Decentralised Citizens ENgagement Technologies

for direct democracy and economic empowerment

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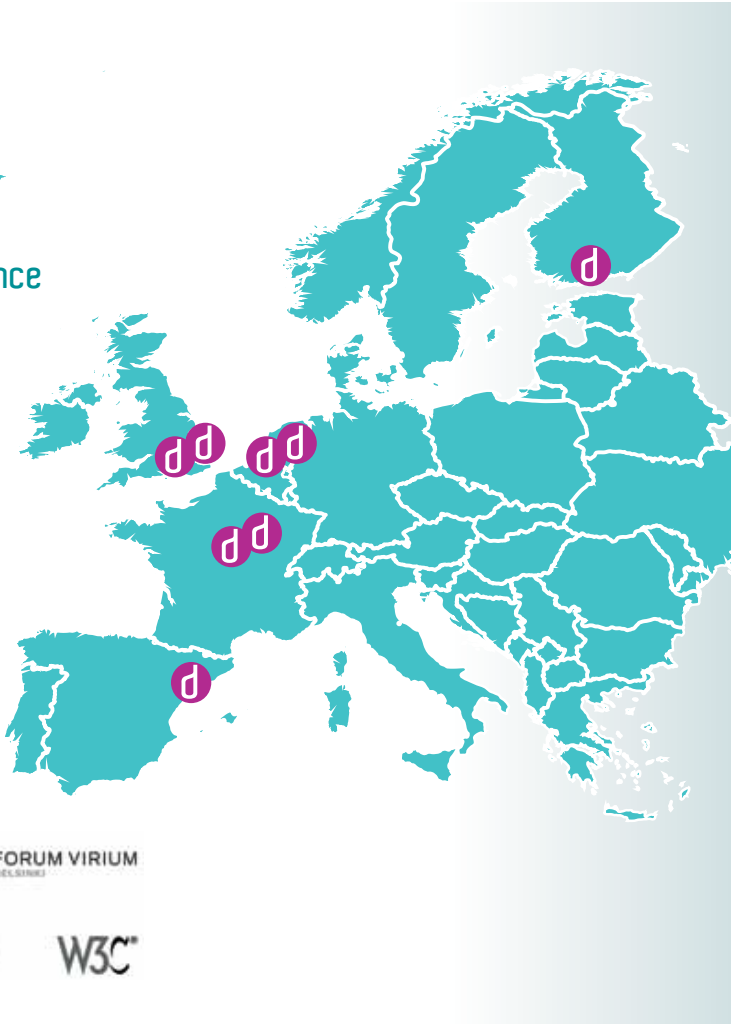
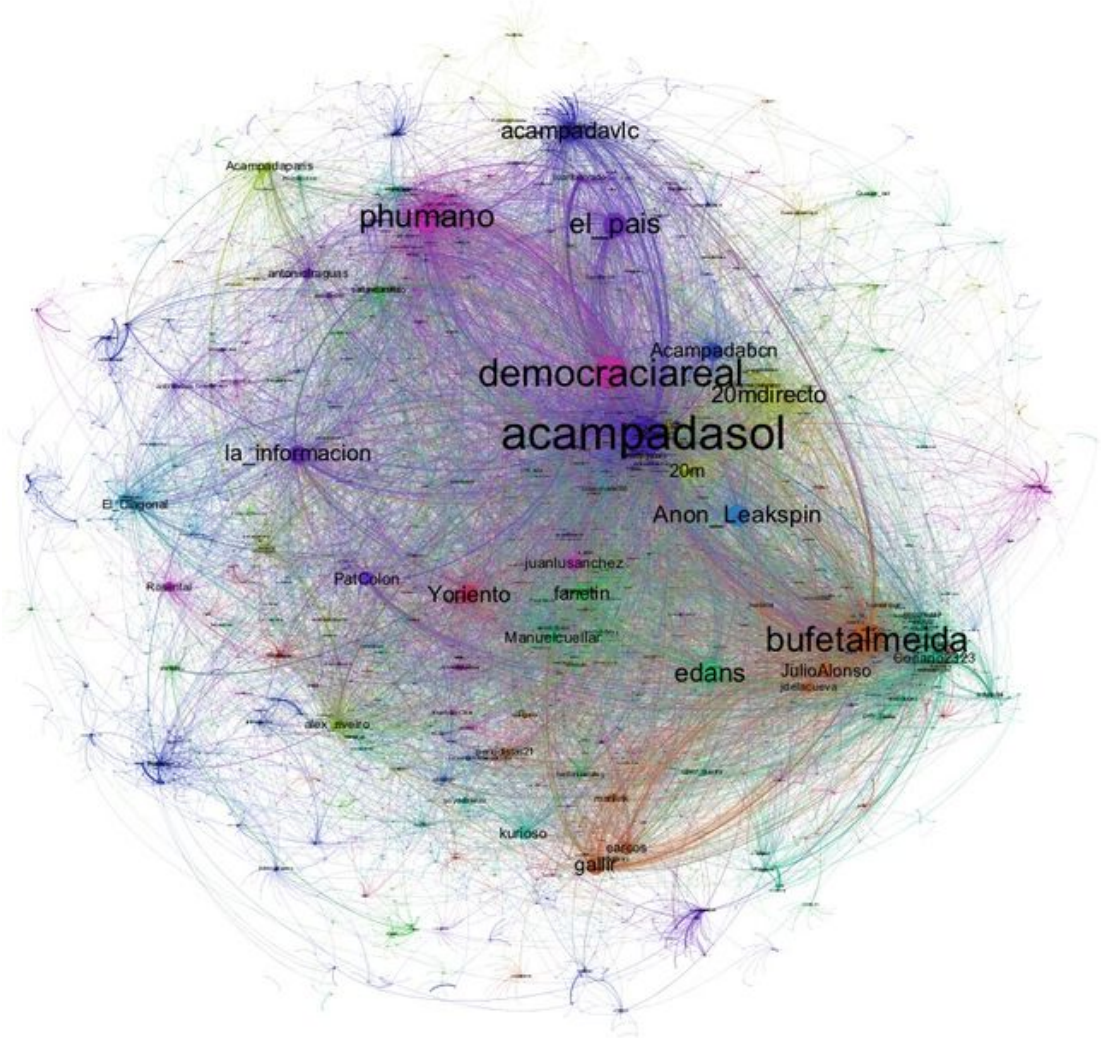
Participant organisation map

