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Executive Summary

"You're the generation that will change this country's state of affairs and will build a different kind of democracy," Manuela Carmena, mayor of Madrid.

"Protesting is not enough, we must transform the power structures," Wikileak's founder Julian Assange.

Democratic Cities – Commons technology and the right to a democratic city, has been the biggest European event so far on network democracy, new forms of citizen participation, digital tools for democratic participation, and urban commons. Organised on the 23–28 of May in Madrid, the inspiring week and its sessions joined together close to 500 participants to talk, workshop, discuss and debate about future democratic cities. It was also the final event of the D-CENT project, showcasing our results, tools and research.

The intense week started with five-day **Democracy Lab**, collecting large number of people to share, survey, debate and suggest ideas as to where the world is heading regarding direct democracy, citizen participation, commons networks, and open source software. As the closing session of the lab, D-CENT session "Technologies and institutions for 21st century democracy" was held with eight international speakers addressing new and different ways of democracy-building around the world.

The week culminated to the two-day **International Conference**, offering unique setting of interviews, conversations, panels, and debates with 35 speakers all around Europe. With keynotes like **Manuela Carmena, Julian Assange, Paul Mason, Evgeny Morozov,** and **Raquel Rolnik**, we explored the future of digital democracy. D-CENT partners spoke in several panels and sessions.

Democratic Cities event received good coverage in the Spanish media, including a number of articles in online media, printed publications, television and radio. This was the result of active local press work, promotion and communication, as well as well-attended press conference and well-formulated press release. The event was also very visible in the social media, especially Twitter.

The Democratic Cities event was organised by D-CENT, Nesta, Medialab-Prado, Museum Reina Sofia, City of Madrid, City of Barcelona, and supported by Labodemo, redecentralize.org.

Objectives

The objectives of the D-CENT final event were to:

- Showcase the results of the D-CENT project: support the dissemination of project results and exploitation of project outputs engaging a large number of stakeholders, ranging from practitioners, academics, democracy activists, policy-makers, technologists, and citizens at large.
- Give clear signal to our stakeholder groups that even though D-CENT ends as a project, the work will continue to grow and sustain the eco-system and increase co-operation between cities, institutions and citizens towards transparency, openness and real democracy.
- Offer a space (the Democracy Lab) for experts in the field, civil society and social activists to exchange ideas and to stimulate discussion around network democracy, new forms of citizen participation, digital tools for democratic participation, and urban commons.
- Reach beyond the audience present at the event through streaming, news and social media updates, and by capturing the event through blog posts, videos and mainstream media coverage.

Background

In the event roadmap, D-CENT has listed three main project seminars to raise awareness about the project and boost interaction with stakeholder groups. As a consequence, the project has already previously organized two successful major conferences: the Launch event in London (March 2014), and the Midpoint event in Barcelona (May 2015).

Towards the end of the project, the planning of the Final event was started at the beginning of 2016. The event evolved into a week-along programme of activity organized on the 23–28 May in Madrid, with several co-operation partners. The event *Democratic Cities – Commons technology and the right to a democratic city* was divided into two main sections: **Democracy Lab** and **International Conference**.

The event brought together close to 500 participants people with different backgrounds: academics, activists, politicians, hackers... The pre-registrations included 362 people for the Democracy Lab and 511 people for the International Conference.

- Democracy Lab (23–27 May) offered workshops, hackathons and open sessions to develop, think and design tools, processes and strategies for democratic participation. It also had a two-day unconference, with presentations selected via Open Call.
- International Conference (27–28 May) offered panels, debates and roundtables, lining up 35 high-level speakers from all over Europe. The event discussed themes close to D-CENT, like network democracy, new forms of citizen participation and digital commons in Democratic Cities. The conference was also a chance to showcase the success of D-CENT project and look at the future of digital democracy.

In order to succeed in this quite ambitious and massive event, D-CENT joined forces with Spanish partners Media-Lab Prado, Labodemo, Museum Reina Sofia, City of Madrid, and City of Barcelona. Nesta was leading the arrangements and had a strong role in creating the programme and inviting speakers. Nesta also hired an event producer to give extra hand in event production. Medialab-Prado was the important partner in formulating and delivering the Democracy Lab activities, and was leading the Spanish communications as well as local press activities. Medialab-Prado had also an active role in Spanish social media management and promotion.

Forum Virium Helsinki gave full support in event production, material production and overall communications, as well as kept all D-CENT communications channels active before, during and after the event, supporting all communications of the event. All D-CENT partners contributed actively by speaking at the conference and promoting the event in their communication channels.

In addition to organisers D-CENT, Nesta, Medialab-Prado, Museum Reina Sofia, City of Madrid, City of Barcelona, the event was supported by Labodemo and redecentralize.org.

Invitation

The invitations were send in English and Spanish. Here's an example of a reminder sent out on the 12 May (link: http://eepurl.com/b0_CGn):

Democracy Lab: 23–27 May 2016, Medialab-Prado Madrid
D-CENT International Conference: 27-28 May 2016, Museo Reina Sofia Madrid

The Democratic Cities – Commons technology and the right to a democratic city event is fast approaching. Please, join us from the **23–28 May in Madrid, Spain**.

The event will be a unique opportunity to discuss **network democracy**, **new forms of citizen participation**, **digital tools for democratic participation** and **urban commons** for democratic cities. We will expect +400 academic, activists, politicians and hackers to participate the event.

The full programme and speakers introductions are now available. Read our updates, get inspired and **join us** !

The event is organised by D-CENT, Nesta, Medialab-Prado, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, City of Madrid, City of Barcelona, and supported by Labodemo and redecentralize

Follow us: **#DCENTMadrid #DemocraticCities**

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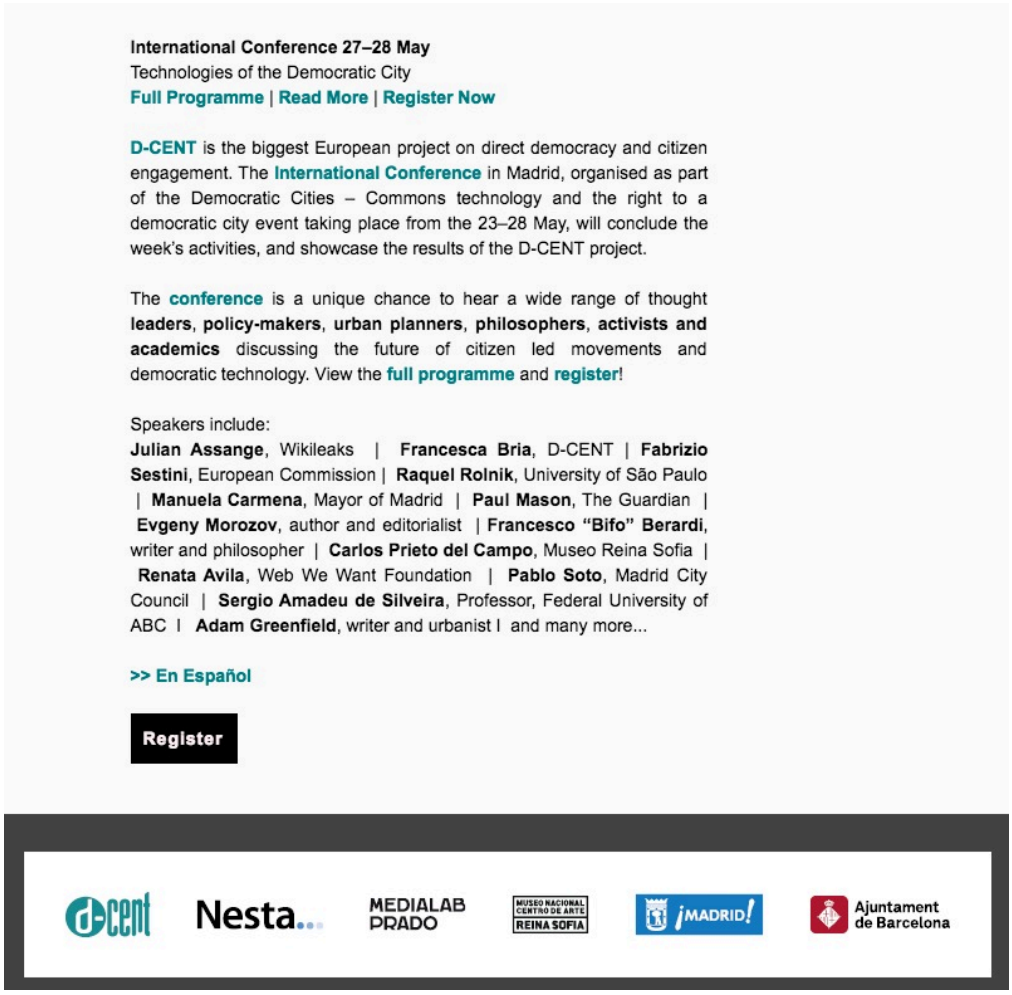
Democracy Lab 23–27 May
Explore tools, processes and strategies for democratic participation
Full Programme | Read More | Register Now

The *Democratic Cities – Commons technology and the right to a democratic city* event begins with a five-day **Democracy Lab** offering a wide range of **hands-on trainings**, **workshops**, **hackathons** and a **two-day unconference** with presentations selected via Open Call.

D-CENT project will host several sessions showcasing open source and privacy-aware **Digital Democracy tools** that have been piloted and tested across Europe with political parties. The City of Barcelona and **LaboDemo** will explore how to manage a horizontal, transparent and collaborative network for large scale participation. In collaboration with **Fundació Civio**, a datathon will share datasets of networks from **Decide Madrid** and demonstrate how to explore and navigate the data. Finally, the two-day unconference will provide an open space for initiatives developing privacy-aware, open source, and distributed technologies to showcase their work, share demos, debate and plan future development.


International Conference 27–28 May
Technologies of the Democratic City
Full Programme | Read More | Register Now
D-CENT is the biggest European project on direct democracy and citizen engagement. The International Conference in Madrid, organised as part of the Democratic Cities – Commons technology and the right to a democratic city event taking place from the 23–28 May, will conclude the week's activities, and showcase the results of the D-CENT project.
The conference is a unique chance to hear a wide range of thought leaders, policy-makers, urban planners, philosophers, activists and academics discussing the future of citizen led movements and democratic technology. View the full programme and register!
Speakers include:
Julian Assange, Wikileaks | Francesca Bria, D-CENT | Fabrizio Sestini, European Commission | Raquel Rolnik, University of São Paulo | Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid | Paul Mason, The Guardian | Evgeny Morozov, author and editorialist | Francesco "Bifo" Berardi, writer and philosopher | Carlos Prieto del Campo, Museo Reina Sofia | Renata Avila, Web We Want Foundation | Pablo Soto, Madrid City Council | Sergio Amadeu de Silveira, Professor, Federal University of ABC I Adam Greenfield, writer and urbanist I and many more...
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Democracy Lab

The Democracy Lab 23–27 May brought together civic society organizations, innovators, citizens, companies, and public sector officials to get more hands-on knowledge on how to set up and sustain successful citizen-driven organizations enabled by digital technology and gaining the largest social and political impact.

The five days offered a wide range of hands-on trainings, workshops, hackathons and a two-day unconference. Altogether, the Democracy Lab had 362 people registered for its different sessions[1]. See the full programme here: http://democratic-cities.cc/schedule.

As part of the lab, a two-day unconference *Initiatives for open democracy and a decentralized Internet* was hosted by D-CENT, Redecentralise.org, and Labodemo.net. It provided an open space for initiatives developing privacy-aware, open source, and distributed technologies to showcase their work, share demos, debate and plan future development. Running it in the format of "unconference" meant that the talks, sessions and presentations were selected and scheduled by attendees on the day. Through an Open Call, we looked for groups and individuals to contribute to the sessions. The call was a success: it produced 60 proposals from different disciplines. The chosen participants are introduced here: http://dcentproject.eu/open-call-results-great-interest-in-the-democracy-lab-unconference-in-madrid/

A workshop hosted by the City of Barcelona and LaboDemo examined how to set up a Network of democratic Rebel Cities. Participants were trained on how to manage a horizontal, transparent and collaborative network for large-scale participation to integrate collective intelligence of citizens into the policy making process, and how to define shared principles and processes for democratic organizations.

In collaboration with Fundació Civio, a datathon shared datasets of networks from Decide Madrid and demonstrated how to explore and navigate the data. Democracy Lab was also hosting a Coding Democracy hackathon that contributed to Consul, the biggest open source participation platform in Spain. Bruno Kaufmann hosted a workshop *How to make modern direct democracy to work* which worked to produce a short-list of concrete practical steps towards making modern direct democracy work at the local, regional, national and transnational level.

As part of the lab, a D-CENT session *Technologies and institutions for 21st century democracy* was held with eight international speakers addressing new and different ways of democracy-building around the world. D-CENT partners Thoughtworks, Dyne.org and Citizens Foundation introduced the D-CENT Toolbox, with tools like Your Priorities, Mooncake, Objective8, Stonecutter and Freecoin (Link to session details: http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/d-cent-and-partners/).

[1] As the Democracy lab workshops and sessions didn't include formal registration, we will refer to the total number of people signed in with pre-registration.

In addition to D-CENT session, the project partners presented in following workshops:

- How to increase citizens participation: Lessons from Iceland and elsewhere
  May 23 2016, Gunnar Grímsson, Citizens Foundation
  http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/how-to-increase-citizens-participation-lessons-from-iceland-and-elsewhere/
- Data Journalism with Decide Madrid
  May 24 2016, Pablo Aragon, Eurecat
  http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/periodismo-datos-decide-madrid/
- Digital Democracy: D-CENT, citizen engagement and economic empowerment
  May 25, 2016, Francesca Bria, Nesta; Irina Bolichevsky, W3C
  http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/digital-democracy-d-cent-citizen-engagement-and-economic-empowerment

The event also marked the start of the Cities for Change Network and Democratic Commons Network (Red de Comunes Democráticos), aiming to make to make cities more democratic, by sharing organizational models, technologies, practices, legal material, narratives, and open resources that configure collaborative participation in democratic ways.

Event videos from streaming:

- Day 1 (775 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R6yxQD6GTs
- Day 2 (544 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meE36QM2Tgk
- Day 3 (168 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoGog-9pmqA
- Day 4 (230 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu66X1R_trU

Read blog articles about Democracy Lab:

- From the squares to decentralized politics
  http://dcentproject.eu/from-the-squares-to-decentralized-politics/
- Projects and tools that will open democracy
  http://dcentproject.eu/projects-and-tools-that-will-open-democracy/
- Networks, technologies and open, collaborative narrative
  http://dcentproject.eu/networks-technologies-and-open-collaborative-narrative/

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International Conference

The International Conference (27–28 May) concluded the week's activities, and was a change to showcase the results of the D-CENT project. The conference gathered 511 pre-registrations and 316 participants[2]. View full list of people registered (http://democratic-cities.cc/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Commons-technology-and-the-right-to-a-democratic-city-Attendee-List.pdf), also included as Attachment 2.

The two-day programme had 35 speakers, including high-level policy makers, academics, activists, civic society organizations and hackers from all over Europe.

Programme 27 May 2016

09:15 - 10:00 Registration and refreshments

09:00 - 10:10 Welcome
Carlos Prieto del Campo, Director, Museo Reina Sofia Study Centre

10:10 - 10:20Setting the scene: Technologies of the Democratic City
Francesca Bria, Technology and innovation policy advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta

10:20 - 10:30 Growing collective platforms and digital democracy in Europe
Fabrizio Sestini, Senior Expert, Digital Social Innovation, European Commission DG Connect

10:30 - 11:00 Empowering citizens: towards new forms of democracy
Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid in conversation with Paul Mason, Journalist, The Guardian

11:00 - 11:30 Late Neoliberalism: The Financialization of Cities and new movements for the Right to the City
Introduced by Carlos Prieto del Campo, Director, Museo Reina Sofia Study Centre Raquel Rolnik, Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of São Paulo

11:30 - 12:00 Refreshments

12:00 - 12:30 Beyond surveillance capitalism: Towards democratic alternatives
Julian Assange, Founder, WikiLeaks, in conversation with Pablo Soto, Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government

[2] The International Conference had 511 people registered. 166 people of these checked in, but approximately 150 people came without pre-registration. This leads to a total of 316 attendees, plus speakers and staff.

