comments, retweets and pics.

6.1 Storify of #democracyreboot

<http://storify.com/richards1000/democracy-reboot-re-imagining-democracy-and-curren>

Tweet listed under #democracyreboot (see also attachment I)

<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23democracyreboot&src=typd&f=realtime>

6.2 Blog

The following blog post reporting the event has been published in the D-CENT blog. The full blog post contains photos, presentations and videos and can be found here:

<http://dcentproject.eu/2014/03/d-cent-launch-event-re-imagining-democracy-and-currency-in-europe/>

“The big lesson we’re reflecting here is how to move away from democracy of permanent referendums, binary choices and mere petitions towards the question how do you build in deliberation, conversation and reflection to every step of the democratic process.” - Geoff Mulgan, Nesta CEO

Around a hundred high-level policy makers, academics, activists, communities and hackers attended the D-CENT launch event “Democracy reboot: Re-imagining democracy and currency in Europe” to discuss direct democracy and digital currencies. The event, organized at the 14th of March 2014 in London, launched the project to a wider audience.

The day’s programme was broken down into variety sessions and formats including introductions from those involved in the project, two panel sessions and smaller working group sessions giving attendees the opportunity to engage with each other and exchange ideas with the D-CENT crew.

The discussions that took place were dynamic and vivid both offline and online – Twitter discussion can be found under [#democracyreboot](#), Storify summary can be found [here](#).

Welcome and introduction of D-CENT

The day started with **Fabrizio Sestini**, Project Officer of D-CENT at the European Commission, introducing [CAPS \(Collective Awareness Platforms for sustainability and innovation\)](#) and putting D-CENT in a larger context (see the web for [current CAPS projects](#)). Followed by Project Coordinator **Francesca Bria** giving an overall vision of the project describing how D-CENT will work from bottom-up instead of top-down, including grassroots communities in its experimental pilots. The introduction section then ended with short speeches from members of the **D-CENT crew** – a multidisciplinary consortium with partners from seven European countries.

- Direct link to [Fabrizio Sestini's presentation](#) on video, [slides](#)
- Direct link to [Francesca Bria's introduction](#) on video, [slides](#)
- Direct link to [D-CENT crew's introductions](#) on video

Check the whole introduction (time: 00.44.10):
[D-CENT Democracy reboot: Re-imagining democracy and currency in Europe – introduction](#) from [D-CENT](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Panel discussion: Rethinking participation and institutional innovation

After the morning introductions the first panel dived into new models of democracy. The discussion was moderated by Nesta's CEO **Geoff Mulgan**.

The panelists were **Pia Mancini** (Net Democracy), **Birgitta Jonsdottir** (Pirate Party Iceland), **Davide Barillari** (Five Star Movement), **Tom Steinberg** ([mySociety](#)), **Javier Toret Medina** ([PartidoX](#)) and **Meg Hillier** (Digital Democracy Commission, House of Commons).

- Direct link to [Pia Mancini's panel](#) video, [slides](#)
- Direct link to [Birgitta Jonsdottir's panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Davide Barillari's panel](#) video, [slides](#)
- Direct link to [Meg Hillier's panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Tom Steinberg's panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Javier Toret Medina's panel](#) video
- Direct link to [comments and discussion](#)

Check the whole 1st panel (time: 01.15.43):

[D-CENT Democracy reboot: Re-imagining democracy and currency in Europe – Panel 1](#) from [D-CENT](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The second panel discussed social currencies and new economic institutions. It was chaired by **Bernard Lietaer**, one of the first people in the world talking about complementary currencies right now. The speakers of the panel included **Stacy Herbert** (co-host of Keiser report), **Carlos de Freitas** (Instituto Palmas Europe and FMDV), **Andrea Fumagalli** (Unisor Pavia University), **John Clippinger** (MIT, ID3) and **Felix Martin** (author).

- Direct link to [Stacy Herbert's panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Carlos de Freitas panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Andrea Fumagalli panel](#) video, [slides](#)
- Direct link to [John Clippinger panel](#) video
- Direct link to [Felix Martin panel](#) video
- Direct link to [comments and discussion](#)

The whole panel video can be viewed here (time: 1:08:01):

[D-CENT Democracy reboot: Re-imagining democracy and currency in Europe – Panel 2](#) from [D-CENT](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The afternoon prompted deeper discussion as the attendees divided off into one of a number of working groups discussing new institutional models and currencies, existing digital tools for open democracy and protocols for decentralized networks and identity. The working groups were hosted by members of the D-CENT consortium **Jon Kingsbury** from Nesta, **Denis “Jaromil” Roio** (Dyne.org) and **Harry Halpin** (World Wide Web Consortium).