- Nesta, UK (coordinator)
- CNRS–Centre d'economie de la Sorbonne, France
- Dyne.org Foundation, The Netherlands
- Forum Virium Helsinki, Finland
- International Modern Media Institute, Iceland
- NEO Europe
- Open Knowledge Foundation, UK
- Open University of Catalunya and Barcelona Media, Spain
- World Wide Web Consortium, France



D-CENT concept and objectives



D-CENT will...

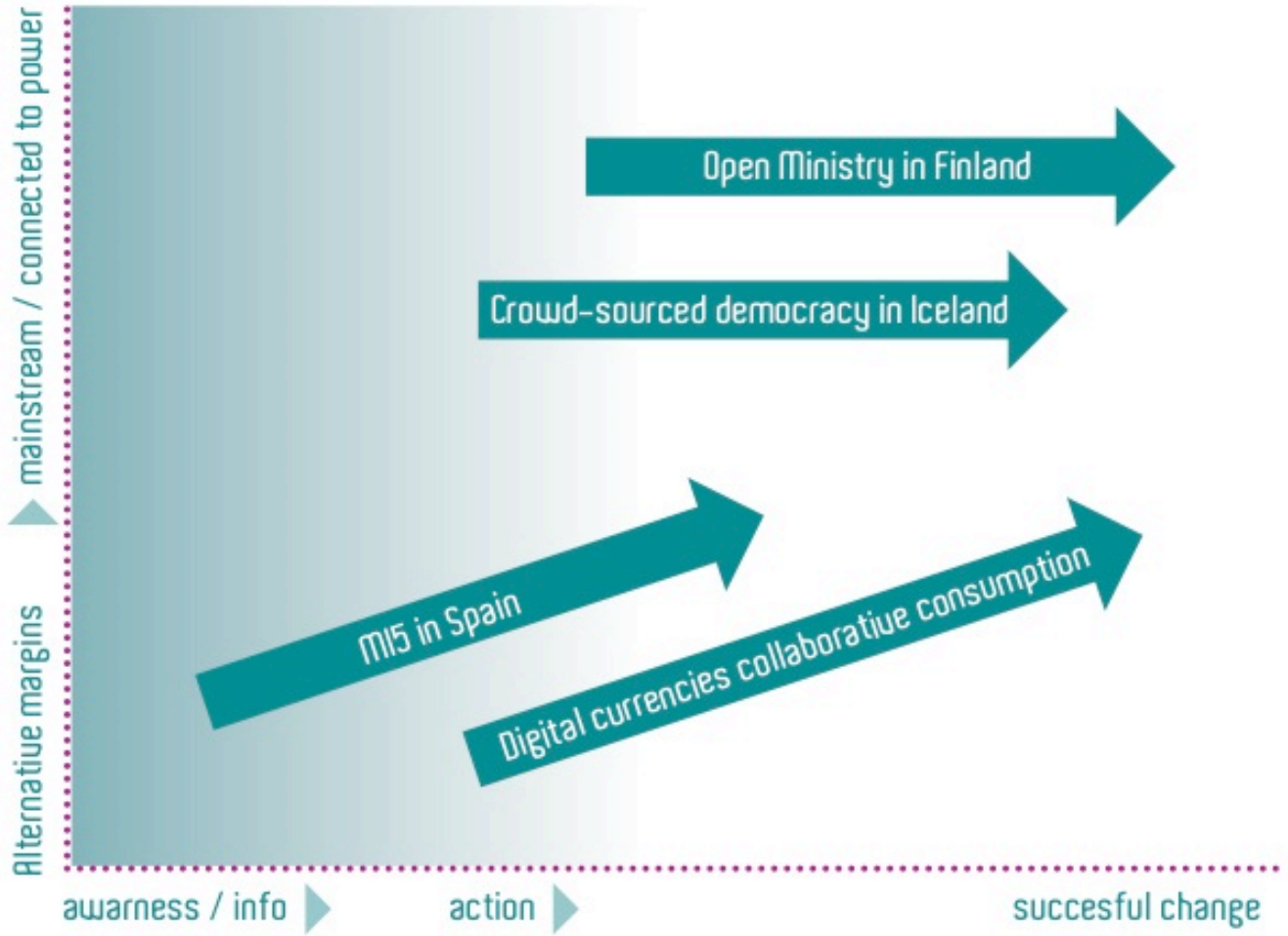
- …provide social movements with immediately useable digital tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment

- …grow long-term alternatives to today's highly centralised platforms and power structures

- …bring together hackers, academics, and policy makers with a large number of citizen groups and democracy activists across Europe

D-CENT will …

- …develop the building blocks of an open, decentralised, privacy-aware Digital Ecosystem
- …implement a distributed and standardised identity management giving citizens control over their personal and social data
- …enable real-time collective democratic deliberation and decision making, sharing of open data, and social digital currencies for the common good
- …promote large-scale adoption of open standards, free software, open data and open APIs


Alternative margins
mainstream / connected to power
Open Ministry in Finland
Crowd-sourced democracy in Iceland
M15 in Spain
Digital currencies collaboratiue consumption
awarness / info
action
succesful change

Distributed Social Networking

- User control of personal data in a decentralized ecosystem based on open standards and built on federated social web software and protocols

- Group collaboration and open data crowd-sourcing integration

Citizens empowerment and democracy

- Deliberation by Your Priorities and DemocracyOS + collaborative law making and authentication of Open Ministry + real-time polling and decision making integrating social feedback from citizens

