Decentralised Citizens Engagement Technologies

Tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment
D-CENT...

• provides social movements with immediately useable digital tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment

• grows long-term alternatives to today’s highly centralised platforms and power structures

• brings together hackers, academics, and policy makers with a large number of citizen groups and democracy activists across Europe
D-CENT partners

- NESTA, UK (coordinator)
- CNRS Centre d’économie de la Sorbonne, France
- Dyne.org Foundation, The Netherlands
- Forum Virium, Helsinki, Finland
- International Modern Media Institute, Iceland
- ThoughtWorks, UK
- Open Knowledge Foundation, UK
- Open University of Catalonia and Barcelona, Spain
- World Wide Web Consortium, France
What does D-CENT do?

Our tools allow people to **discuss** and share content, **engage** in mass scale deliberation, **collaborative** policymaking, and voting.

1. Propose a policy idea
2. Debate options
3. Draft and scrutinise options
4. Vote and make collective decision
5. Implement decisions and run transparent reward schemes
D-CENT tools in action

- **Barcelona**: Participation platform
  https://barcelonaencomu.cat/ca

- **Reykjavik**: Participatory budgeting platform
  http://reykjavik.is/betrihverfi

- **Helsinki**: Tracking municipal policy decisions, taking action
  https://decisions.dcentproject.eu

- **Madrid**: Open consultation and direct democracy platform
  https://decide.madrid.es
Why use D-CENT?

**Own your data**
privacy by design, give back control and ownership of data to citizens

**Open source and open standards**
build and grow knowledge commons

**Open authentication and distributed identity management**
grow an ecosystem of distributed and secure applications

**Blockchain trust**
reward citizens for work done in a transparent and auditable manner