12:30 - 14:00 Post-capitalism, digital commons and democratic cities
Chair: Francesca Bria, Technology and innovation policy advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta
Paul Mason, Journalist, The Guardian; Trebor Scholz, Activist-scholar, The New School
Francesco Berardi, Writer and philosopher; Evgeny Morozov, Author and editorialist

14:00 - 16:00 Lunch, networking and a chance to view the museum

16:00 - 17:30 Direct Democracy: New opportunities in the Digital Age for reinventing politics
Bruno Kaufmann, Chairman, Democracy and Election Commission, City of Falun, Sweden
Theo Schiller, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg
Adam Greenfield, Writer and urbanist
Andreas Gross, Director, Atelier pour la Démocratie Directe, Switzerland
Marília Jahnel de Oliveira, Coordinator, Right to the City, Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship, São Paulo

17:30 - 18:00 Closing remarks
Pablo Soto, Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government, City of Madrid

18:00 - 19:45 Workshop: Making Modern Direct Democracy Work
Bruno Kaufmann, Chairman, Democracy and Election Commission, City of Falun, Sweden
Andreas Gross, Director, Atelier pour la Démocratie Directe, Switzerland
Theo Schiller, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg

Programme 28 May 2016

09:15 - 10:00 Registration and refreshments

10:00 - 10:10 Welcome to day two
Carlos Prieto del Campo, Director, Museo Reina Sofia Study Centre

10:10 - 11:45 Freedom and technology self-determination in the era of digital surveillance

Chair: Renata Avila, Human rights lawyer and Director, Web We Want, Web Foundation
Sergio Amadeu, Professor, Federal University of ABC
Natalie Fenton, Professor and Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Global Media and Democracy, Goldsmiths, University of London
Birgitta Jónsdóttir, Chairman of the Parliamentary Party Group Iceland, and Chairman of the board for the International Modern Media Institute
David Miranda, Journalist, Youth House, Rio de Janeiro

12:15 - 13:45 Global hacktivism for democracy
Chair: Yago Bermejo Abati, Project Coordinator, Medialab-Prado, City of Madrid
Richard Bartlett, Co-founder, Loomio.org, Wellington, New Zealand

Jinsun Lee, Founder, WAGL, Seoul, South Korea Audrey Tang, Contributor, g0v.tw, Taipei, Taiwan
Diego Arredondo Ortiz, Communication and technology, Wikipolítica, Guadalajara, Mexico
Marco Sachy, Distributed Ledger Architect, Dyne.org Foundation, Amsterdam, Netherlands

13:45 - 15:00 Lunch, networking and a chance to view the museum

15:00 - 16:45 Building a network of Cities of Change: the new democratic institutionality and the constituent power of the commons
Chair: Ana Méndez de Andés, Strategic Planning and International Advisor, Madrid City Council
Ana Taboada Coma, Lawyer and Deputy Mayor, City of Oviedo
Joonas Pekkanen, E-participation Manager, City of Helsinki
Teele Pehk, CEO, Estonian Cooperation Assembly
Aik van Eemeren, Chief Technology Office, City of Amsterdam
Clémence Pène, Digital Director for the Mayor of Paris, City of Paris
Luciana Genro, Sharing the Change, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Xabier Barandiaran, Research and Development, Participation Councillorship, Barcelona City Council

16:45 - 17:00 Closing remarks

Francesca Bria, Technology and Innovation Policy Advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta
Miguel Arana Catania, Participation Project Director, Madrid City Council

17:00 - 18:00 Networking reception

Full programme: http://democratic-cities.cc/schedule.

All speakers and biographies: http://democratic-cities.cc/speakers

Programme booklet: http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Programme-low-res.pdf
(Also included as Attachment 1)

D-CENT partners participated the following panels/sessions:

- Francesca Bria (Nesta) opened the conference with *Setting the scene: Technologies of the Democratic City* http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/puesta-en-escena-tecnologias-de-la-ciudad-democratica; chaired a session *Post-capitalism, digital commons and democratic cities* http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/pos-capitalismo-comunes-digitales-y-ciudades-democraticas/; and gave *closing remarks* with Miguel Arana Catania http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/conclusiones-finales/
- Jaromil Rojo (Dyne.org) gave introduction to the discussion between Pablo Soto and Julian Assange on the 27th of May.
- Marco Sachy (Dyne.org) spoke in a session titled *Global hacktivism for democracy*: http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/hacktivismo-global-para-la-democracia/

- Joonas Pekkanen (City of Helsinki / Forum Virium Helsinki) spoke in a session titled *Building a network of Cities of Change: the new democratic institutionality and the constituent power of the commons*: http://democratic-cities.cc/sessions/construyendo-una-red-de-ciudades-por-el-cambio-la-nueva-democracia-institucional-y-poder-constituyente-de-los-comunes/
- Birgitta Jónsdóttir (International Modern Media Institute) appeared via video conference as part of the Closing remarks on the 28th of May.

Blog articles about the International Conference:

- Activism and technology for a global democracy http://dcentproject.eu/activism-and-technology-for-a-global-democracy/
- From post-capitalism to collective intelligence http://dcentproject.eu/from-post-capitalism-to-collective-intelligence/

Event video from streaming:

- Clip 1 (993 views, 2 likes 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124236457
- Clip 2 (579 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124257750
- Clip 3 (605 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124354009
- Clip 4 (652 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124368423

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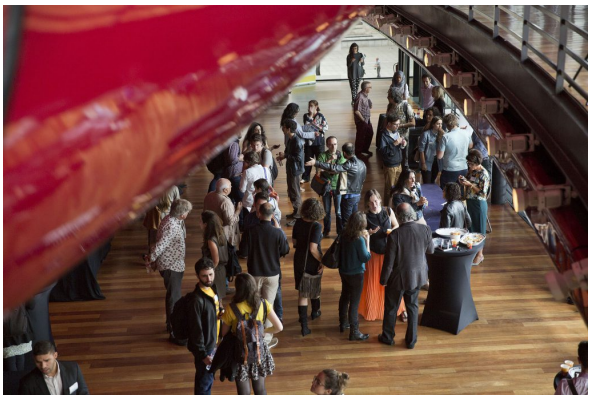


Communications

The event was promoted actively with various means of communication:

- Emails
- Social media, Twitter hashtags, targeted tweets to speakers
- Event landing page, co-operation partner websites, D-CENT partner communications channels
- Press release, press conference, newsletters
- Posters, flyers

Milestones:

- Full programme published
- Registration Open
- Open Call, deadline
- Landing page launched
- 1st update to attendees
- Open Call results
- Press conference, press release
- Joining instructions and update to attendees
- Blog posts and videos from the event
- Thank you message

The email invitations and reminders were sent out by Nesta, with support of Medialab-Prado and Forum Virium Helsinki. Tailored communication was sent out to delegates, as well as updates to maintain anticipation for the event. The communication was done in English and Spanish. In email communications, we reached overall **2021** contacts, see details below.

N.	Date	Description	Contacts	Opening Rate	Clicks Through
1	22 Mar 16	Save the date	1157	35.6% 406 contacts	5.4% 61 clicks
2	27 April 16	Event Launch	1805	35.7 % 644 contacts	8% 144 clicks
3	12 May 16	updates to registrants	153	51% 77 contacts	17.2% 26 clicks
4	12 May 16	Reminder to non-registered	1714	31% 524 contacts	3.2 % 54 clicks
5	19 May 16	Final reminder	1948	32.05% 624 contacts	2.85% 38 clicks
6	20 May 16	Joining instructions Democracy Lab	362	69,04%	

7	26 May 16	Joining instructions Conference	511	49,4%	
8		Feedback survey	509	49.4% 238 contacts	16.15% 75 clicks

The team leveraged all opportunities for publicity through partnership organisations and the networks of the high-level speakers taking part.

The local communications in Spanish was conducted successfully by Medialab-Prado, city of Barcelona, city of Madrid and Museum Reina Sofia. The partners promoted the event actively and attracted a great number of local participants to workshops and conference. To mass media and the general public the main message was that the celebration of 'Common technology event and the democratic city' in Madrid reinforces democratic participation in the city of Madrid, in the Spanish State, in the European Union and in the world. At the same time, the event communicated to an activist social ecosystem linked to citizen participation and "municipalist" movement that is ruling the main Spanish cities. A press conference was held on the 18 May, and a press release sent out for Spanish media on the 23 May. The event received large coverage in the Spanish media. See more details in Press coverage chapter and Attachment 3, with full list of press clippings and online media.

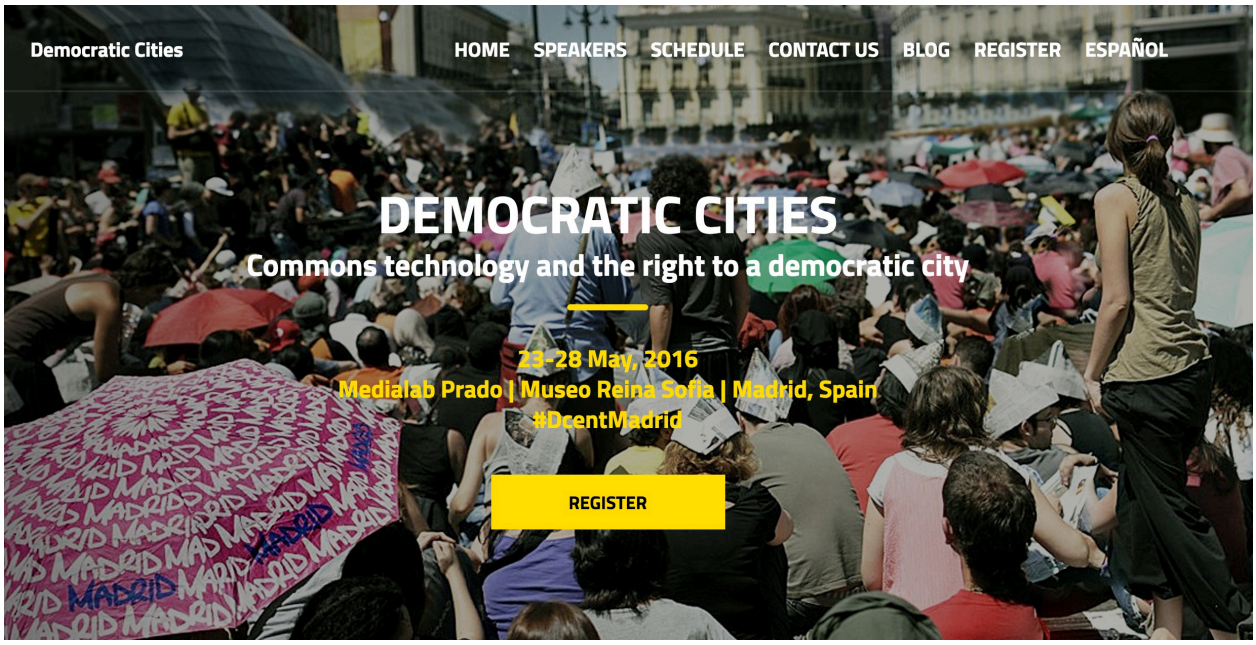
For D-CENT, the event was the final event of the project, and very important one. In the programme, D-CENT was focused on delivering especially the International Conference, but also worked closely with Medialab-Prado to construct and promote the Democracy Lab activities. For the International Conference, D-CENT successfully attracted interesting speakers with several high-level keynotes. D-CENT showcased successfully its results and tools for democratic participation; the experiences in using the tools in Spain, Finland and Iceland; work on complementary currencies and Freecoin; and academic findings and research.

In the communications and promotion, D-CENT focused on the overarching themes of the event which relate to the work of D-CENT: Democratic city, digital commons, tools for participation, digital democracy, future digital city infrastructures, open data, open cities, cities as a network, public policies to support bottom-up participation. Before and during the event, D-CENT promoted the event through its network/community (website, newsletter, social media), D-CENT partner channels, EC channels, CAPS community, and other EC-funded projects and international networks (like ENoLL). It also published showcase video, two brochures, number of blog posts, plus mirrored all relevant event materials, videos and blog posts in its project website (http://dcentproject.eu) with updated structure, look and feel. See more details in chapters Event materials and Event capture.

Landing page

A separate landing page for the event was launched in English and Spanish, to give basic introduction of the event, links to registration, speaker introductions, detailed programme, information about the venues, and contact information. The landing page can be found at:

- http://democratic-cities.cc (English)
- http://ciudades-democraticas.cc (Spanish)



As the event was organized by a diverse group of projects and organisations, it was important to give it a look and feel that would be appealing to all different co-operation partners and their diverse stakeholders. It was a combination of "D-CENT green" and saucy yellow, giving the event its personal look. The aim was to make a simple, straightforward landing page, with all relevant information about the event. It was vital to have the content in two languages (Spanish and English).

Event capture

The event capture included a large number of blog posts, videos, interviews, photos, and streaming/recording.

During and after the event, six blog articles were published in the blog section. The posts summarized the discussions and presentations taking place, including photos and interviews. Links to posts:

- From the squares to decentralized politics
  http://democratic-cities.cc/from-the-squares-to-decentralized-politics/
- Projects and Tools That Will Open Democracy
  http://democratic-cities.cc/projects-and-tools-that-will-open-democracy/
- Networks, Technologies and Open, Collaborative Narratives
  http://democratic-cities.cc/networks-technologies-and-open-collaborative-narratives/
- From Post-Capitalism to Collective Intelligence
  http://democratic-cities.cc/from-post-capitalism-to-collective-intelligence/
- Activism and Technology for a Global Democracy
  http://democratic-cities.cc/activism-and-technology-for-a-global-democracy/
- Democratic cities: Collaborative transnational networks
  http://democratic-cities.cc/democratic-cities-collaborative-transnational-networks/

All the articles are also available at the D-CENT website (http://dcentproject.eu/articles) and in Spanish (http://ciudades-democraticas.cc/category/blog).

At D-CENT blog, 20 posts were published in relation to Madrid event. There was a series of blog posts introducing the Democracy lab, International Conference, organizers and speakers. View all at http://dcentproject.eu/articles. Some examples below:

- http://dcentproject.eu/meet-the-organizers/
- http://dcentproject.eu/open-call-results-great-interest-in-the-democracy-lab-unconference-in-madrid/
- http://dcentproject.eu/meet-our-speakers-in-madrid-23-28-may/
- http://dcentproject.eu/madrid-digital-participation-experiences/
- http://dcentproject.eu/international-conference-27-28-may-madrid/
- http://dcentproject.eu/democracy-lab-23-27-may-madrid/
- http://dcentproject.eu/welcome-to-madrid-23-28-may-2016/
- http://dcentproject.eu/registration-open-commons-technology-and-the-right-to-a-democratic-city-madrid/

Event photos galleries can be viewed at:

- https://www.flickr.com/photos/medialab-prado/sets/72157669007123735
- https://www.flickr.com/photos/medialab-prado/sets/72157666407254154
- https://www.flickr.com/photos/medialab-prado/sets/72157668489629072

Video streaming was provided during the whole week. Link to recordings are available at:

- Event video from streaming, Democracy Lab 23–27 May
  - Day 1 (775 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R6yxQD6GTs
  - Day 2 (544 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meE36QM2Tgk
  - Day 3 (168 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoGog-9pmqA
  - Day 4 (230 views 1/6/2016) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu66X1R_trU
- Event video from streaming, International Conference 27–28 May
  - Clip 1 (993 views, 2 likes 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124236457
  - Clip 2 (579 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124257750
  - Clip 3 (605 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124354009
  - Clip 4 (652 views, 1 like 7/6/2016) http://livestream.com/museo-reina-sofia/events/5457128/videos/124368423

13 speaker interviews were filmed in Madrid. Nine interviews were done in English, four in Spanish. The videos were published first in YouTube account of MediaLab-Prado. The English ones were also embedded to the D-CENT project website (http://dcentproject.eu/resources), and uploaded to the D-CENT channels in YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx3tS__IiuMH-tVOOQyXoAg) and Vimeo (https://vimeo.com/dcentproject). The interviews and their amount of views in 1/6/2016 are listed below:

English

- Irina Bolichevsky (58 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PJm-pW-wTM&feature=youtu.be
- Richard Bartlett (168 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezy8h3Ekzjw&feature=youtu.be
- Raquel Rolnik (74 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuwxbZ7I8F8&feature=youtu.be
- Francesca Bria (151 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlS1nD0v_5A
- Franco Berardi ((65 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKsM3e4fH54
- Adam Greenfield (45 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LePd0ymy8_g
- Audrey Tang (52 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_83kKgTJh2I
- Natalie Fenton (24 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0vwjuMzM_ZA
- Baki Yousoufou (76 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C78MkCOzcWM

Spanish

- Diego Arredondo (24 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djv_1FKHMzU
- Marcelo Branco (71 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEMhWxikBPo
- Miguel Arana (51 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TksbqZrAUA
- Javier Arteaga Romero (107 views 1/6/2016): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThW6ovnTUbg

Euent materials

A number of printed and online material was produced for the event:

- Programme booklet (print) – with programme and speaker bios
  - http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Programme-low-res.pdf
- Flyers (English, Spanish)
  - http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DemocraticCitiesflyer_web_ENG-1.jpg
  - http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DemocraticCitiesflyer_SPA_web.jpg
- Event poster (Spanish)
  - http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/DemCitiesPoster_web.jpg
- Social media pictures for Twitter and Facebook

As part of the event, D-CENT also published several important materials explaining its results and main achievements:

