



Commons technology and the right to a democratic city



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D-CENT (Decentralised Citizens ENGagement Technologies) is the largest European project on direct democracy. It has created open, secure and privacy-aware tools for direct democracy and economic empowerment.

D-CENT has run from October 2013 to May 2016, and it is co-funded by the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and innovation. It comprises a strong international consortium with nine partners from across Europe: Nesta, UK; Citizens Foundation, Iceland; CNRS Centre d'économie de la Sorbonne, France; Dyne.org, the Netherlands; Forum Virium Helsinki, Finland; International Modern Media Institute, Iceland; Open Knowledge Foundation, UK; Open University of Catalunya and Eurecat, Spain; ThoughtWorks, UK; World Wide Web Consortium, France.

Nesta...

D-Cent is coordinated by Nesta. Nesta is an independent charity that pioneers new methods for tapping great ideas and collective brainpower for the common good. The charity acts through a combination of practical programmes, investment, policy and research and the formation of partnerships to promote innovation across a broad range of sectors.

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Medialab-Prado is a citizen laboratory of production, research and broadcasting of cultural projects that explores the forms of experimentation and collaborative learning that have emerged from digital networks. It is part of the Department of Culture and Sports (former Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism) of the Madrid City Council.



The Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía is Spain's national museum of 20th-century art. Offering a mixture of national and international temporary exhibitions in its many galleries it is one of the world's largest museums for modern and contemporary art.



In the last year Madrid City Council has made a firm commitment to direct democracy, participation and transparency. Through the website decide.madrid.es citizen proposals are collected as well as direct interviews and discussion forums facilitated. The City Council has also launched the most ambitious participatory budget in Europe, through which citizens decide the use of 60 million euros. The objective of the City is to move forward and spread direct democracy beyond the city limits: as such, the free software developed for these participatory processes is available to any institution and administration worldwide.



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Barcelona City Council is committed to participatory, transparent and open democracy involving all social groups and citizens. As an example, during the participatory development of the Municipal and District Action Plans there were more than 400 physical meetings and contact with more than 30,000 individuals and associations. This engagement has resulted in more than 10,000 proposals being submitted through <http://decidim.barcelona>. The goal is to build a radically democratic city based on direct participation, open governance, urban commons and collective intelligence.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration under grant agreement no 610349.

Introduction

To showcase and celebrate the results of the D-CENT project a week-long programme of activity is taking place from the 23-28 May in Madrid, Spain. The programme includes this International Conference, and a Democracy Lab delivering workshops, hackathons and open sessions to develop, think and design tools, processes and strategies for democratic participation.

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

D-CENT has been running large-scale democracy pilots in Spain, Iceland, and Finland, leveraging existing network movements with an engaged user-base of tens of thousands of people. D-CENT builds on Europe's largest experiments in direct democracy – the **Open Ministry** site to crowdsource legislations linked into parliament in Finland; the e-democracy website **Better Reykjavik** in Iceland; **Podemos**, the new citizen-led Spanish political movement and the municipal citizen coalitions **Barcelona en Comú** and **Ahora Madrid**. Currently D-CENT democracy tools are used by thousands of citizens across Europe with active pilots in the **cities of Barcelona, Madrid, Helsinki and Reykjavik**. The 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.

D-CENT provides a **positive vision of collective intelligence in democracy in the XXI century**, making it easier for citizens and social movements to participate and change things. This means running experiments that help to build new kinds of political parties, and institutions best suited to next generation democracy – open, experimental, and able to tap into the collective intelligence of citizens.

This event brings together policy makers, academics, activists, civic society organisations and hackers to debate the future of democratic cities. We will dive into new ways of strengthening citizens' participation in the political process – presenting existing public policies, practices and digital tools for a more participatory democracy, and discussing future digital infrastructures, regulations, and struggles for a democratic and commons-based city.

Our discussions will start from the assumption that institutions are in great need of revival since they are out of synchronization with 21st century technologies, norms and collective aspirations. They haven't been able to respond and adapt to the new technologies of participation, transparency and proximity, which, for example, Spanish citizens demanded following the big wave of the 15-M indignados movement in 2011 that radically changed Spanish politics.

The crisis of political representation and legitimacy of current institutions; corruption scandals that unveiled the major political parties' complicity with private interest; and the public disaffection with politics can be addressed by reinventing and reactivating political participation with concrete proposals to **devolve greater control and power to citizens** to manage public institutions and shared resources in a transparent and collective way.

This will lead the transition towards public policies that support the growth of commons-based alternatives, democratic technologies, and innovations for the common good.

Francesca Bria

Technology and Innovation
Policy Advisor, D-CENT Project
Coordinator, Nesta



Location

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Nouvel Building

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Calle Ronda de Atocha
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Spain

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Friday 27 May

09.15 Registraton and refreshments

10.00	Welcome Carlos Prieto del Campo , Director, Museo Reina Sofia 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 Sofia 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
	<i>The session will continue with a workshop at the Medialab-Prado at 18:00.</i>
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 Sofia 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.
Extended biographies are available at
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Carlos Prieto del Campo, Director of the Study Centre, Museo Reina Sofia

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 Sofia 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 the 1977 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 2015.



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.



Marília Jahnel de Oliveira, 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 the Youth 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, 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 Parliamentary 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, gOv.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 gOv ("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 Sacy, 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.linnalabor.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 citizenship.



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.

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Learn more about participation experiments across Europe

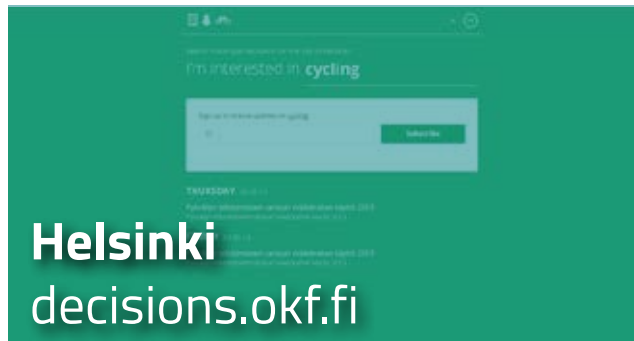
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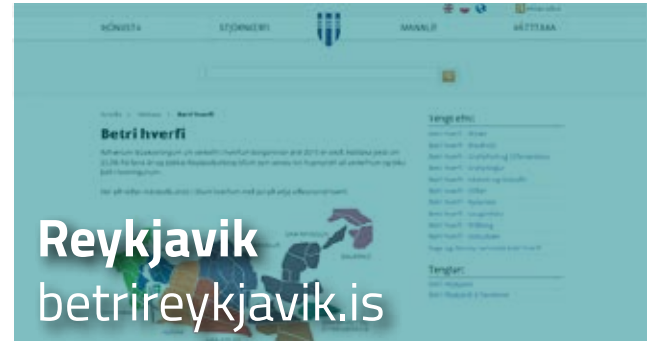
Open consultation and direct democracy platform. Launched by the Ahora Madrid coalition after the recent municipal elections, citizens are able to propose, debate, prioritise and implement policy for the city.



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 neighbourhood.

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