



Participation beyond Elections: How to Seed a Crowdsourced Government



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- Crowdsourcing legislation
- 2012 constitutional amendment
- Volunteer based, independent
- 6 initiatives have reached Parliament

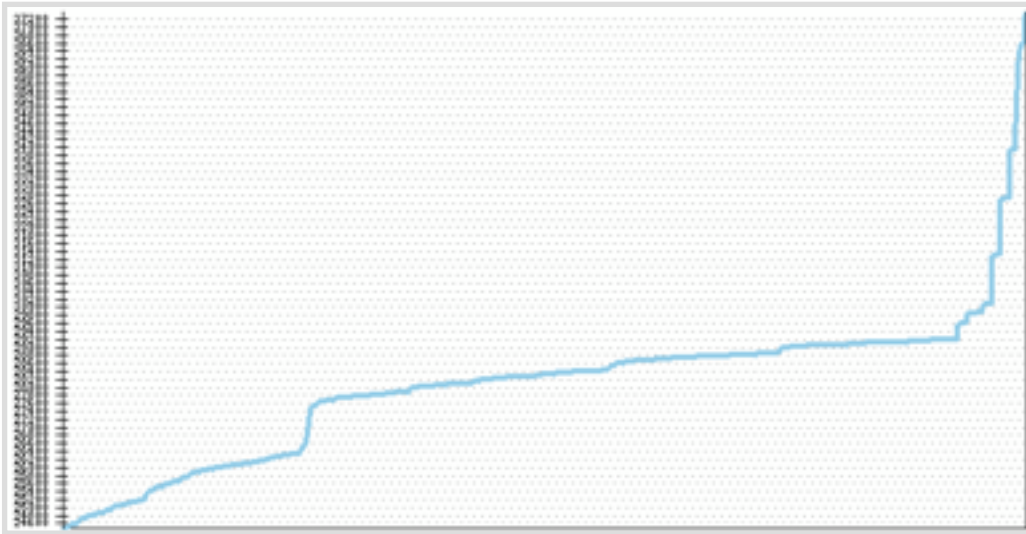
Same Sex Marriages



Common Sense to Copyright



Last Minute Momentum



Expectations vs. Political Reality

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Finnish campaigners seek crowdsourced change to copyright legislation

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A campaign group is hoping to change Finland's stringent copyright legislation by taking advantage of a law that means any petition that reaches 50,000 signatures must be voted on in the country's parliament.

Finland's government amended the national constitution so that, from March 2012, citizens could submit petitions to the so-called **Open Ministry** and crowdsource drafts before putting them to public vote. Unlike other countries (like the US or UK) where reaching a certain number of signatures only means that the government has to take a look at it, or discuss



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FINLAND WANTS TO KILL CROWDSOURCED COPYRIGHT LAW

BY ANDY ON OCTOBER 9, 2014

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The future of copyright amendments crowdsourced by the Finnish public appear to be in doubt. The citizen-drafted proposals, which received 50,000 signatures, seek to decriminalize file-sharing, but Finland's Education and Culture Committee now wants to reject the historic initiative.

In 2012, Finland introduced a modification to its national constitution which allowed the public to provide input into the kind of laws being put in place.

The changes, which allow citizens to put forward legislative proposals for Parliament to vote on, came at a time when restrictive copyright was already under the spotlight.



As a result the citizen-drafted 'Common Sense for Copyright' Initiative quickly gathered momentum. It was hoped that the proposals would influence updates to copyright law being prepared by Finland's Ministry of Education and Culture.



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All six citizen's initiatives have failed – activists accuse Parliament of intentionally slowing the process

Each of the six citizen's initiatives that have proceeded through the proper channels to reach the parliamentary floor for discussion has failed. The Finnish Parliament says it doesn't have the time to hear them and they can't be moved to another date. Activists say technical shortcomings are poor justification for the slowness of the process.