In wrapping up the day Nesta's CEO Geoff Mulgan said: *“D-CENT is quite an unusual project in who is involved and in the method it's applying – iterative, bottom-up and user-driven way of developing things. It is also unusual in having some ways a very radical big picture goal overlaying some pragmatic elements. Various people are sticking their necks out to make this happen. And it's the job of all of us who are doing D-CENT to make this a success.”*





The need for citizen engagement and the importance of user-centered design are themes close to the heart of D-CENT and were prominent reoccurring themes, of the launch event in both online and offline discussions.

D-CENT (Decentralised Citizens ENGagement Technologies) is a Europe-wide project creating privacy-aware tools and applications for direct democracy and economic empowerment. Together with the citizens and developers, we are creating a decentralised social networking platform for large-scale collaboration, decision-making, and economic empowerment. www.dcentproject.eu

6.3 Presentations

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 Francesca Bria](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 CAPS Fabrizio Sestini](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 Andrea Fumagalli](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 David Laniado](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 Davide Barillari](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 Pia Mancini](#)

[D-CENT 14 March 2014 Stefano Lucarelli](#)

6.4 Photos

Photos from the event are shared in the D-CENT blog post about the launch event.

6.5 Videos

Introduction and panels were all captured on video. In addition we filmed 23 interviews among the speakers, D-CENT crew and audience. These videos and interviews will be published in the D-CENT website (<http://dcentproject.eu/>) under Resources > Videos. They will also be shared at Vimeo (<https://vimeo.com/dcentproject>).

7. Attachments

7.1 Attachment I: Attendee List

Francesca	Bria	Nesta
Alice	Chadwick	Nesta
John	Davies	Nesta
Chrysi	Kalfa	Nesta
Paul	Mackay	Nesta
Valerie	Mocker	Nesta
Geoff	Mulgan	Nesta
Lydia	Ragoonanan	Nesta
Sophie	Reynolds	Nesta
Jon	Alexander	New Citizenship
Leander	Bindewald	New Economics Foundation
Tony	Greenham	New Economics Foundation
Katie	Lucas	Ofcom
Daniela	Mattern	Open Knowledge Foundation
Nick	Stenning	Open Knowledge Foundation
Sander	van der Waal	Open Knowledge Foundation
Gunnar	Grimsson	Open Ministry
Joonas	Prkksnen	Open Ministry
Ruby	Van der Wekken	P2P Foundation
Birgitta	Jonsdottir	Pirate Party Iceland
Blaine	Cook	Poetica

Ezio	Manzini	Politecnico di Milano
Hille	Hinsberg	Praxis Center for Policy Studies
Anya	Eckbo	Preferred Global Health
Mike	Smith	Ravensbourne
Irina	Bolychevsky	Redecentralize.org
Delfina	Fantini	Royal College of Art
Alexa	Pollmann	Royal College of Art
Channing	Ritter	Royal College of Art
Alex	Watson	Royal Society of Art
Daniel	Lombrata Gonzalez	Scifabric
Indra	Adnan	Soft Power Network
Bernard	Lietær	Sorbonne
Chris	Marsden	Sussex
Sven	Wolters	The Breaker / Bournemouth University
Simon	Jones	The Concorde Innovation Centre
Anna	De Liddo	The Open University
Giles	Gibson	The Original Thinking Group
Cassie	Robinson	The Point People
Helene	Mathelemuse	TimeBank
Iain	Cameron	UK Commission for Employment and Skills
Jonathan	Drori	UK Parliament
Scott	Collen	UKShareCo
Jaromil	Dyne	Unisor
Josef	Davies-Coates	United Diversity
Stefano	Lucarelli	Universite di Bergamo

George	Danezis	University College London
Lui	Smyth	University College London
Ansgar	Koene	University of Birmingham
Andrea	Fumagalli	University of Pavia
David	Rozas	University of Surrey
Maria	Savona	University of Sussex
Nathaniel	Tkacz	University of Warwick (co-founder of MoneyLab)
Rohan	Jayasekera	Vivarta
Peter	Lewis	voXup
Harry	Halpin	W3C
Mieke	van Heesewijk	Waag Society, Network Democracy
Abigail	Freeman	We Are Pop Up
Erdem	Ovacik	WeDecide ApS
Ian	Dowson	William Garrity Associates Ltd
Filippo	Addarii	Young Foundation
Rasbert	Bjarnason	Your Priority
Shane	Appleyard	Your.World
Stacy	Herbert	
Melanie	Karalis	
Felix	Martin	
Gill	Newsham	
Louis	Stupple-Harris	

Jon	Sundell	
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