



Citi-sense WP5:

Participation and Empowerment

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Articles and Publications.

E-participation and climate change in Europe: An analysis of local government practices.

Citizens are demanding greater transparency and accountability from their governments, and seek to participate in shaping the policies that affect their lives. The diffusion of the Internet has raised expectations that electronic tools may increase citizen participation in government decision-making and stop the decline of trust in political institutions.

[http://www.iiisci.org/journal/CV\\$/sci/pdfs/iHA763VE.pdf?utm_source=buffer&utm_campaign=Buffer&utm_content=bufferbd2e4&utm_medium=twitter](http://www.iiisci.org/journal/CV$/sci/pdfs/iHA763VE.pdf?utm_source=buffer&utm_campaign=Buffer&utm_content=bufferbd2e4&utm_medium=twitter)

El teléfono móvil como herramienta de investigación.

La telefonía móvil puede ofrecer aún mucho más: permite conocer y evaluar las reacciones de los individuos a cambios ambientales. En lugar de utilizar una encuesta tradicional, siempre asociada a un momento concreto, la utilización de teléfonos móviles permite plantearnos la realización de encuestas en diferentes momentos y recibir respuestas geolocalizadas. En el estudio piloto les pedimos a los participantes que manifestasen su nivel de bienestar en varios momentos del día y encontramos que los hombres, de manera sistemática, expresaban un menor nivel de bienestar cuanto más lejos se encontraban de su hogar. Las mujeres, en cambio, no mostraban un patrón significativo. Creemos que hay muchas otras variables, relacionadas o no con el bienestar, que son dependientes del contexto subjetivo del individuo. Tanto su variabilidad, como la posible emergencia de patrones universales, podrían estudiarse a través de este tipo de análisis.

<http://innovacion.ticbeat.com/telefono-movil-herramienta-investigacion/>

E-Citoyennetés.

Dans le monde numérique, le citoyen devient acteur à part entière et entre dans un espace où il défie et délégitime les puissants. L'Internet permet à l'espace public de changer d'échelle et s'affranchit des étiquettes politiques ; il aspire aussi à construire l'auteur et l'acteur, l'e-citoyen. Le cyberactivisme aspire à défier et refonder l'ordre établi. Cet ouvrage travaille deux thèses : L'Internet a un projet politique ; ce projet politique s'appelle l'e-citoyenneté, vitale, élargie, argumentée.

<http://www.participation-et-democratie.fr/fr/node/1270>

Pollution warning app for swimmers and surfers launched.

The service works by sending out alerts or text messages to users when pollution reaches dangerous levels and the information is posted online. SAS hopes the alert service will help beach users bathe at their favourite spots safely, without fearing illnesses such as stomach bugs, skin, ear, eye and chest infections, or sore throats, and even hepatitis.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23824673>

One Small Act.

Green is Universal's free "One Small Act" social gaming platform celebrates little changes that have a big impact on the environment. Available for both mobile and desktop, One Small Act suggests hundreds of ways to green your life, and tells the enormous reach those actions have.

<http://www.greenisuniversal.com/play/one-small-act/>

Congresses, Seminars, Courses, etc.

eParticipation: ICT empowering citizens. Brussels (Belgium), 15 October 2013.

European Commission (DG Connect unit H3 Public Services) in collaboration with ePractice, is organising on 15 October 2013 a workshop to highlight ways to empower citizens in the decision-making process with the view to further strengthen democratic processes. The workshop aims at:

- 1) Taking stock of the 5 eParticipation projects (Parterre, OurSpace, Puzzled by Policy, MyUniversity and Immigration Policy 2.0), to better disseminate their results and to enhance the reuse of the projects outcomes;
- 2) Preparing the future, collecting ideas on how eParticipation can improve the way public administrations work and are perceived by citizens.

<http://www.epractice.eu/en/events/eparticipation>