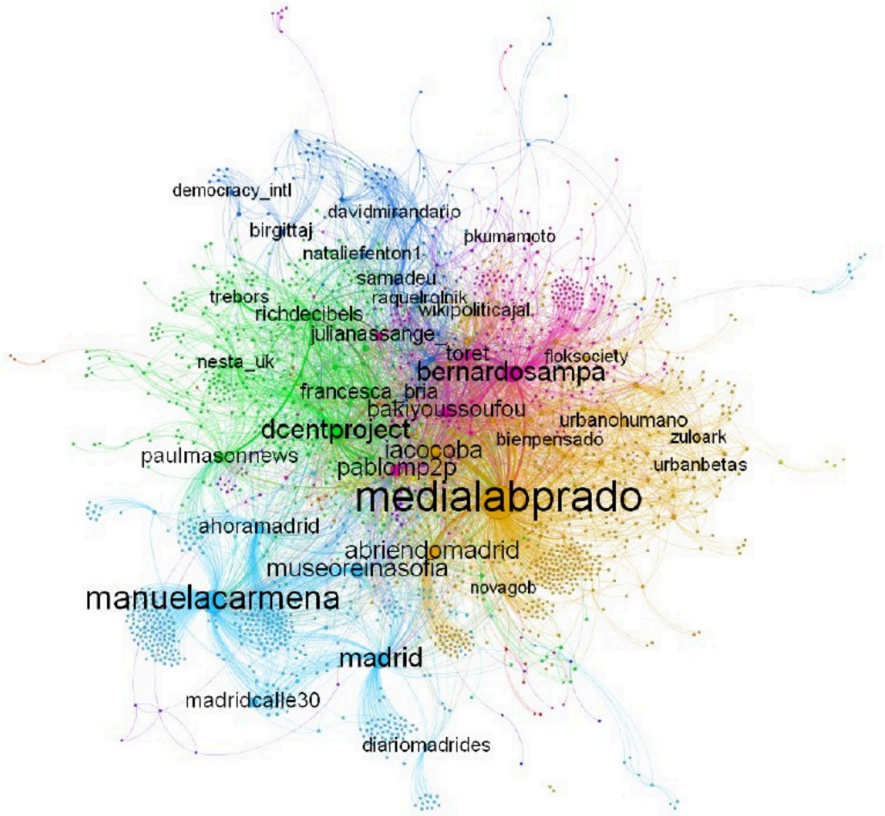
- D-CENT showcase video (4min 39sec) explaining what is D-CENT about: what we do, why and how. It was first published in YouTube as part of the materials of the Final event. The video has had 206 views and 3 likes. It has recently been published in Vimeo.
  - https://youtu.be/iLyyTBVFogE
  - https://vimeo.com/168764085
- D-CENT Toolbox (print) - explaining the D-CENT open source toolkit
  - http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/D-Cent-toolsbox-final-spreads-1.pdf
- D-CENT publishable summary (print) – explaining the main achievements of D-CENT
- http://dcentproject.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/D-CENT_PUBLISHABLE-SUMMARY-05-2016_A5_final_web.pdf
- Updated new look and structure of the D-CENT project website (http://dcentproject.eu)
- D-CENT testimonials and other video (https://vimeo.com/dcentproject):
  - Pablo Aragon, Eurecat, views 14 https://vimeo.com/166341748
  - Denis "Jaromil" Roio, Dyne.org, views 62 https://vimeo.com/165348947
  - Francesca Bria, Nesta, views 258, likes 1 https://vimeo.com/165345391
  - Natalie Eskinazi, ThoughtWorks, views 36 https://vimeo.com/165341512
  - Robert Bjarnason, views 28 https://vimeo.com/165258166
  - Pablo Soto, views 1 https://vimeo.com/165137439

Social media

Twitter was the key platform to impact the media and to reach the social ecosystem and activist. There were three main hashtags used: #DCENTMadrid (global, hashtag for the event in general AND referring to the International Conference when promoting in English), #DemocraticCities (used in English communications to refer to the event and its content as a whole), and #CiudadesDemocráticas (used in Spanish communications about the event). In addition, a hashtag #Democracylab was used when tweeting about Democracy Lab activities on the 23–27 May.

The discussion and top tweets around main hashtags are shown in the big data graph study below.

Blog post: http://dcentproject.eu/democratic-cities-collaborative-transnational-networks/



The network resulting from the #DCENTMadrid, #DemocraticCities, #CiudadesDemocraticas, Democratic Cities event organized on the 23–28 May 2016. Picture by Pablo Aragón and Alberto Bicho.

The orange community, composed of 535 nodes, revolves around the MediaLab-Prado profile (@MediaLabPrado), the most influential of the event. The community includes MediaLab-Prado users and some of the participants in the sessions that were being held in this space, like @bienpensado (Javier Arteaga), @urbanohumano (Doménico di Siena), @WikipoliicaJal and @urbanbetas.

Top3 Tweets:
*RT @medialabprado: De la cultura digital a la participación ciudadana. Se acerca el encuentro #CiudadesDemocráticas de Madrid https://t.co/9dZJgtfXCN
*RT @medialabprado: A punto de empezar el #DemocracyLab. La #RedComunes calienta motores https://t.co/zAeSeVv7a1 #CiudadesDemocráticas https://t.co/Dy27fbqmxU
*RT @iacocoba: Mañana empezamos el #DemocracyLab toda la info aquí https://t.co/qU4Hlj6nae #CiudadesDemocráticas Apúntate! https://t.co/mAXcdAdkuJ

The light blue community, composed of 471 users, consists of Madrid-based institutions, such as the Reina Sofia National Museum (@museoreinasofia) and Madrid City Council (@MADRID). Madrid Mayor Manuela Carmena's profile (@ManuelaCarmena) was the node in this community with the most replicated content.

Top 3 tweets:
RT @ManuelaCarmena: Mucho que aprender, pensar e innovar sobre participación y transparencia en el encuentro #CiudadesDemocráticas. https://t.co/joemGwYZbn
RT @ManuelaCarmena: Hoy hablamos sobre #CiudadesDemocráticas en el @museoreinasofia. Podéis verlo en directo: https://t.co/WGLo9kNS4S https://t.co/1pofhqVeED
RT @ManuelaCarmena: Esta semana, en @Madrid: licencias, @MadridCalle30, medicina deportiva, #SAMURMeeting16 y #CiudadesDemocráticas https://t.co/2GTmoZheDC

The green community, with 325 users, is headed by the D-CENT project (@dcentproject). It features influential international players in the fields of democracy and technology, most of whom use the English language. Particularly strong are the nodes for @nesta_uk (Nesta), @paulmasonnews (journalist Paul Mason), @RichDecibels (Richard D. Bartlett, founder of the Loomio tool), @francesca_bria (Francesca Bria, D-CENT project co-ordinator) and @TreborS (academic Trebor Scholz).

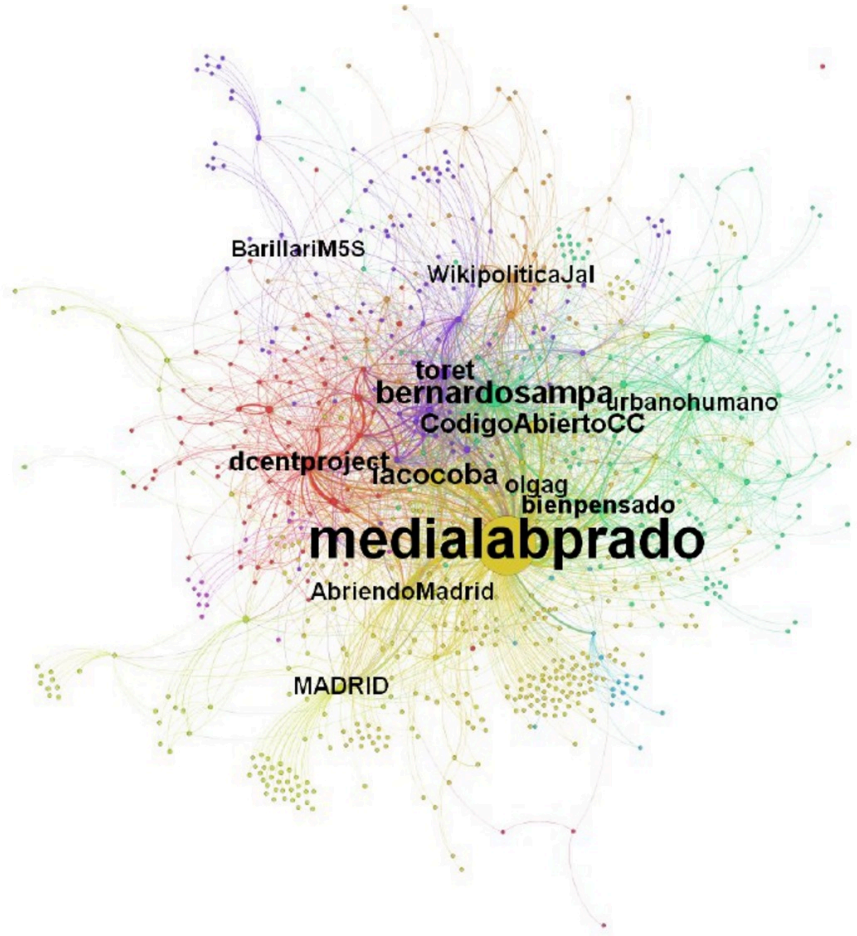
Top 3 tweets:
RT @nesta_uk: E-voting, policy collabs & more: explore @dcentproject digital democracy tools https://t.co/vL4uxM5gdy #DCENTMadrid https://t.co/n0tgUq9CMB
RT @RichDecibels: "Risk is socialised, reward is privatised" @trebors #platformcoop #dcentmadrid
RT @nesta_uk: 'Crowdsourcing has become crowdfleecing' - @TreborS advocates worker-owned sharing economy platforms at #DCENTMadrid #platformcoop

In the purple community, comprising 265 users, the dialogue is woven by influential players in digital policy, social movements and technopolitics, like Julian Assange, Pablo Soto (Madrid City Council's participation), Javier Toret and Baki Youssoufou (from French movement Nuit Debout).

Top 3 tweets:
RT @bernardosampa: Assange, leaks, democracia. Madrid, a tope con el cambio de era #CiudadesDemocraticas #DemocraticCities #DCENTMadrid https://t.co/siCDPcnYVn
RT @toret: En junio se cumplen 4 anos q Julian Assange esta encerrado en la embajada de Ecuador #FreeAssange YA! #DCENTMadrid https://t.co/1nrFXwHJBi
RT @bakiyoussoufou: What happen when @JulianAssange_ speaks to activists #dcentmadrid #Democraticcities #DemocracyLab religious silent https://t.co/haTouAmras

The dark blue community, with 104 users, is fairly mixed. Although most of its members are leading activists and Brazilian academics (like Sergio Amadeu, Raquel Rolnik, Marcelo Branco and Davi Miranda), this community also includes Birgitta Jónsdóttir (Pirate Party of Iceland) and Natalie Fenton (Goldsmiths University of London).

Top 3 tweets:
RT @tmadeira: Ótimo debate em Madrid com @davidmirandario, @NatalieFenton1, @avilarenata, @samadeu #ciudadesdemocráticas https://t.co/W305GHTMUg
RT @m_cetera: Julian #Assange, @BirgittaJ, @AvilaRenata, @DavidMirandaRio among speakers at #DcentMadrid, 23-28 May https://t.co/fr0231ywwI #WikiLeaks
RT @people2power: We the people need to be the architects of a more democratic world, says @birgittaj at #DCENTMadrid @democracy_intl https://t.co/LW5MYqxKxO



The network resulting from the #DemocracyLab, Democracy Lab event organised 23–27 May 2016. Picture by Pablo Aragón and Alberto Bicho.

The network resulting from the #DemocracyLab hashtag gives an overall view of the sessions, workshops and working groups held between 23 and 27 May at MediaLab-Prado. A new feature of the graph corresponding to the whole event highlights the existence of a new community (green) with social movements, groups and players connected with the city. At the same time, applying the betweenness centrality (intermediation) parameter foregrounds the @abriendomadrid profile (from Madrid City

Council participation department), @BarillariM5S (Davide Barillari, Movimento 5 Stelle) and blog @CodigoAbiertoCC.

The dialogue between the general event network and that of #DemocracyLab shows a large number of shared patterns. When there are clear hubs (more influential nodes) and clusters (sets of key nodes at the epicentre of a community), the conversation between democratic cities is open, cooperative and transversal. Some nodes are connected to several communities simultaneously. These nodes, like @iacocoba and @medialabprado, strengthen weak links, building bridges and relationships between different communities.

Hashtag metrics

Here are some key metrics per main hashtag (#DCENTMadrid, #DemocraticCities, #CiudadesDemocraticas), taken out from Keyhole.co and Mention Map.