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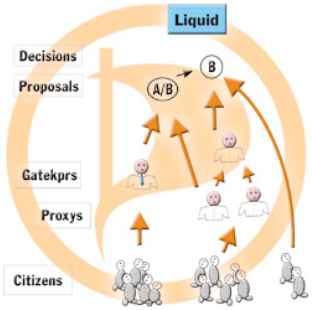
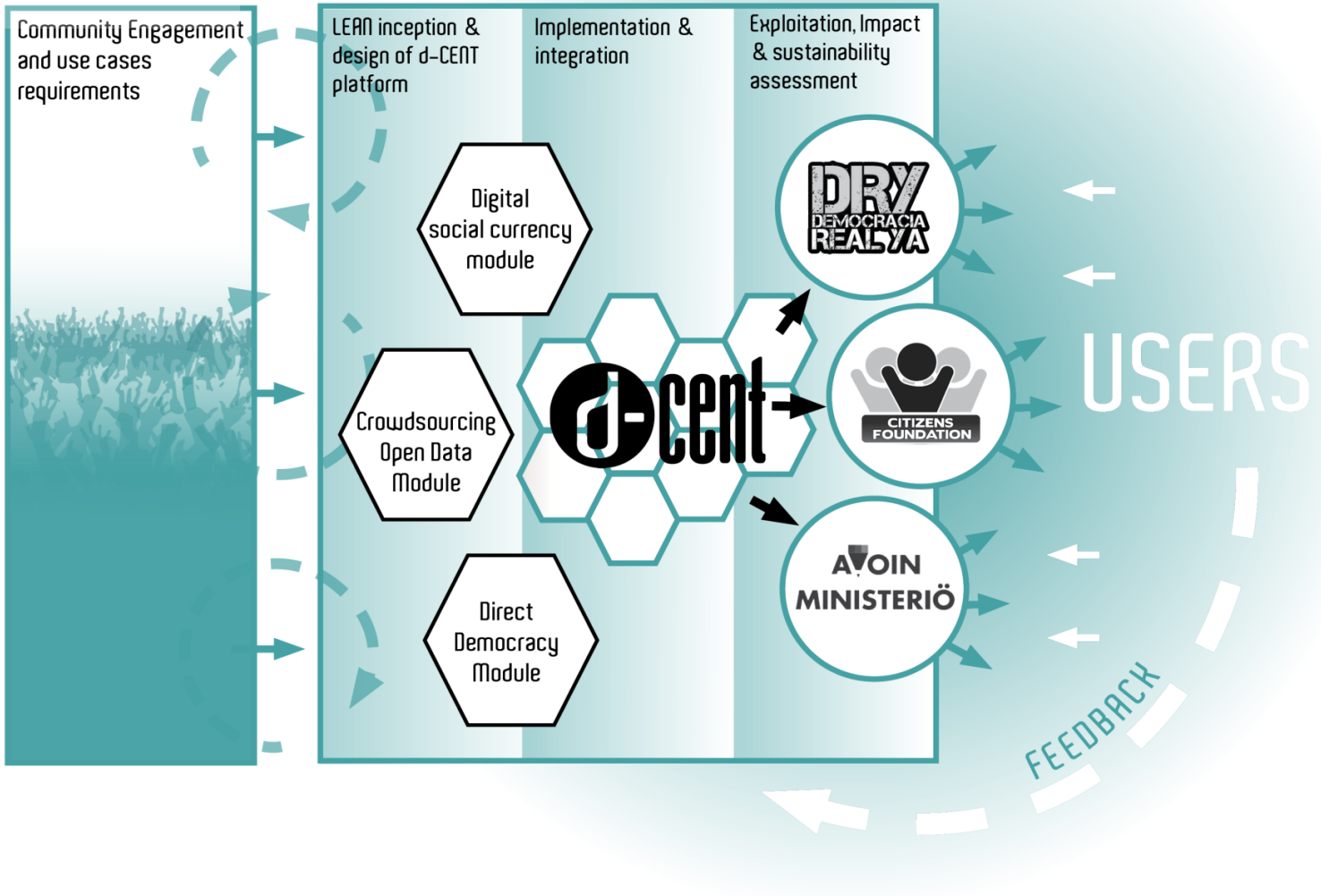