<http://yle.fi/uutiset/all-six-citizens-initiatives-have-failed--activists-accuse-parliament-of-intentionally-slowing-the-process/7525779>

... and many that did not reach 50k



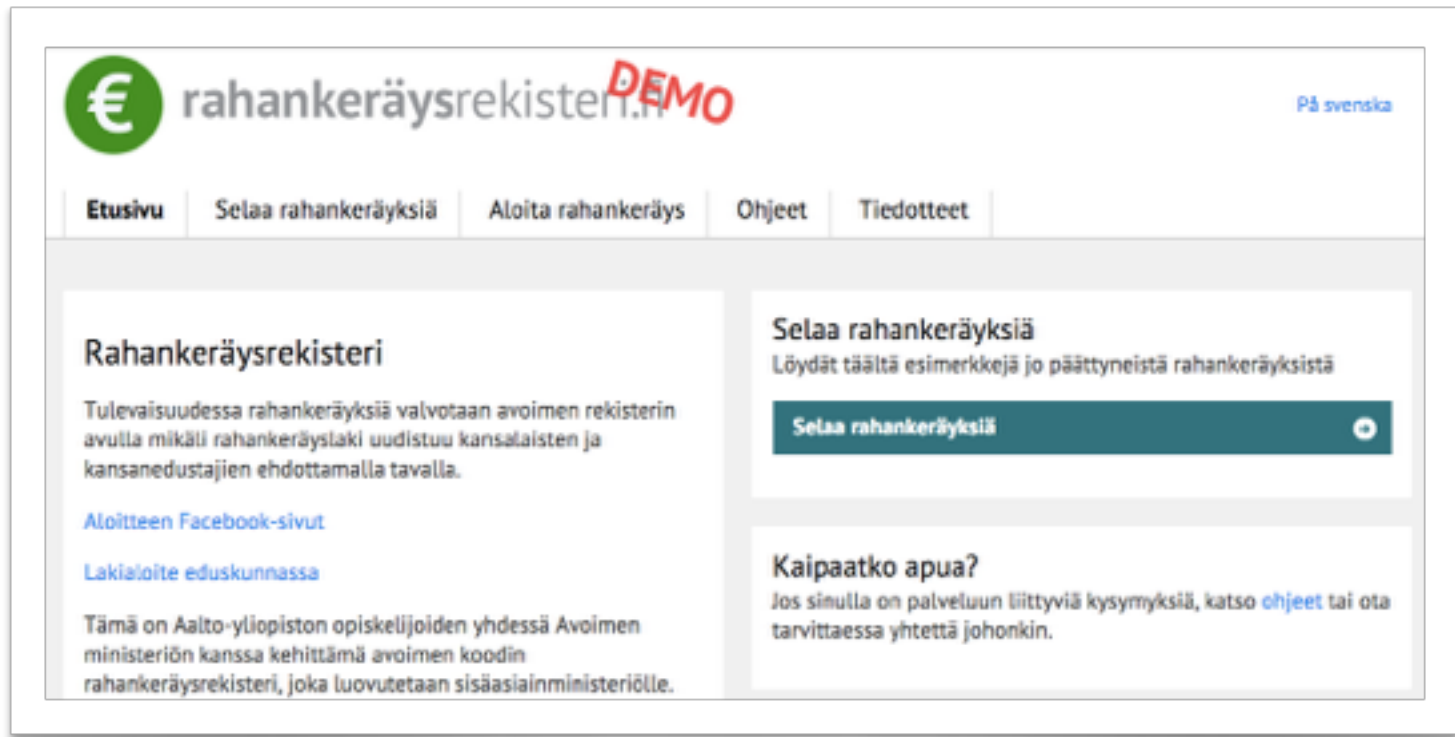
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An alternative Approach: Crowdfunding Law

- Kick off at 2012 Open Knowledge Festival Helsinki
- Complete rewrite of the Finnish “Donations Act”
- Picked up by MPs in the spring
- Picked up by the Minister in the summer
- Drafted into a government bill this month