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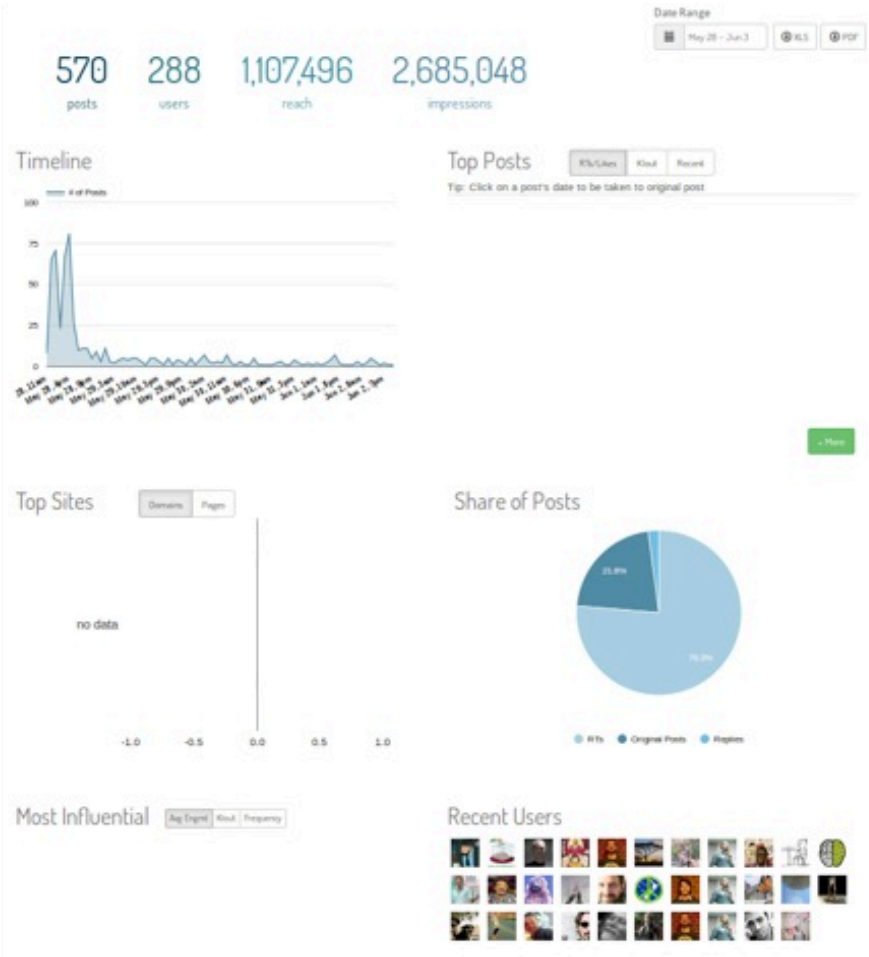
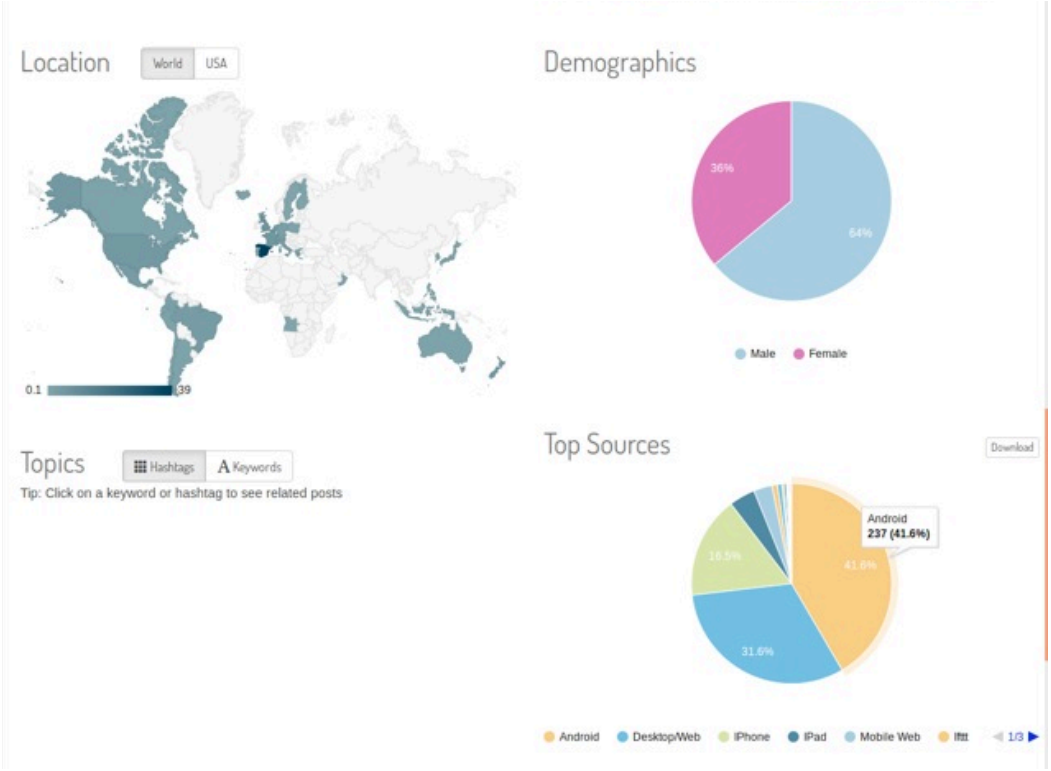
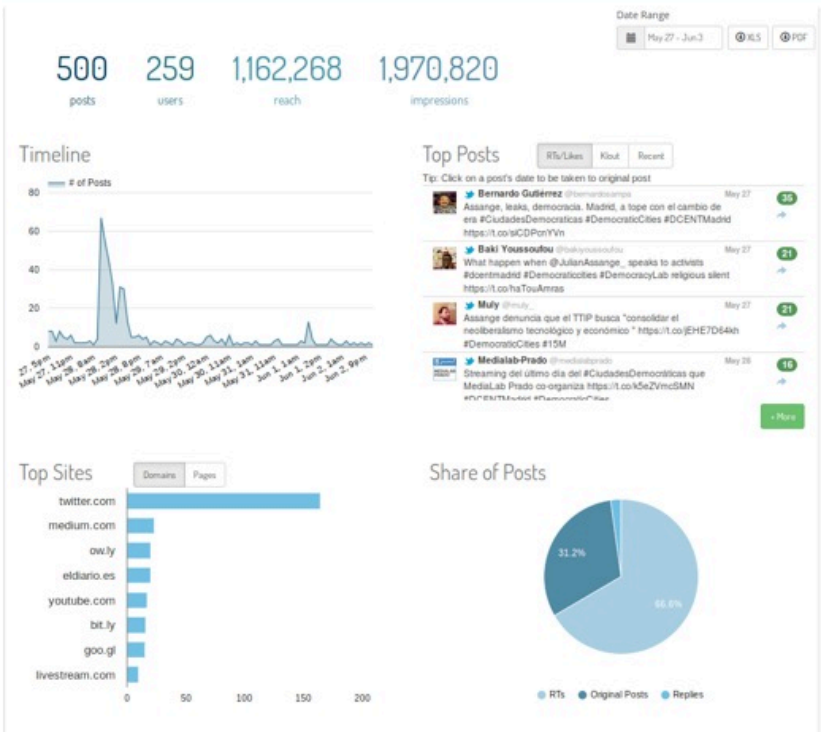
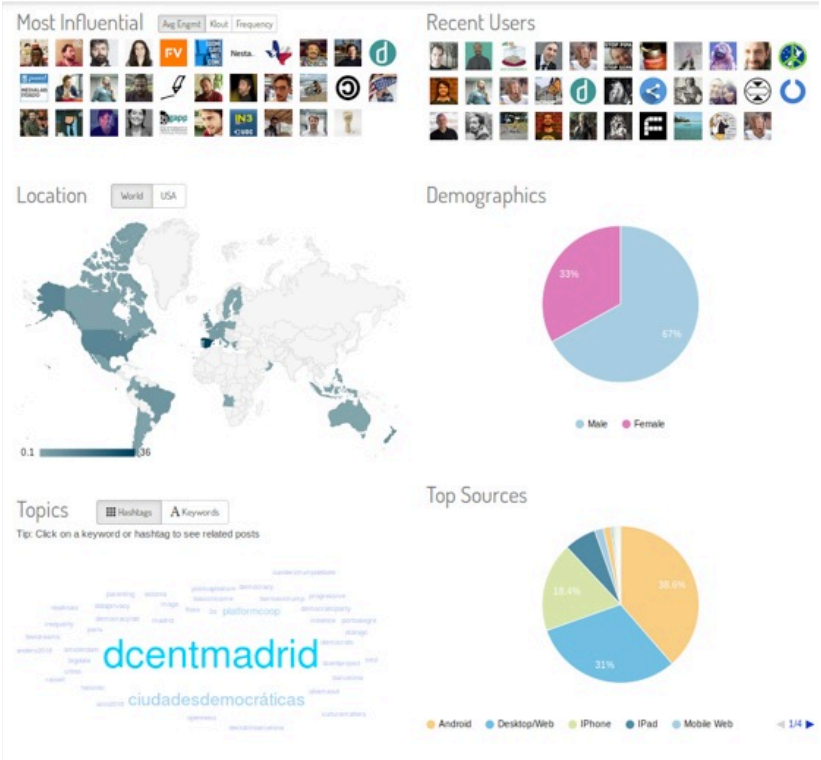




#DemocraticCities

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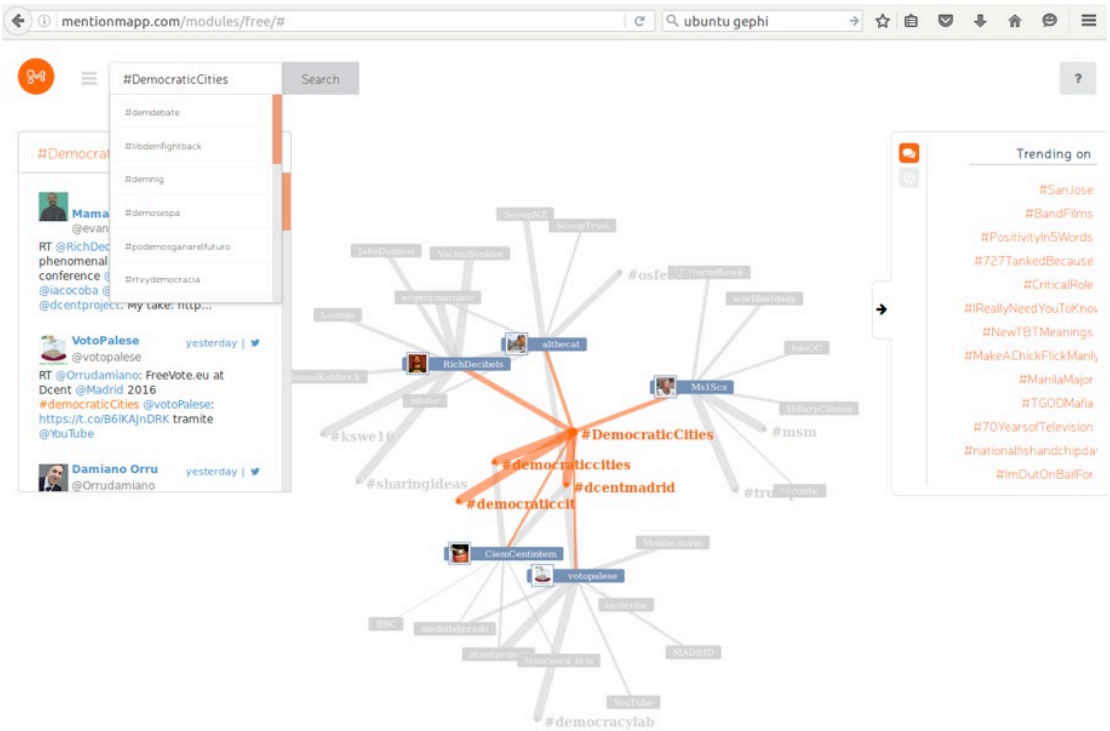
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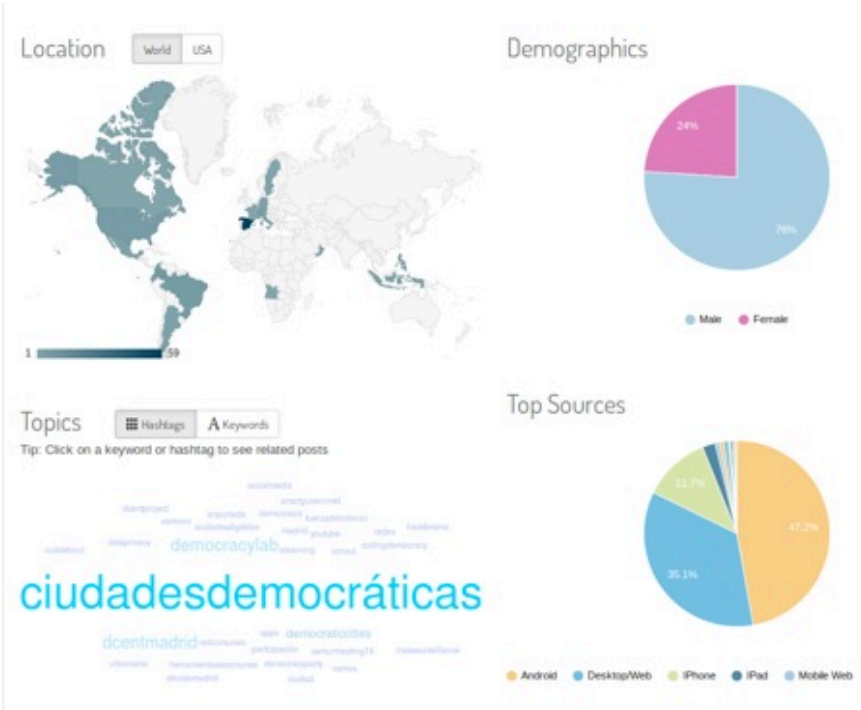
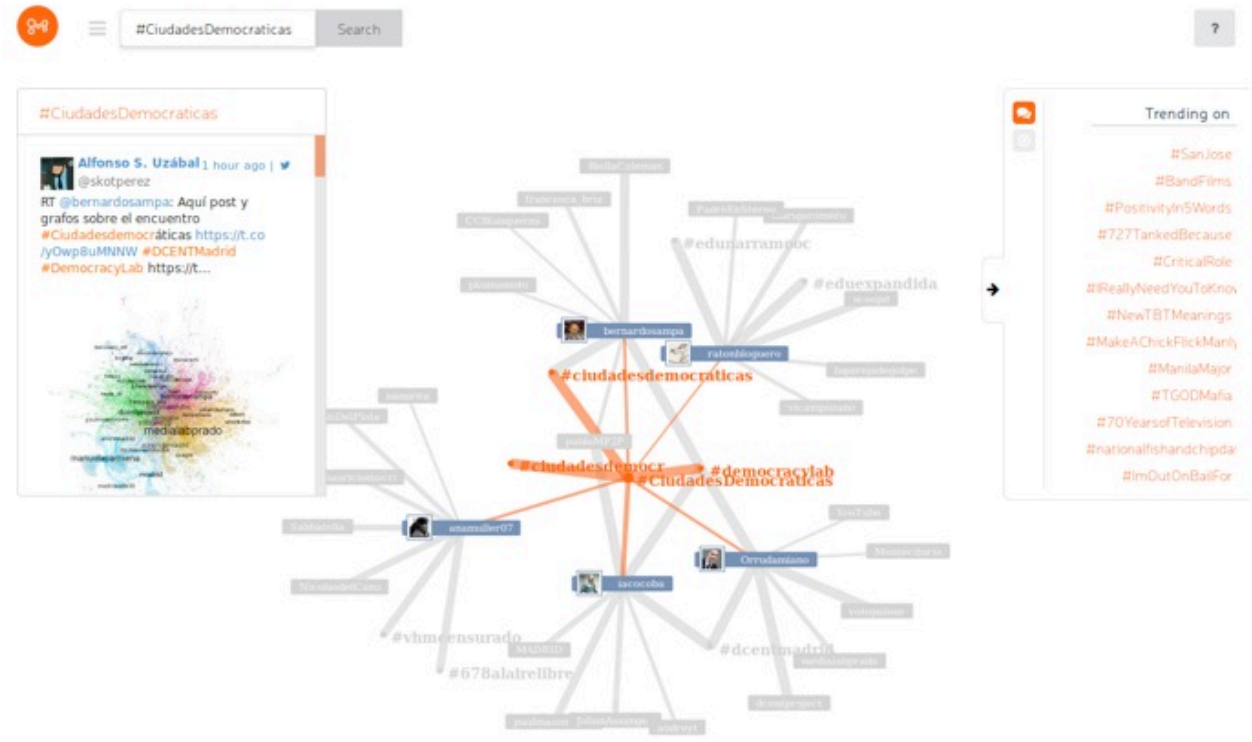
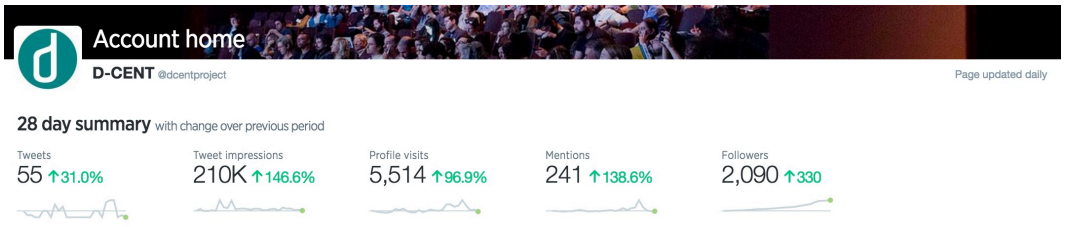
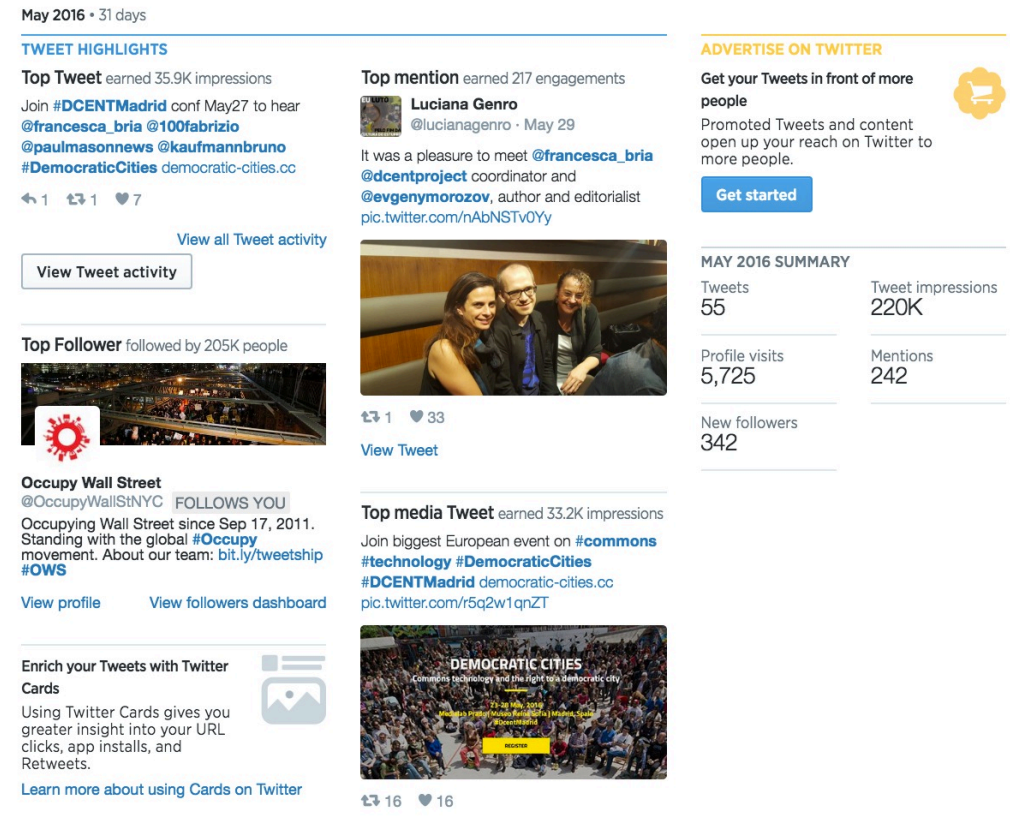




Metrics from @dcentproject

Twitter is the key social media channel for D-CENT, and the account was used actively to promote the Democratic Cities event, both in English and Spanish. Here are basic metrics from D-CENT Twitter account @dcentproject, taken 1/6/2016.