OPEN MINISTRY

Linking civic participation to sustainable economic models


Community Engagement and use cases requirements
LEAN inception & design of d-CENT platform
Implementation & integration
Exploitation, Impact & sustainability assessment
Digital social currency module
Crowdsourcing Open Data Module
Direct Democracy Module
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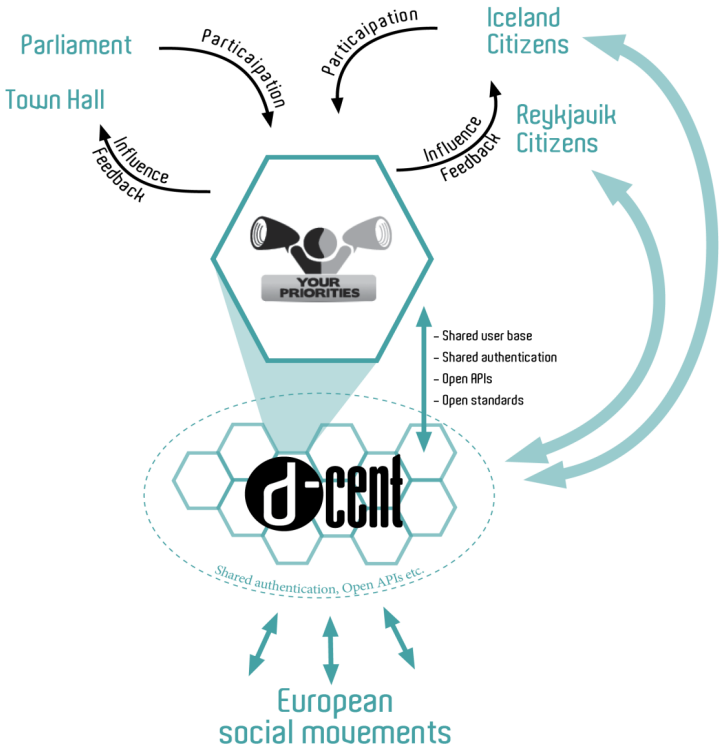
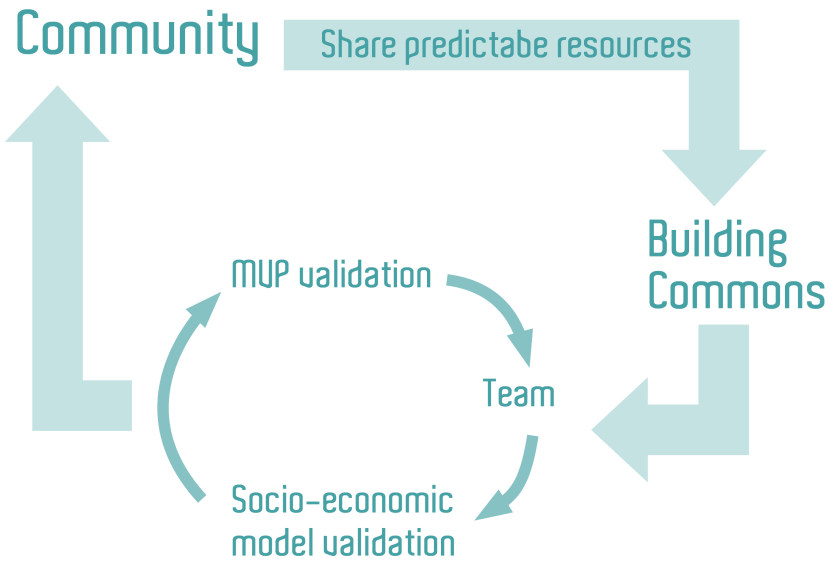
CITIZENS FOUNDATION
AVOIN MINISTERIÖ
USERS
FEEDBACK