Open Source Platform Provided to Government Pro Bono



The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'rahankeräysrekisteri.fi' website. The header features a green Euro symbol logo, the text 'rahankeräysrekisteri.fi', a red 'DEMO' watermark, and a 'På svenska' link. A navigation bar contains links for 'Etusivu', 'Selaa rahankeräyksiä', 'Aloita rahankeräys', 'Ohjeet', and 'Tiedotteet'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a section titled 'Rahankeräysrekisteri' with a paragraph about future transparency, links to Facebook and a legislative proposal, and a paragraph about the platform's development. The right column has a section titled 'Selaa rahankeräyksiä' with a search button and a 'Kaipaanko apua?' section with a link to guidelines.

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Rahankeräysrekisteri

Tulevaisuudessa rahankeräyksiä valvotaan avoimen rekisterin avulla mikäli rahankeräyslaki uudistuu kansalaisten ja kansanedustajien ehdottamalla tavalla.

[Aloitteen Facebook-sivut](#)

[Lakialoite eduskunnassa](#)

Tämä on Aalto-yliopiston opiskelijoiden yhdessä Avoimen ministeriön kanssa kehittämä avoimen koodin rahankeräysrekisteri, joka luovutetaan sisäasiainministeriölle.

Selaa rahankeräyksiä

Löydät täältä esimerkkejä jo päättyneistä rahankeräyksistä

[Selaa rahankeräyksiä](#)

Kaipaatko apua?

Jos sinulla on palveluun liittyviä kysymyksiä, katso [ohjeet](#) tai ota tarvittaessa yhtettä johonkin.

An abstract graphic consisting of several overlapping circles in various shades of teal and blue. The circles are of different sizes and are arranged in a way that they overlap each other, creating a layered effect. The largest circle is on the left, and several smaller circles are positioned to its right and above it. A thin line connects the bottom of the largest circle to a small circle in the bottom left corner.