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Top Tweet earned 35.9K impressions
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View all Tweet activity
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Top Follower followed by 205K people
Occupy Wall Street
@OccupyWallStNYC FOLLOWS YOU
Occupying Wall Street since Sep 17, 2011. Standing with the global #Occupy movement. About our team: bit.ly/tweetship #OWS
View profile
View followers dashboard
Enrich your Tweets with Twitter Cards
Using Twitter Cards gives you greater insight into your URL clicks, app installs, and Retweets.
Learn more about using Cards on Twitter
Top mention earned 217 engagements
Luciana Genro
@lucianagenro · May 29
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Get your Tweets in front of more people
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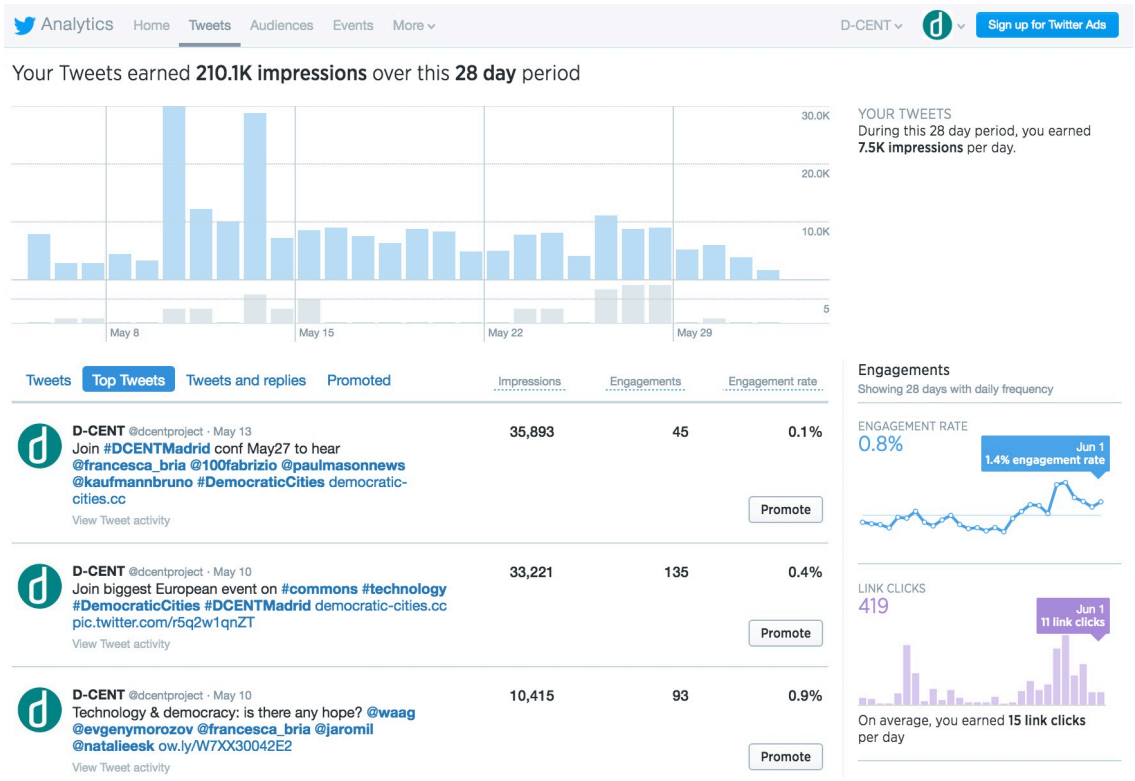
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LINK CLICKS
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Jun 1
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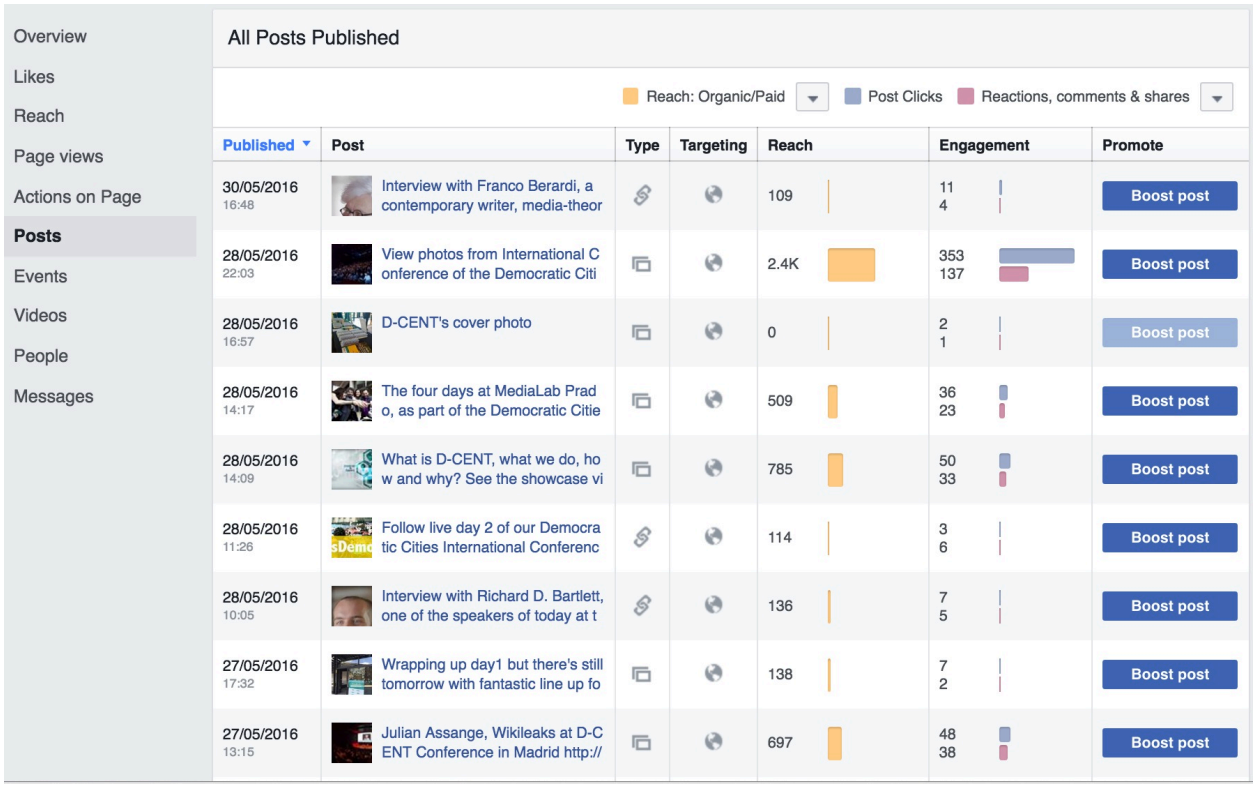
D-CENT Facebook

In addition to Twitter, D-CENT used its Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/dcentproject/) to promote actively the event.



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28/05/2016 14:09	What is D-CENT, what we do, ho w and why? See the showcase vi			785	50 33	Boost post
28/05/2016 11:26	Follow live day 2 of our Democra tic Cities International Conferenc			114	3 6	Boost post
28/05/2016 10:05	Interview with Richard D. Bartlett, one of the speakers of today at t			136	7 5	Boost post
27/05/2016 17:32	Wrapping up day1 but there's still tomorrow with fantastic line up fo			138	7 2	Boost post
27/05/2016 13:15	Julian Assange, Wikileaks at D-C ENT Conference in Madrid http://			697	48 38	Boost post

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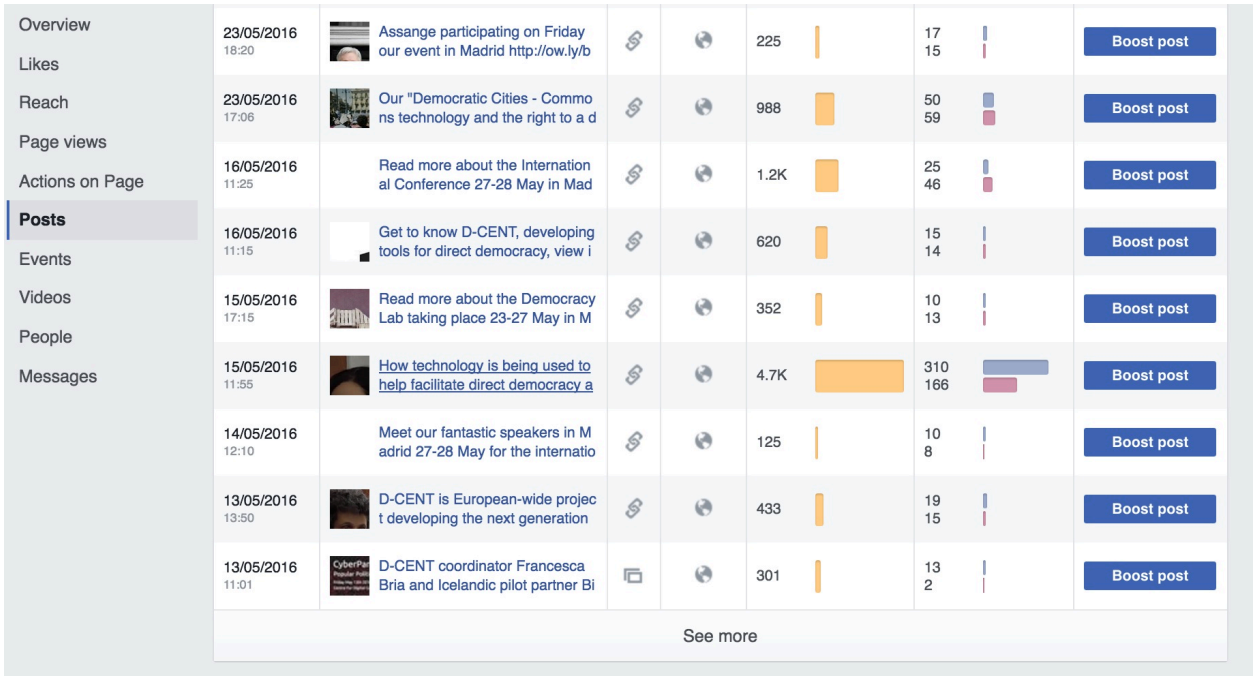
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Press coverage overview

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According to the press report, the Democratic Cities event received 117 media hits from online media; 9 hits from printed press; 7 hits on radio and one hit on television. Here are some examples:

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- Entre los ponentes, Julian Assange, Manuela Carmena o Pablo Soto, junto a numerosos expertos en participación a través de nuevas tecnologías

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Madrid será durante una semana la sede de 'Ciudades Democráticas', una serie de talleres y conferencias sobre nuevas formas de participación democrática a través de las nuevas tecnologías. El Ayuntamiento de Madrid apadrina este evento, que contará con la presencia de algunos miembros del Consistorio y de ponentes como Julian Assange, responsable de Wikileaks, o Birgitta Jónsdóttir, a quienes las encuestas señalan como próxima primera ministra de Islandia.

El concejal de Participación Ciudadana del Ayuntamiento, Pablo Soto, ha sido el encargado de presentar este evento, junto con Yago Bermejo, que

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Soto a Assange: «No te rindas»

El fundador de Wikileaks alaba la posición del Ayuntamiento de Madrid frente al TTIP

ROBERTO BÉCARES MADRID

«Cuando las Naciones Unidas formalmente declararon que había sido retenido de forma ilegal durante 5,5 años, la ciudad de Madrid lanzó una declaración exigiendo que los gobiernos de Reino Unido y Suecia reconociesen la decisión de la ONU. Es un gesto muy importante, una ciudad de millones de ciudadanos exigiendo que la Ley de Derechos Humanos sea reconocida». Julian Assange, creador de Wikileaks y que lleva más de cuatro años refugiado en la embajada de Ecuador en Londres, agradeció ayer personalmente al concejal de Participación Ciudadana del Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Pablo Soto, el apoyo a su causa.

En un coloquio dentro de las conferencias *Ciudades democráticas*, ambos mantuvieron una conversación –Assange por videoconferencia desde Londres– sobre Wikileaks, el 15-M, las revueltas de la primavera árabe o el TTIP, el tratado de libre comercio entre Europa y Estados Unidos. La ciudad de Madrid aprobó esta semana en el Pleno mostrarse contraria a este tratado al poner en duda que defienda «valores de democracia y soberanía popular y la debida protección de los derechos laborales, medioambientales y de salud».

«Madrid tendrá que independizarse de España, o España de la UE, tras hacer eso», bromeó Assange, que denunció que el tratado va «a llevar al mayor desplazamiento en la naturaleza formal de la civilización occidental desde la creación de la UE» y que detrás de ello hay «muchas potencias que se juntan para lograr intereses más fuertes», unas instituciones que gracias a portales como Wikileaks, aseguró, ahora «tienen miedo».

«En el TTIP todo está vinculado. Por un lado, el tratado lo forman multinacionales agarrándose a todo lo que quieren y avanzando los intereses de EEUU en Europa, pero forma parte de una visión estratégica mucho más amplia».

«En este momento las multinacionales están jugando a la baza de China y han conseguido que la seguridad les apoye para consolidar un neoliberalismo financiero y tecnológico en un nuevo nivel. Si se aprueba el TTIP obstaculizará cualquier paso de lo privado a lo público», señaló Assange. «Si se aprueba el TTIP la vida de millones de personas cambiará».

Soto relacionó directamente las filtraciones de Wikileaks a partir de 2010, que desvelaron documentos internos de varios países, entre ellos de EEUU, y grandes multinacionales, a las revoluciones ciudadanas que se vivieron en muchos países, como la *primavera árabe* o el 15-M en España. «A nosotros nos animó ver el 15-M, el nivel de apoyo que había para Wikileaks y la información que llegó a la población. Los ciudadanos se disgustaron al comprobar cómo funcionaban las estructuras de poder, sus intereses y sus aliados», dijo Assange, mientras Soto, que estuvo presente en las concentraciones de Sol, explicó cómo gracias a los cables publicados por Wikileaks se enteró de cómo «las corporaciones internacionales [discográficas] luchaban contra mí» (le denunciaron por piratería en un proceso judicial que ganó el edil). Para concluir, Soto envió su apoyo al fundador de Wikileaks y subrayó que está seguro que el cambio llegará a Europa. «Necesitamos que sigas fuerte, el cambio está llegando a Europa. No te rindas», señaló el concejal.

El concejal Pablo Soto, en videoconferencia ayer con Julian Assange. ÁNGEL NAVARRETE

Antes de este coloquio, la alcaldesa de Madrid, Manuela Carmena, fue entrevistada por el periodista de *The Guardian* Paul Mason en un coloquio en el que aseguró que «su prioridad al llegar a la Alcaldía era no ser como los demás políticos y alcaldes, ser una alcaldesa sencilla, compartir el espacio público con los ciudadanos, tener una gestión transparente y hornada».

«Ser una alcaldesa es ser un vecino más con la obligación de gestionar grandes intereses», señaló Carmena, que afirmó que su intención era construir «una democracia abierta», donde los ciudadanos «puedan hacer política con nosotros, gestionar los asuntos de la ciudad juntos, además me planteé ser una persona normal, pagar el autobús y hablar con los vecinos como siempre había hecho».

Sobre la crisis de los refugiados, Carmena llamó a acabar con la «vergüenza» del trato dispensado a los refugiados y a presionar por parte de las instituciones para que este «escándalo» acabe.

Printed press article in El Mundo 28 May 2016

Internet, herramienta para crear ciudades más democráticas

Madrid celebra estos días un encuentro sobre participación ciudadana en la política en el que participará Julian Assange

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La consolidación de la era de internet, unida a la proliferación de movimientos ciudadanos (hechos que en realidad están muy ligados), ha dado pie a un nuevo panorama en el que las instituciones tienden a ser más abiertas.

Esta idea es la que ha servido de base para Ciudades democráticas, un encuentro celebrado en Madrid esta semana centrado en la utilización de las nuevas tecnologías como herramienta para incentivar la participación ciudadana en la vida política y social.

Desde el lunes hasta el jueves, en Medialab-Prado, ha tenido lugar en el llamado 'laboratorio democrático', una serie de mesas redondas y talleres sobre trabajo horizontal. Hoy y mañana se completará la programación del evento con una serie de conferencias internacionales en las que participarán reconocidos expertos en los procesos modernos de democratización: el periodista de *The Guardian* Paul Mason, autor del documental *#ThisIsACoup*, donde contó el choque de Syriza con la zona euro y el FMI; la brasileña Raquel Rolnik, relatora especial del Consejo de Derechos Humanos de la ONU sobre el derecho a una vivienda adecuada; el italiano Fabrizio Sestini, líder de la iniciativa de la Comisión Europea *Plataformas sobre conciencia colectiva para la sostenibilidad y la innovación social*; Bruno Kauffman, miembro del gobierno de la ciudad de Falun en Suecia, donde dirige el trabajo local para desarrollar la ciudadanía activa y la democracia participativa...

Sin embargo, la estrella de estas jornadas será Julian Assange, editor, periodista y activista australiano conocido por ser el fundador de Wikileaks. Desde la embajada de Ecuador en Londres –donde permanece recluido–, mantendrá hoy a las 12.00 horas, en el Reina Sofía, una charla por videoconferencia con Pablo Soto, concejal de Participación ciudadana, Transparencia y Gobierno abierto de la ciudad de Madrid.

Según ha explicado Soto a ***20minutos***, la charla girará en torno a qué vínculos hay entre «los nuevos ciclos de movilizaciones (muy relacionados con el uso intensivo de las tecnologías y las redes sociales) y la transparencia radical que se viene produciendo en los últimos años en todo el mundo».

«Es interesante que veamos si es así. Por ahí podemos tener una clave de cómo democratizar sociedades. A lo mejor tenemos que ser muy radicales con la transparencia para lograr una sociedad más democrática», especula Pablo Soto.