D-CENT Pilots: Iceland, Finland, Spain





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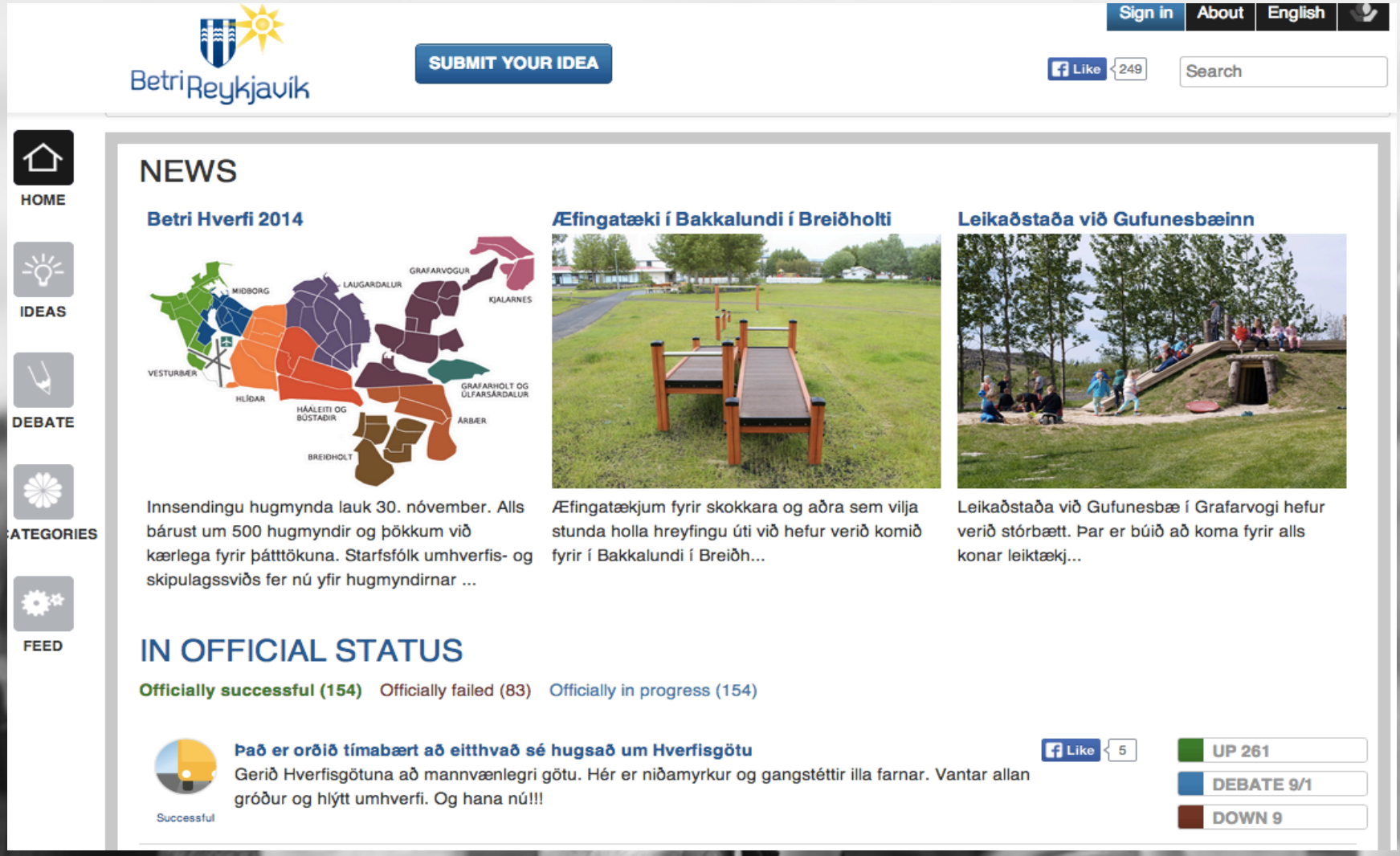