The Tools for Crowdsourcing Democracy

Collaborative Editing

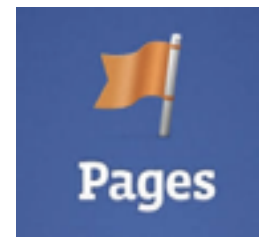


Communications

Internal



External



Task Management



Decision Making

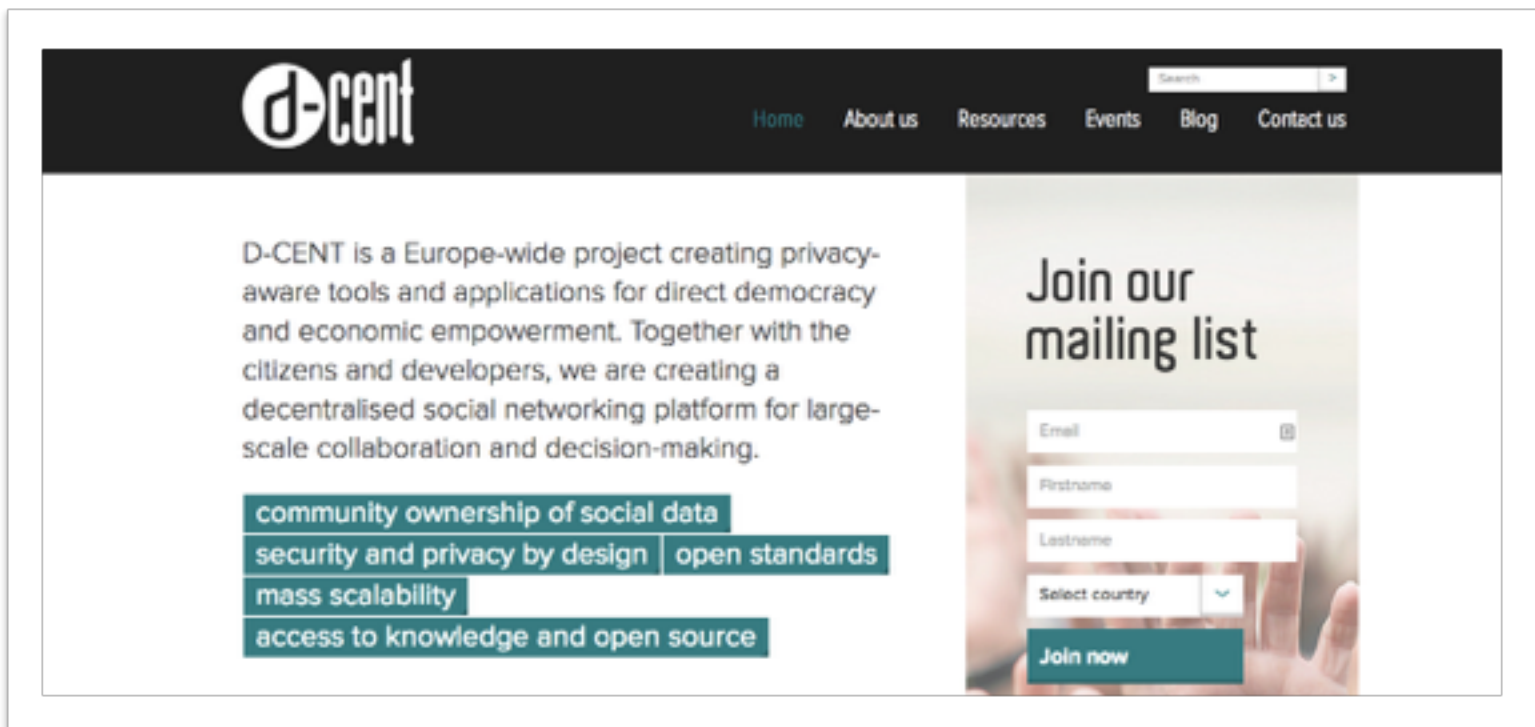


The background is a solid teal color. It features several overlapping circles of varying sizes and opacities in a lighter shade of teal. A large circle on the left contains the text. Other circles are positioned in the upper and lower left areas, with a thin line connecting one of them to the main circle.

D-CENT Project

Decentralized Tools for Citizens

- Privacy aware, open source tools for collective action
- Pilots in Helsinki, Barcelona, Reykjavik
- Currently in Design & Early Pilot Phase



<http://dcentproject.eu>

Finnish Pilot Case 1

OPEN MINISTRY



Finnish Pilot Case 2

Committees and boards

The agendas and decisions of committee meetings are publicly available. The meetings, however, are closed to the general public.

Audit Committee

Board of the Commercial Services municipal corporation Palmla

Board of the Finnish-language Workers' College

Board of the Helsinki Energia municipal corporation

Board of the Helsinki Region Transport municipal corporation

Board of the Payment Management Services municipal corporation

Board of the Personnel Development Services municipal corporation (Diva Academy)

Board of the Port of Helsinki municipal corporation

Board of the Swedish-language Workers' College

City Art Museum Board

City Museum Board

City Planning Committee

Committee of Early Education and Care

Construction Committee

Cultural and Library Committee

Education Committee

Environment Committee

Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra Board

Housing Committee

Housing Production Committee

Metropolia Board

Municipal Election Central Committee

Personnel Centre

Public Works Committee

Real Estate Committee

Rescue Committee

Social Services And Health Care Committee

Sports Committee

Technical Services Committee (Procurement Centre, Construction

Services and Wholesale Food Market)

Youth Committee

Zoo Board



- FOI request
- Letter to Council reps
- Media release / Blog
- Demonstration
- Municipal initiative
- Workshops
- etc.

Push
Alerts



Crowdsourced
Prioritizing



Collective
Action

The Biggest Challenge

DEMOCRACY!
FREEDOM! EQUALITY!



Around the world

WHISKEY! BEER!
BOOZE!



Meanwhile in
Finland

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CC-by @saurau

Thank you for your time

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