También hoy, la alcaldesa de Madrid, Manuela Carmena, conversará en abierto con el periodista Paul Mason. ●

LA CLAVE

Madrid, epicentro democrático

La ciudad de Madrid ha sido seleccionada por el proyecto D-Cent de la Unión Europea para acoger este encuentro, tras una valoración positiva de las últimas innovaciones llevadas a cabo en la ciudad en el campo de democracia directa.

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Assange:Para cambiar hay que fragmentar poder, no basta con convocar mayorías

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Madrid, EFE El fundador de Wikileaks, Julian Assange, ha asegurado hoy que para cambiar las "estructuras de poder" ya no es suficiente con "convocar a las mayorías" sino que hay que "fragmentar y producir fricción interna" en el propio poder para debilitarlo y que surjan "resistencias".

Assange ha hecho esta reflexión durante una charla mantenida hoy por videoconferencia con el concejal madrileño de Transparencia, Participación Ciudadana y Gobierno Abierto, Pablo Soto, en el marco de las jornadas sobre "Ciudades Democráticas" que se celebran en el Museo Reina Sofía de Madrid.

En su conversación con el concejal de Manuela Carmena que fue también uno de los impulsores del 15M, Julian Assange ha sostenido que tiene una visión "mixta" sobre el poder de la democracia puesto que, ha argumentado, "por definición son las élites las que tienen el poder".

"Para cambiar una sociedad no es suficiente sencillamente con convocar a las mayorías, ya no es suficiente, como propone Canvas, con poner flores en las armas de la Policía", ha sostenido Assange desde la Embajada de Ecuador en Londres, donde lleva asilado cuatro años.

Y esa, ha dicho, es su experiencia también en lo que se refiere a la publicación de informaciones filtradas: "El tejido del poder empieza a desgastarse; dentro existen conexiones entre los individuos y las instituciones que lo mantienen todo en pie".

Porque, según ha ejemplificado, la élite de Kenia se fragmentó cuando un informe de inteligencia reveló que durante años se sacaron miles de millones del país y que los propios poderosos se habían mentido entre ellos.

El Día.es 27 May 2016:
http://eldia.es/agencias/8704387-Assange-cambiar-hay-fragmentar-poder-basta-convocar-mayorias

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Carmena: "Mi prioridad era no ser como los demás políticos: un alcalde debe ser un vecino más"

La alcaldesa de Madrid ha participado junto al periodista Paul Mason, de 'The Guardian', en la conferencia internacional 'Ciudades Democráticas', en la que ha llamado a "repensar la izquierda" y a acabar con la "vergüenza" del trato a los refugiados.

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La alcaldesa de Madrid, Manuela Carmena, durante su intervención en la inauguración de "Ciudades Democráticas", el evento internacional sobre innovación democrática y nuevas tecnologías que se celebra en Madrid. EFE/Fernando Alvarado

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- Carmena se asienta en Cibeles tras un año de vaivenes y embestidas de Aguirre
- Ahora Madrid y PSOE entierran la "cultura del pelotazo urbanístico" al anular la última Operación Chamartín
- Carmena comienza a remunicipalizar servicios públicos con las funerarias
- Carmena avisa al PP que no quiere iniciar acciones legales por sus "calumnias e injurias"

ALEJANDRO TORRÚS

MADRID.- Cuando Manuela Carmena llegó a la alcaldía de Madrid, el 13 de junio del pasado año, tenía una "prioridad clara": "No ser como los demás políticos, **no ser como el resto de alcaldes que había conocido**". La primera edil de Madrid quería ser, según ha reconocido, una "alcaldesa sencilla", que "comparte el espacio público con los ciudadanos", en definitiva, "**un vecino más**".

"Un alcalde es un vecino más que tiene la responsabilidad de gestionar", ha señalado Manuela Carmena en el inicio de la entrevista que le ha realizado el periodista Paul Mason, de *The Guardian*, en la conferencia internacional '**Ciudades Democráticas**', que se celebrado este viernes en el Museo Reina Sofía.

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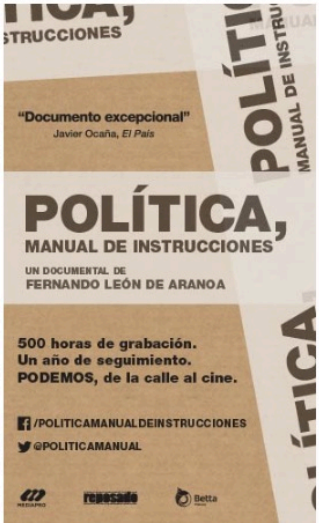

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Madrid, 23 may (EFE).- La ciudad de Madrid acoge desde hoy y hasta el próximo viernes el evento internacional sobre innovación democrática y nuevas tecnologías 'Ciudades Democráticas', que acogerán varias sedes y en el que intervendrá el miércoles por videoconferencia el fundador de Wikileaks, Julian Assange.

Assange intervendrá a través de internet en un videoconferencia junto al concejal de Participación Ciudadana del Ayuntamiento de Madrid, Pablo Soto.

También intervendrá en el evento la islandesa Birgitta Jónsdóttir, del Partido Pirata.

Igualmente, algunos de los principales expertos del mundo en dichos campos como Franco Berardi (Italia), Raquel Rolnik (Brasil), Renata Avila (Guatemala), Evgeny Morozov (Estados Unidos), Bruno Kaufmann (Suecia), Adam Greenfield (Inglaterra) o Jinsun Lee (Corea del Sur).

En "Ciudades Democráticas: tecnologías de los comunes y derecho a la ciudad democrática" participan el Ayuntamiento de Madrid, el programa D-Cent Project de la Comisión Europea, MediaLab Prado, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía y el Ayuntamiento de Barcelona.

Dentro de su programación, hasta el 28 de mayo, el Medialab Prado y el Museo Reina Sofía acogerán talleres, entrevistas en directo, conferencias y debates.

Los participantes debatirán sobre políticas públicas para transformar la democracia y promoverá una visión positiva de la inteligencia colectiva de la democracia del siglo XXI.

Con motivo de 'Ciudades democráticas', la alcaldesa de Madrid, Manuela Carmena, inaugurará el viernes 27 una conferencia internacional en una sesión compartida con el periodista británico Paul Mason.

En la conferencia, que tendrá su sede en el Museo Reina Sofía, se debatirá en torno a la democracia en red, las nuevas formas de participación y los bienes comunes digitales en las ciudades, según informa el Ayuntamiento en un comunicado. EFE

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Attachment 1: Event Materials

Programme booklet:

Friday 27 May

09.15	Registraton and refreshments
10.00	**Welcome** **Carlos Prieto del Campo**, Director, Museo Reina Sofía Study Centre
10.10	**Setting the scene: Technologies of the democratic city** **Francesca Bria**, Technology and Innovation Policy Advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta
10.20	**Growing collective platforms and digital democracy in Europe** **Fabrizio Sestini**, Senior Expert, Digital Social Innovation, European Commission DG Connect
10.30	**Empowering citizens: towards new forms of democracy** **Manuela Carmena**, Mayor of Madrid **Paul Mason**, Journalist, The Guardian
11.00	**Late neoliberalism: The financialization of cities and new movements for the right to the city** Introduced by: **Carlos Prieto del Campo**, Director, Museo Reina Sofía Study Centre **Raquel Rolnik**, Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of São Paulo
11.30	Refreshments
12.00	**Beyond surveillance capitalism: Towards democratic alternatives** **Julian Assange**, Founder, WikiLeaks in conversation with **Pablo Soto**, Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government, City of Madrid
12:30	**Post-capitalism, digital commons and democratic cities** Chair: **Francesca Bria**, Technology and innovation policy advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta **Paul Mason**, journalist, The Guardian **Trebor Scholz**, Author-activist, The New School **Francesco Berardi**, Writer and philosopher **Evgeny Morozov**, Author and editorialist
14:00	Lunch, networking and a chance to view the museum
16:00	**Direct democracy: New opportunities in the Digital Age for reinventing politics** Chair: **Bruno Kaufmann**, Chairman, Democracy and Election Commission, City of Falun, Sweden **Theo Schiller**, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg **Adam Greenfield**, Writer and urbanist **Andreas Gross**, Director, Atelier pour la Démocratie Directe **Marília Jahnel de Oliveira**, Coordinator, Right to the City, Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship, São Paulo
	The session will continue with a workshop at the Medialab-Prado at 18:00.
17:30	**Closing remarks** **Pablo Soto,** Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government, City of Madrid
18:00	Close

Saturday 28 May

09:15	Refreshments and registration
10:00	**Welcome to day two** **Carlos Prieto del Campo**, Director, Museo Reina Sofía Study Centre
10:10	**Freedom and technology self-determination in the era of digital surveillance** Chair: **Renata Avila,** Human rights lawyer and Director, Web We Want, Web Foundation **Sergio Amadeu**, Professor, Federal University of ABC **Natalie Fenton**, Professor and Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Global Media and Democracy, Goldsmiths, University of London **Birgitta Jónsdóttir**, Chairman of the Parliametary Party Group Iceland, and Chairman of the Board for the International Modern Media Institute **David Miranda**, Journalist, Youth House
11:45	Refreshments
12:15	**Global hacktivism for democracy** Chair: **Yago Bermejo Abati**, Director, Collective Intelligence for Democracy Laboratory, Medialab-Prado, City of Madrid **Richard Bartlett**, Co-founder, Loomio, Wellington **Jinsun Lee**, Founder, WAGL, Seoul **Audrey Tang**, Contributor, g0v.tw, Taipei **Diego Arredondo Ortiz**, Communication and technology, Wikipolítica, Guadalajara **Marco Sachy,** Distributed Ledger Architect, Dyne.org Foundation, Amsterdam
13:45	Lunch, networking and a chance to view the museum
15:00	**Building a network of Cities of Change: the new democratic institutionality and the constituent power of the commons** Chair: **Ana Méndez de Andés**, Strategic Planning and International Advisor, Madrid City Council **Ana Taboada Coma**, Lawyer and Deputy Mayor, City of Oviedo **Joonas Pekkanen**, E-participation Manager, City of Helsinki **Teele Pehk**, CEO, Estonian Cooperation Assembly **Aik van Eemeren**, Chief Technology Office, City of Amsterdam **Clémence Pène,** Digital Director for the Mayor of Paris, City of Paris **Luciana Genro**, Sharing the Change, Porto Alegre, Brazil
16:45	**Closing remarks** **Miguel Arana Catania**, Participation Project Director, Madrid City Council **Francesca Bria**, Technology and Innovation Policy Advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta
17:00	**Networking reception**
18:00	Close

Speakers

In order of appearance.
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Carlos Prieto del Campo, Director of the Study Centre, Museo Reina Sofía

Activist in European social movements, Carlos Prieto del Campo has a PhD in Philosophy from the Complutense University of Madrid, and is an expert in accounting and public sector auditing after having worked as a civil servant for the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Finance between 1989 and 2010. He is also an independent editor and activist in the field of culture, and has been editor of the Spanish version of New Left Review since 2000, director of the publishing projects Cuestiones de antagonismo (1999–2012) and Prácticas constituyentes since 2013. He has held different management posts in Spain's public sector and was dean of the Quito Institute of Higher National Studies (2013–2014) and an adviser to the Ecuadorian government. He is Director of the Study Centre at Museo Reina Sofía and is a member of the editorial board of L'Internationale Online.

Francesca Bria, Technology and innovation policy advisor, D-CENT Project Coordinator, Nesta

Francesca is a Senior Researcher and Advisor on information and technology policy. She has a PhD on innovation economics from Imperial College, London and an MSc on digital economy from University of London, Birkbeck. She is the EU Coordinator of the D-CENT project, the biggest European project on direct democracy and digital currencies. She also leads the DSI project on digital social innovation in Europe. She has been teaching in several universities in the UK and Italy and she has advised Governments, public and private organisations and movements on technology and information policy, and its socio-economic impact. Francesca is an adviser for the European Commission on future internet and innovation policy.

Fabrizio Sestini, Senior Expert, Digital Social Innovation, European Commission DG Connect

Fabrizio Sestini is Senior Expert in Digital Social Innovation with DG CONNECT of the European Commission. He is leading the multidisciplinary initiative "Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation", which aims at stimulating bottom-up innovative ideas for collaborative platforms exploiting network effects to include citizens, grassroots organisations and civil society in participatory social innovation processes. He is also pioneering a new area of research on distributed architectures for decentralised data governance, aiming at creating a level playground for new privacy-by-design applications exploiting the full potential of open data.

Raquel Rolnik, Professor, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of São Paulo

Ms. Rolnik is a professor, architect and urban planner, with over 35 years of scholarship, activism and practical experience in planning, urban land policy and housing issues. Based in São Paulo, she is a professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the University of São Paulo and is the author of several books and articles on urban and housing issues. In her career, she has held various government positions including Director of the Planning Department of the city of São Paulo (1989–1992) and National Secretary for Urban Programs of the Brazilian Ministry of Cities (2003–2007) as well as NGO activities, such as Urban Policy Coordinator of the Polis Institute (1997–2002). From May 2008, Ms. Raquel Rolnik was appointed by the UN Human Rights Council as UN Special Rapporteur on adequate housing for a six years mandate, ending June 2014.

Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid

Manuela Carmena is a retired Spanish lawyer, emeritus judge of the Spanish Supreme Court and Mayor of Madrid since 13 June 2015. After graduating law school in 1965, she became a defender of the workers and detainees during Franco's dictatorship, and co-founder of a labor law office where the1977 Massacre of Atocha took place. As a judge she began an almost solitary fight to prevent corruption in existing courts. In 1986 she received the National Human Rights Award. She was a member of the general Council of the Judiciary, and a founder of the progressive association Judges for democracy.

Paul Mason, Journalist, The Guardian

Paul Mason is a freelance journalist and film-maker. His documentary #ThisIsACoup told the story of Syriza's clash with the Eurozone and IMF in 2015. His latest book is *Postcapitalism: A Guide to Our Future*. He is a participant in the New Economics project organised by Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party.

Julian Assange, Founder, WikiLeaks

Julian Assange is an Australian publisher, journalist, and activist. He is the editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks, which he co-founded in 2006 after an earlier career in hacking and programming. He is the author of *Cypherpunks*, OR Books 2011; *When Google met Wikileaks*, OR Books 2014. His last book is *The Wikileaks Files*, Verso Books 20015.

Pablo Soto, Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government, City of Madrid

Pablo Soto is a Councillor for Ahora Madrid. He is a member of the Governing Board and the Councillor for Citizen Participation, Transparency and Open Government. Born in Madrid, from an early age Pablo worked as a software developer on Peer to Peer technologies that have since been used by more than 25 million people. More recently Pablo has been involved in the 15-M movement, and in major social movements including those of anti-eviction and the Spanish "Mareas".

Trebor Scholz, Activist-scholar, The New School

Trebor Scholz is an activist-scholar and Associate Professor for Culture & Media at The New School in New York City. His book *Uber-Worked and Underpaid. How Workers Are Disrupting the Digital Economy* (Polity, 2016) develops an analysis of the challenges posed by digital labor, introducing the concept of platform cooperativism as a way of joining the peer-to-peer and co-op movements with online labor markets while insisting on communal ownership and democratic governance. Recent edited volumes include *Ours to Hack and to Own: Platform Cooperativism. A New Vision for the Future of Work and a Fairer Internet* (with Nathan Schneider, O/R, 2016). He frequently presents on the future of work, solidarity, and the Internet to media scholars, lawyers, activists, designers, developers, union leaders, and policymakers worldwide.

Francesco Berardi, Writer and philosopher

Francesco Berardi is a contemporary writer, media-theorist and media-activist. He founded the magazine A/traverso (1975–1981) and was part of the staff of Radio Alice, the first free pirate radio station in Italy (1976–1978). Like others involved in the political movement of Autonomia in Italy during the 1970's, he fled to Paris, where he worked with Felix Guattari in the field of schizoanalysis. During the 1980's he contributed to the magazines Semiotexte (New York), Chimerees (Paris), Metropoli (Rome) and Musica 80 (Milan). He is currently collaborating on the magazine Derive Approdi and teaching social history of communication at the Accademia di belle Arti in Milan. He is the co-founder of the e-zine rekombinant.org and the telestreet phenomenon.

Evgeny Morozov, Author and editorialist

Evgeny Morozov is the author of *To Save Everything, Click Here* (2013) and The Net Delusion (2011) and a columnist for a number of international publications. He's written extensively about technology and politics for publications such as The New Yorker, London Review of Books, Financial Times, and others.

Bruno Kaufmann, Chairman, Democracy and Election Commission, City of Falun, Sweden

Bruno Kaufmann is member of the City of government of Falun in Sweden, where he leads the local work to develop active citizenship and participatory democracy (falun.se/democracy). He is the Co-founder and President of the leading global think-tank on modern direct democracy, the Initiative and Referendum Institute (iri-europe.org) and Co-heads the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy (2016globalforum.com), which will have its sixth edition in Donostia-San Sebastian November 16–19. As a journalist Bruno covers democratic affairs for the Swiss Broadcasting Company and is Editor-in-Chief of its democracy platform (people2power.info). He is author of the European Unions *Passport on Active Citizenship* (published in 22 languages) (democracypassport.eu).