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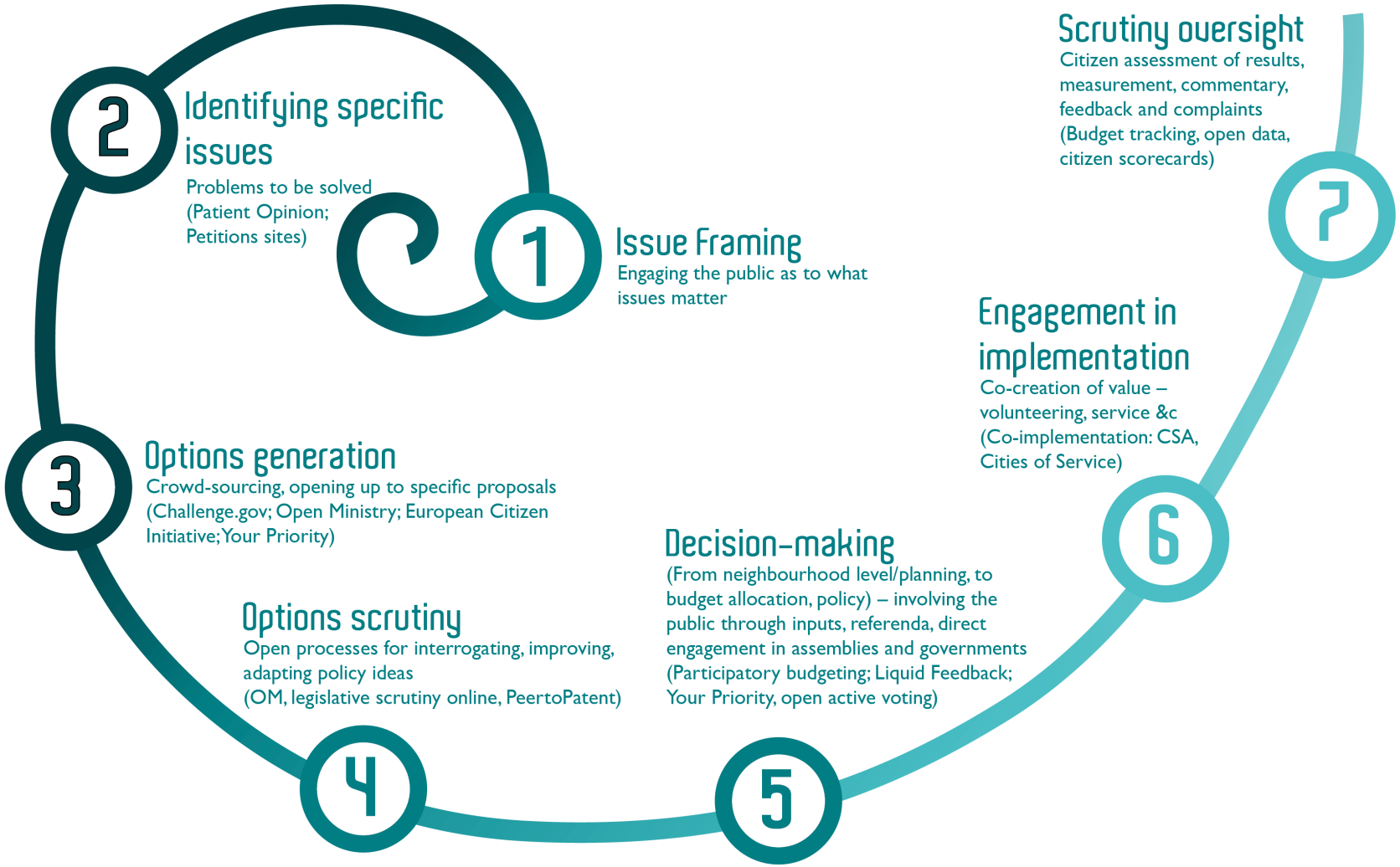
Open Ministry


1
Issue Framing
Engaging the public as to what issues matter
2
Identifying specific issues
Problems to be solved
(Patient Opinion; Petitions sites)
3
Options generation
Crowd-sourcing, opening up to specific proposals
(Challenge.gov; Open Ministry; European Citizen Initiative; Your Priority)
4
Options scrutiny
Open processes for interrogating, improving, adapting policy ideas
(OM, legislative scrutiny online, PeertoPatent)
5
Decision-making
(From neighbourhood level/planning, to budget allocation, policy) – involving the public through inputs, referenda, direct engagement in assemblies and governments
(Participatory budgeting; Liquid Feedback; Your Priority, open active voting)
6
Engagement in implementation
Co-creation of value – volunteering, service &c
(Co-implementation: CSA, Cities of Service)
7
Scrutiny oversight
Citizen assessment of results, measurement, commentary, feedback and complaints
(Budget tracking, open data, citizen scorecards)

D-CENT principles

- Citizen ownership of data and access to knowledge
- Security and privacy by design
- Federation, open source, open standards
- Inclusiveness, accessibility, collective governance
- Exploiting the network effect through mass user adoption and replicability across Europe

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