Theo Schiller, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg

Professor, Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg/Germany (1974 - emeritus 2007). Teaching and research fields: German and European Politics, Democracy. Director, Centre of Citizens' Participation and Direct Democracy. Mehr Demokratie e.V., advisory council. Initiative and Referendum Institute (IRI) Europe, council. Vice-President, Philipps University Marburg, 1997–2001. Recent publications include: *Direct Democracy*, in: Handbuch vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, ed. H. J. Lauth (2016); *Citizens' Initiatives in Europe*, 2012 (co-ed. with M. Setälä); and *Local Direct Democracy in Europe*, 2011 (ed.) He is the frequent participant in legislative hearings in German state legislatures.

Adam Greenfield, Writer and urbanist

Adam Greenfield is a London-based writer and urbanist. Senior Urban Fellow at LSE Cities for 2014, he currently teaches the "Architectures of Participation" course at the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL. Greenfield's publications include *Everyware: The dawning age of ubiquitous computing* (2006), *Against the smart city* (2013), and *Radical Technologies* (forthcoming from Verso).

Andreas Gross, Director, Atelier pour la Démocratie Directe

Andreas Gross is a Swiss political scientist and politician. After graduation in Basel, Andreas studied history at the University of Zurich, then political science at the University of Lausanne. This was followed by working as a journalist, as an assistant at the University of Bern and in 1989 the establishment of private scientific institution of direct democracy in Zurich, since 1998 as Atelier pour la Démocratie Directe in Jura Saint-Ursanne.

Marilia Iahnel de Oliviera, Coordinator, Right to the City, Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship, São Paulo

Marília Jahnel is a social scientist from São Paulo specialised in Geography, Urban Architecture and Cultural Management. She has an extensive experience in the cultural domain having formerly worked as Programming Supervisor at theYouth Cultural Center within the Municipal Secretariat for Culture of São Paulo City Hall. She is currently the Coordinator for the Right to the City Department at the Municipal Secretariat for Human Rights and Citizenship.

Renata Avila, Human rights lawyer and Director, Web We Want, Web Foundation

Renata Avila is a human rights lawyer from Guatemala specialised in intellectual Property and New Technologies. She worked as one of the lawyers representing the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Rigoberta Menchu Tum. Involved in Internet and Human Rights research since 2009, she joined Sir Tim Berners-Lee to coordinate the work of the Web We Want campaign at the Web Foundation, dedicated to preserving and upholding human rights, responding to threats to the future of the Internet. She currently serves as a Board Member of Creative Commons Board of Directors. She is also a member of Courage Foundation advisory board, assisting whistleblowers and sources at risk and in the D-CENT board, exploring the future of decentralised technologies.

Sergio Amadeu de Silveira, Professor, Federal University of ABC

Sergio Amadeu da Silveira is a Professor at the Federal University of ABC (UFABC). He received his PhD in Political Science from the University of São Paulo (USP) in 2005. He led the National Institute of Information Technology from 2003 to 2005, when he participated as a board member of the Internet Steering Committee in Brazil. From 2011 to 2013, has was elected to the same board. He is a known researcher of digital networks, privacy and collaborative technologies, and a free software activist.

Natalie Fenton, Professor and Co-Director, Centre for the Study of Global Media and Democracy, Goldsmiths, University of London

Natalie Fenton is a Professor in Media and Communications at Goldsmiths, University of London. She is Co-Director of the Goldsmiths Leverhulme Media Research Centre and Co-Director of Goldsmiths Centre for the Study of Global Media and Democracy. She has published widely on issues relating to news, journalism, civil society, radical politics and new media. Her most recent books are *Digital, Political, Radical* (2016) published by Polity; *Misunderstanding the Internet* (2012, 2016) (with James Curran and Des Freedman) Routledge and *New Media, Old News: Journalism and Democracy in the Digital Age* (2010) (ed.) Sage. She is on the Board of Directors of the campaign group Hacked Off and a founding member of the Media Reform Coalition.

Birgitta Jónsdóttir, Chairman of the Parliametary Party Group Iceland, and Chairman of the board for the International Modern Media Institute

Birgitta Jónsdóttir is an Icelandic Poetician and is currently serving as the chairman of the Parliamentary Party Group in Iceland, a member of 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 specialises in lawmaking for the 21st century.

David Miranda, journalist, Youth House

David Miranda is a privacy activist and journalist who has covered stories based on leaks by US whistle-blower Edward Snowden. The 28-year-old Brazilian citizen was detained with his partner Glenn Greenwald for nine hours at Heathrow Airport under anti-terror laws on 18 August for carrying files related to information obtained by the US whistleblower Edward Snowden. David is the Brazilian coordinator of the campaign for asylum to Snowden in Brazil (www.snowdentreaty.org), raising the pressure on Governments around the world to protect human rights, freedom of expression and information, and the rights of whistleblowers and journalists.

Yago Bermejo Abati, Director, Collective Intelligence for Democracy Laboratory, Medialab-Prado, City of Madrid

Yago Bermejo is the founder of LaboDemo.net, an organisation focused on Internet democracy. He has been researching for some years how Internet could help society to make policies in a collaborative way with direct and deliberative processes. LaboDemo has created in the Podemos party an entire strategy involving different tools with hundreds of thousands of people participating. These mechanisms have inspired direct democracy in Madrid City Government. Now he is researching how to improve these new Internet democracy processes in the new Collective Intelligence for Democracy Laboratory in Madrid City Council's Medialab-Prado. Yago has a degree in Physics. He has worked as a teacher, as a musician and entrepreneur.

Richard Bartlett, Founder, Loomio

Richard D. Bartlett is one of the cofounders of Loomio, an open source tool for collaborative online decision-making. He's also a senior member at Enspiral: a decentralised network of people using the tools of business to build the commons. His background is in the arts, creative activism and DIY electronics. His current work is focussed on the missing layer of the sharing economy: collaborative ownership and collaborative governance.

Jinsun Lee, Founder, WAGL

Jinsun Lee is a founder & CEO of WAGL (We-All-Govern Lab), a politics startup based on Seoul, South Korea. She has been working as a scholar specialising in Internet activism and participatory journalism and activist struggling for social innovation and democratisation. Before founding WAGL in August 2015, she has worked as Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts at Old Dominion University, USA and as Vice President of the Hope Institute which support social innovation and grassroots democracy in Korea. WAGL is committed to promoting bold innovative experiments in media and politics, and changing the political landscape by engaging more people in decision-making processes on horizontal networks.

Audrey Tang, Contributor, g0v.tw

Audrey Tang, a civic hacker who grew up among Tiananmen exiles, is known for revitalising the computer languages Perl and Haskell, as well as building the online spreadsheet system EtherCalc in collaboration with Dan Bricklin. in the public sector, Audrey serves on Taiwan national development council's open data committee and K-12 curriculum committee; and led the country's first e-Rulemaking project. In the private sector, Audrey works as a consultant with Apple on computational linguistics, with Oxford University Press on crowd lexicography, and with Socialtext on social interaction design. In the third sector, Audrey actively contributes to Taiwan's g0v ("gov-zero"), a vibrant community focusing on creating tools for the civil society, with the call to "fork the government".

Diego Arredondo Ortiz, Communication and technology, Wikipolítica

Diego graduated in Communication Sciences from ITESM. He is one of the founding members of Wikipolítica Jalisco, where he participates in research, development and implementation of collaborative tools, internal and external protocols as well as designing communication strategies and materials. He is also an elected member of Wikipolítica's consulting council for Pedro Kumamoto's term as an independent in the state Congress of Jalisco, with a focus on discourse strategies. His personal work explores the possibilities of interactivity from a multidisciplinary approach to hypermedia and installation exhibiting in festivals and cultural centers in Guadalajara, Mexico City and Madrid. He was a scholar for the program UAM-Santander 2012 in Madrid.

Marco Sachy, Distributed Ledger Architect, Dyne.org Foundation

Marco is PhD in Critical Management Studies from University of Leicester School of Management, with a thesis titled 'Money as a Commons - toward a user-managed currency and payment system design'. As a hacktivist, aka Radium, he co-authors the blog www.dyndy.net and is a Distributed Ledger Architect of the Dyne.org Foundation (www.dyne.org) working on Freecoin (http://freecoin.ch) leveraging the 'blockchain, in order to proactively expand the representational horizon for the bottom-up resistance of the Multitude against the unfolding violence of financial capitalism. Freecoin serves pilot communities in the D-CENT Project (www.dcentproject.eu); and Poverty Income and Employment News, or the PIE News Project, due to start in the second half of 2016.

Ana Méndez de Andés, Strategic Planning and International Advisor, Madrid City Council

Ana is an Advisor in the City Council of Madrid. She is an architect and planner who has worked extensively in urbanism and landscape projects in cities such as Amsterdam, London and Madrid and on different scales, from general municipal plans and territorial strategies to the design of small urban public spaces. Ana has also been a professor of urbanism in Madrid and Shanghai. She has coordinated workshops and seminars around themes like the urban commons, public spaces, strategic cartographies, and a radical democratic municipal project, at various universities and cultural institutions. Recently, Ana has been closely involved with the Ahora Madrid project, and she's now working in the cultural Department of the City hall of Madrid.

Ana Taboada Coma, Lawyer and Deputy Mayor, City of Oviedo

Born in Oviedo in 1972, Ana Taboada Coma is a lawyer. From 1998 to 2015 she ran her own law firm where she developed her career specialising in human rights and immigration law. In 2008 she began teaching at the School of Legal practice, later teaching the Master of Law course at the University of Oviedo. Ana has taught widely about gender violence, penal responsibility of minors, foreign minors, immigration law, migrations and human rights, and crimes related to corruption. She is a lawyer at the Citizen Observatory against Corruption (OCAN). Currently, she is also Deputy Mayor at the City Council of Oviedo and city councillor of Citizen Participation. She has two daughters.

Joonas Pekkanen, E-participation Manager, City of Helsinki, Forum Virium Helsinki

Joonas Pekkanen has been involved in the D-CENT project since its beginning. Last year he was recruited to lead the e-participation functions of the City of Helsinki. His background is in citizen activism and startups. Joonas is a founding member of Open Knowledge Finland, he has founded a civil society organisation called Open Ministry to crowdsource law proposals into parliament and is involved in numerous open data and digital commons projects.

Teele Pehk, CEO, Estonian Cooperation Assembly

I have experience in urban development, citizen engagement and co-creation from the Estonian Urban Lab (www.linnalaborr.ee), competence centre for urban thought and action. I was leading the Lab for 5 years until 2014 and am still involved in urban development issues. Now I am mainly working on deliberative democracy issues, I recently set up a web platform www.rahvaalgatus.ee for co-creating and signing collective initiatives targeted to the Parliament of Estonia – this is one of my tasks at the foundation Estonian Cooperation Assembly that I have been leading since summer 2015. The foundation operates under the protective wing of the President of Estonia.

Aik van Eemeren, Chief Technology Office, City of Amsterdam

Aik van Eemeren works on city innovation through (disruptive) technology at the Chief Technology Office of Amsterdam and is director of the Dutch organisation for managers in government (local, regional and national). In Amsterdam he is responsible for a wide variety of innovative projects in public space, infrastructure and the governmental organization itself.

Clémence Pène, Digital Director for the Mayor of Paris, City of Paris

Clémence Pène is an advisor to the Mayor of Paris, in charge of her digital strategy and open government. As a PhD candidate researching on campaigns and activism in France and in the United States, she has been awarded with a Fulbright Fellowship and two Google fellowships for young civic tech innovators. She is the President of the Personal Democracy Forum France network, a yearly civic tech event, imported from New York to Paris. Clémence now teaches Political Science at La Sorbonne in Paris.

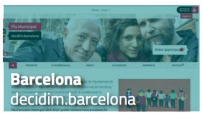
Luciana Genro, Sharing the Change, Porto Alegre, Brazil

Luciana Genro is a teacher, lawyer and one of the founders of the Socialism and Liberty Party (PSOL) in Brazil. She began her political activism in the Worker's Party and has served four terms as regional and national congresswoman. Expelled from PT in 2003 for disagreeing with the party's political changes and liberal reforms, she started the movement to create PSOL, founded in 2004. In 2014 she ran for Presidency, gathering 1,612,186 votes and finishing 4th. One of the pillars of Luciana's campaigns has always been the radicalisation of democracy's and people's empowerment. This year she's the leading candidate of Brazil's municipal elections in Porto Alegre and has launched a digital platform called "Sharing the Change", inspired by the experience of Podemos to make a collaborative government's plan with the citizienship.

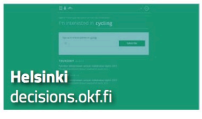
Miguel Arana Catania, Participation Project Director, Madrid City Council

Miguel Arana is the Director of the Madrid city council participation project. He has been actively involved in the 15M movement in Spain since its beginning, with an emphasis in the digital tools and the connection of the movement with other countries. Co-founder of LaboDemo, an organisation dedicated to the design, implementation and development of participation strategies and digital tools. He has been working in the participation team of Podemos and Ahora Madrid, defining the participation strategy of the parties, and at the European level designing new tools for the future democracy in the D-CENT project.

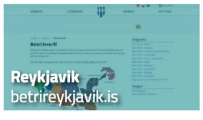
Open consultation and direct democracy platform. Launched by the Ahora Marid coalition after the recent municipal elections, citizens are able to propose, debate, prioritise and implement policy for the city.



Digital platform for participation of the city of Barcelona. It is a tool to build a democratic, open and transparent city by enhancing citizen participation in the definition and development of policies.



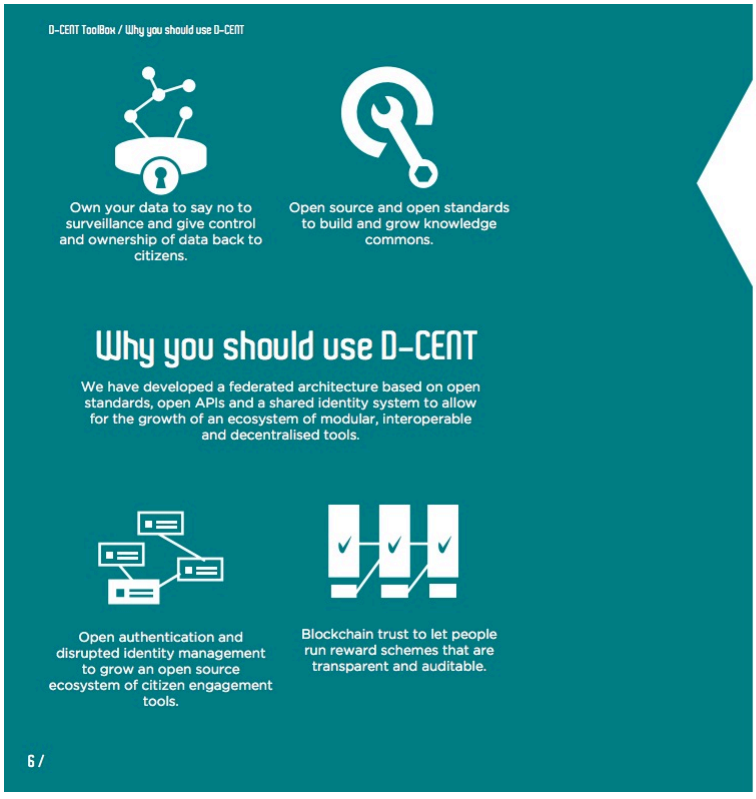
Notifications of municipal policy decisions. Using the municipal open API on town hall agendas, the platform allows citizens to sign up to be notified when decisions are made about issues that concern them.



Participatory budgeting platform for the city of Reykjavik. The platform is a development from the Betri Reykjavik prioritisation and participation platform allowing citizens to submit ideas on how to spend a part of the city budget in their neigbourhood.

D-CENT ToolBox:

The D-CENT tools enable citizens to keep informed and participate in issues that matter to them.



D-CENT ToolBox / Citizen Notifications

Citizen Notifications

Decisions

You can find out more at
decisions.okf.fi

Or find it on GitHub at
github.com/okffi/decisions

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This notification service lets citizens sign up to receive information on municipal decisions of interest to them. Currently in use in Helsinki, it also offers citizens the opportunity to participate in decisions that involve their municipality, and crowdsources content that can then be used in the decision-making process. Its aim is to create more online and offline political engagement.

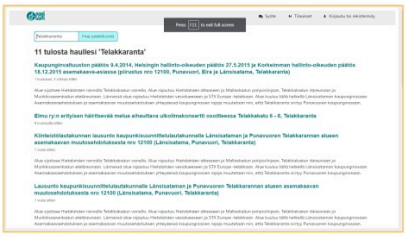
WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool allows citizens to search for municipal decisions that match their interests. Once a citizen has performed a search, they are given the option of subscribing to future municipal decisions which match their search criteria. Their email address and search criteria are then stored and emails are generated and sent when a new decision is made.

On the decision pages, users can share the issues to social media and - importantly - they can open up a discussion related to that topic.

THE TOOL IN ACTION

The decision-making data utilised for the D-CENT pilot service in Helsinki is fetched from Open Ahjo, an award-winning open API providing access to all municipal decisions made by the Helsinki City Council. Currently, the Open Ahjo interface contains over 40,000 agenda items and over 21,000 issues from more than 8,000 meetings.



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Citizen Notifications

Mooncake

You can find out more at
mooncake.dcentproject.eu

Or find it on GitHub at
github.com/d-cent/mooncake

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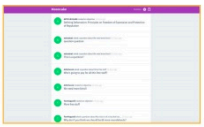
Mooncake is a notifications tool that securely notifies an organisation's members of events and activity in its D-CENT ecosystem.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Mooncake aggregates data from different sources into a feed. This feed updates as new data is published so that users are aware of any activity in their network. This network can consist of multiple apps, including both those within the D-CENT ecosystem and additional custom tools, provided they publish data in the same format.

Mooncake also notifies users if any messages in the feed can't be authenticated with a JSON Web Signature (JWS). The user is shown a visual cue next to messages in the feed that were not signed or unsuccessfully signed. This means that users can be confident that the notifications actually originated at the expected source.



TECHNICAL SPECS

Mooncake was built in Clojure, a JVM-based language. Client-side code is written in ClojureScript and the CSS files are written in Sass. It uses a MongoDB database to store the activities.

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Collaborative policy making

This set of tools enables citizens to participate in the policy making process using collaborative online platforms.

D-CENT is currently running a series of pilots that are testing the technology and using them in real world settings.

WHO ARE THEY FOR?

These tools are aimed at democratic organisations that want to involve their members to make consistent and fair decisions or introduce new policy in order to achieve desired outcomes. They can be used to engage citizens in writing political manifestos, determining policy priorities, deciding about the allocation of municipal budget and actively participating in the political decision-making process. So far they have been tested by political parties, cities, local councils, members of Parliaments, community groups and grassroots organisations.

Objective 8

Objective 8 is a policy drafting tool that allows organisations to work with their members to produce transparent and crowd-sourced policies. Often a policy document is written by a single person or small team, and not shared until complete. Objective 8 has been designed to help organisations create policy in a more open, transparent and collaborative way. It allows a wider community to shape and inform policy drafts compared with the traditional method.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool supports the idea of collaboratively producing policy by allowing members of a community to review, comment and annotate versions (drafts) of a policy. The feedback provided by the community is then made accessible to the policy writers so that it can be included in the next version of the draft.

Through the tool, users can gather community opinion, generate ideas, share, discuss, vote and collaborate with experts to draft the new policy. This could include specific policies, manifesto pages, election promises, etc.

FEATURES

- **Create policy ideas:** Users create a policy idea – called an 'objective' – that acts as an individual and shareable area of the site and is a hub for discussion, gathering opinions and discussing drafts of policy documents.
- **Ask questions and submit answers:** Questions can be attached to objectives in order to gather community feedback and consensus around a specific issue or point of discussion.
- **Comment on a policy:** Comments can be added on the objective page and on drafts of documents, allowing users to discuss the overall intent of a policy being produced as well as the content at the document level.
- **Share via social networks:** Each objective and question can be shared via Twitter, Facebook, Reddit and other social media in order to gather input and feedback from the community.

TECHNICAL SPECS

Objective 8 was built in Clojure, a JVM-based language. It uses a PostgreSQL database to store the data. It supports authentication through Facebook, Twitter and Stonecutter using the OpenID Connect specification.

FIND OUT MORE

You can find our more at:
objective8.dcentproject.eu

Or find it on Github at:
github.com/d-cent/objective8

Collaborative policy making Consul

Consul is an e-government and e-participation digital platform software originally developed for the Madrid City government. Since it launched in September 2015, new features have been added and other cities have started to use the software to develop their own participatory digital platforms - including Barcelona.

The main principles on which the platform is based are: open participation, transparency, the combination of online and offline participation, and citizen empowerment. The platform helps to manage the complexity of participation, which is often a challenging task for councils. The platform brings government closer to the citizenry by opening up direct participatory channels for policy making.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Consul allows citizens to be an active part of the city government by offering them different kinds of participatory mechanisms for direct democracy, deliberation and other collaborative political practices.

Consul allows users to launch collective debates, to propose and support proposals, to organise physical meetings, to run citizen surveys, to organise votes on how investment should be distributed, or to write laws in a collaborative way. In summary, a key value has been to integrate several functionalities into the same digital participatory platform.

FEATURES:

- **Start debates:** the platform provides an open space for sharing and discussing the things that matter to citizens.
- **Open proposals:** it allows citizens to submit proposals related to the kind of city that they want to live in.
- **Make collaborative decisions:** citizens can vote on whether to accept or reject the most supported proposals. If a proposal is accepted by the majority, the City Council accepts it as its own and makes it happen.
- **Participate in budgets:** it enables citizens vote to decide how to distribute investment across the city and the districts.

TECHNICAL SPECS

Consul is a free software, with licence AGPLv3, which means that anyone can use the code freely, copy it, see it in detail, modify it and redistribute it with the modifications.

FIND OUT MORE

decide.madrid.es

decidim.barcelona

github.com/consul/consul

github.com/AjuntamentdeBarcelona/decidim.barcelona

D-CENT ToolBox / Collaborative Policy Making

Collaborative policy making

Your Priorities

You can find out more at **yrpri.org**

Or find it on GitHub at **github.com/rbjarnason/your-priorities-app**

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Your Priorities is a social network app designed specifically for citizens.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

It helps to connect citizens and government in order to give citizens more influence on policy and budgets while building up trust between citizens and government.

FEATURES:

- Allows citizens to submit and prioritise ideas.
- Ideas can debated, with points awarded for and against and debate points prioritised.
- Includes a Facebook style newsfeeds for ideas, groups, communities and domains.
- Features activity streams and browser and email notifications.
- Google Maps and Google Streetview integration for ideas.
- Support for social media login and SAML for electronic IDs.

TECHNICAL SPECS

Open Standards used: Web Components, HTML, Ecmascript.

D-CENT ToolBox / Collaborative Policy Making

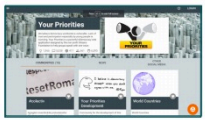
THE TOOL IN ACTION

Better Reykjavik

The city of Reykjavik has been using Your Priorities since 2010, both for getting citizens' voices heard at city council meetings and to gather and prioritise ideas for participatory budgeting.

Rahvakogu People's Assembly in Estonia

After political scandals in Estonia in 2012, grassroots organisations with official ties led a law reform project. Ideas were gathered through Your Priorities, which was installed and modified locally. Over 50,000 people took part and submitted over 2,000 proposals. The President of Estonia submitted the top 15 ideas to the Parliament, and seven of those have since become Estonian law.



Pirate Party 2015 Annual Meeting

The Icelandic Pirate Party, which holds five percent of seats in Parliament, used Your Priorities to communicate with its members to find out their most important common priorities.

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D-CENT ToolBox / Electronic Voting

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Or find it on GitHub at **github.com/agoravoting**

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AGORA VOTING

A secure open-source online voting software that protects the privacy of the vote and makes elections end-to-end verifiable.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool allows organisations to carry out secure, flexible and transparent elections online. Votes are encrypted by the voter's web browser and are kept private from even the election administrators. It has been used in multiple elections in Spain, including by political parties such as Podemos to do internal binding elections.

FEATURES:

- **Voter authentication and authorisation:** multiple options for checking the authenticity of voters, e.g. via codes delivered by post, ID card recognition, one-time SMS/email password codes.
- **Secure private voting:** ballots are encrypted in the web browser.
- **Verifiable and transparent results:** a fully verifiable counting process that opens the ballot boxes and tallies the results, preserving the secrecy of the vote.

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- **Multi-device:** users can vote from laptop, tablet or mobile device.

TECHNICAL SPECS

- Scalable to hundreds of thousands of votes.
- Easy-to-use voting and administrative web-based interfaces.
- Modular software design; easy to integrate with other tools, such as external authentication methods.
- ElGamal homomorphic encryption scheme.
- Schnorr proof of plaintext knowledge [11] to make the scheme CCA2-secure.
- The cast-or-audit mechanism implemented at the voting booth is exercised by enough voters to render altering ballots on a large scale very unlikely.

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D-CENT ToolBox / Blockchain Reward Scheme

Blockchain reward scheme

Freecoin

You can find out more at **freecoin.ch**

Or find it on GitHub at **github.com/d-cent/freecoin**

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An experimental element of the D-CENT project has been developing Freecoin.

Freecoin is a toolkit to let people run reward, remuneration and incentive schemes that are contextually transparent and can be inscribed in different blockchain backends. Freecoin is made for participatory and democratic organisations who want to incentivise transparency and management agility.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

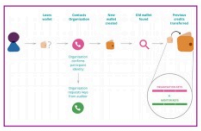
Using Freecoin, organisations can design and run reward schemes that use digital currencies and vouchers, and that are transparent and auditable. It is a software codebase to operate Trust Management Systems among individuals and organisations. When systems users are humans, Trust Management is an area of information technology that aims to improve the operation of open, distributed systems by predicting or influencing the behaviour of their users. When applied to human users, Trust Management methods attempt to leverage the human capacity for social trust or dis-trust.

D-CENT ToolBox / Blockchain Reward Scheme

With Freecoin, communities can run decentralised incentive and reward structures in terms of tolerance to risk. It allows communities and organisations to engage in transactions that have real world desirable impact and that they produce and construct collectively. At the same time it allows for complete democratic oversight on transaction history and collective deliberation on social currency systems, i.e. the rules of engagement and reward as a function of reputation management.

TECHNICAL SPECS

Freecoin is free and open source (Affero GNU General Public License v3+). It is written in Clojure to offer a RESTful API and a clean user interface to improve the developer exp erience and facilitate its adoption by front-end software applications. In brief, Freecoin allows RESTful APIs to be put in communication with distributed ledgers. It can be used stand-alone or integrated into systems.



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Setting up your D-CENT ecosystem

You can find out more at **sso.dcentproject.eu**

Or find it on GitHub at **github.com/d-cent/stonecutter**

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WHY THE D-CENT ECOSYSTEM?

D-CENT has brought together the largest European community of open-source democracy tool developers, hackers, grassroots citizen movements and policymakers.

We aim to create a uniquely European open and decentralised approach, aimed at empowering ordinary citizens to take action for the common good. This would be an alternative to closed and centralised internet platforms whose business models rely on aggregating users' information and monetising the identity and social data of their users.

We value privacy and security, and our tools are built on open-source code and open standards. D-CENT federates these tools, but they can be combined in many ways to support specific democratic processes. The D-CENT tools build on open standards for a distributed identity management system that gives people control over their own social data.

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STONECUTTER

The foundation for the D-CENT system is Stonecutter, a privacy-aware open authentication and identity management tool that provides a single sign on for using the D-CENT tools and applications. This system is designed to be straight-forward for community groups to set-up and host, allowing users to authorise access to their data for use in various applications from an easy-to-use dashboard, without resorting to centralised platforms.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

The tool provides federated and privacy-aware user management for organisations. It can be used to provide users with a single account to access multiple websites in their community. This allows users to sign in to different applications using just one password.

Stonecutter is open source and self-hosted, so any organisation can use it to manage the user base of their applications. It also provides users with a clear understanding of what information they are sharing with the websites they're connecting to.

TECHNICAL SPECS

Stonecutter was built in Clojure, a JVM-based language. Client-side code is written in ClojureScript and the CSS files are written in Sass. It uses a MongoDB database to store the user data.

THE TOOL IN ACTION

Stonecutter is currently being used by the following groups

- A British political party, to allow everyone to contribute to their campaign, including those who do not have a Facebook or Twitter account or who do not wish to link their social and political profiles.
- New Garden Cities Project, to allow those who do not have social media accounts to engage with the project.
- Internally at ThoughtWorks, to ensure that only trusted users have access to sensitive discussions.

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Publishable summary:

Technologies for 21st century democracy

D-CENT (Decentralised Citizens ENgagement Technologies) is a Europe-wide project bringing together citizen-led organisations that have transformed democracy in the past years, and helping them in developing the next generation of open source, distributed, and privacy-aware tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment.

Lean UX development: From users' needs into features

D-CENT is running large-scale pilots in Spain, Iceland, and Finland through Lean UX experimentation, leveraging existing network movements with a user-base of tens of thousands of people.

D-CENT builds on Europe's largest experiments in direct democracy – the Open Ministry crowdsourcing site linked into parliament in Finland; the e-democracy website Better Reykjavik in Iceland; Podemos, the bottom-up Spanish political movement, and the municipal citizen coalitions Barcelona en Comú and Ahora Madrid.

D-CENT will grow longer-term alternatives to today's highly centralised platforms and power structures and promote the development of knowledge, digital infrastructures and data for the common good.

What does D-CENT do?

The D-CENT tools enable citizens to be informed and get real-time notifications about issues that matter to them; propose and draft solutions and policy collaboratively; decide and vote on solutions and collective municipal budgeting; and finally implement and reward people with blockchain reward schemes.

Why you should use D-CENT?

D-CENT tools form a federated architecture based on open standards, open APIs and a shared identity system to allow for the growth of an eco-system of modular, interoperable and decentralised tools.

Own your data
to say no to surveillance and give back citizens control and ownership of data

Open source and open standards
to build and grow knowledge commons

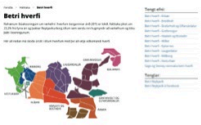
Open authentication and distributed identity management
to grow an open source eco-system of citizen engagement tools

Blockchain trust
to let people run reward schemes that are transparent and auditable

Large-scale Democracy Pilots

Barcelona
Digital platform for participation of the City of Barcelona. It is a tool to build a democratic, open and transparent city by enhancing citizen participation in the definition and development of policies.
decidim.barcelona

Reykjavik
Participatory budgeting platform for the city of Reykjavik. The platform is a development from the Betri Reykjavik prioritisation and participation platform allowing citizens to submit ideas on how to spend a part of the city budget in their neighborhood. reykjavik.is/betrihverfi



Helsinki
Notifications of municipal policy decisions. Using the municipal open API on town hall agendas, service allows citizens to sign up to be notified when decisions are made about issues that are of interest or concern to them. decisions.okf.fi

Madrid
Open consultation and direct democracy platform launched by the city of Madrid after the recent municipal elections. Enables citizens to propose, debate, prioritise and implement policy for the city.
decide.madrid.es

Digital tools for Democracy

D-CENT allows people to discuss and share content, engage in mass scale deliberation, collaborative policy making, and voting.

The tools form a federated and distributed architecture. They can be combined in many ways to support democratic processes.

Collaborative policy making
Objective8 helps to propose ideas and collaborate on policy drafting.

Electronic Voting
Agora Voting offers auditable, transparent and fully verifiable electronic elections.

Blockchain reward and trust scheme
Freecoin.ch is a set of tools to let people run reward schemes that are transparent and auditable.

Secure notifications engine
A tool called Mooncake that securely notifies an organisation's members of events and activity in its D-CENT ecosystem.

Common open authentication
An open authentication and identity management tool called Stonecutter, which provides a single sign on for using the D-CENT tools and applications.

Awards and exhibitions

Prix Ars Electronica
The Prix Ars Electronica is one of the most important yearly prizes in the field of electronic and interactive art, computer animation, digital culture and music. In 2016, D-CENT was awarded with an Honorary mention in Digital communities category.

ISOC Internet Awards
The Internet Society in Netherlands nominated D-CENT Freecoin among ten the most innovative and interesting initiatives to receive the Internet Innovation Award 2016.

Big Bang Data
D-CENT was showcased at Somerset house in London. The Big Bang Data exhibition explored datafication through the work of artists, designers, journalists and visionaries.

ICT2015
EU's biggest digital research event attracted more than 7000 ICT professionals. D-CENT showcased its tools in the exhibition area among 100 best-in-class results of European ICT Research & Innovation projects.

Part of the EU CAPS initiative
D-CENT is part of a larger set of Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation programme launched by the European Commission with over 60ML euros.

CAPS aims at designing and piloting online platforms creating awareness of sustainability problems and offering collaborative solutions to enable new forms of social innovation.

Multidisciplinary research
An integrated techno-socio-economic analysis has been carried out on network models of emerging social movements, new economic models based on knowledge commons, alternatives to data marketplaces, distributed architectures, new models for citizen control of personal and social data, privacy and security by design.

The Centre d'économie de la Sorbonne, Dyne, and Nesta investigated the experiences of complementary currencies at the light of the Bitcoin revolution. As a result, D-CENT developed a complementary currency toolkit to manage community trust, reputation, and provide a blockchain reward scheme that is auditable and transparent.

D-CENT has contributed actively to the development of open social web standards, an open standardization effort led by the W3C.

All research reports are available at dcentproject.eu/resources.

Participate
D-CENT tools have shown to be very successful and are now mature to be adopted by many other cities, democratic organisations, parties and parliaments around the world.

We call for open source developers, hackers, social movements, democracy activists and democratic organisations to learn about D-CENT and participate to keep growing the community.

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tools.dcentproject.eu

github.com/D-CENT

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Poster, flyers

Attachment 2: Press coverage