

DIGITAL DEMOCRACY THE HAGUE

Preliminary programme

*Sessions are in English, unless indicated otherwise
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Thursday 9th of October 2025

09:30 Room: Main hall Mariëtte van Leeuwen <i>Provincial Executive</i> Welcome to DDTH25.				ALL SESSIONS IN THIS TRACK ARE IN DUTCH	ALL SESSIONS IN THIS TRACK ARE IN DUTCH
09:45 Room: Main hall Nienke Meijer <i>Chairman National Citizen Council Climate</i> Keynote on the role of citizen councils as a democratic instrument and the interplay between on- and offline participation.	10:45 – 11:00 Room: States hall BETTI Consortium: Responsible AI <i>Frederik Zevenbergen (Provincial Executive), Carla Weber (Provincial Director), Esther Heijblom tbc (Director General Ministry of Interior), Gwennaelle Costa de Valliant (Director Digital Region Ile de France), Guilia Bubbolini (COO Cise).</i> How do AI systems impact our ability to govern, and how do we govern the impact of AI on our societies and democracies.	11:00 – 12:30 Room: Commission hall European Digital Democracy Network: Contemporary Research (1) <i>Emma Hoes (ETH Zurich), Suzanne Bloks (London School of Economics), Féline Lindeboom (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)</i> Academic presentations by independent researchers: 1) The Hidden Politics of Social Media: When Non-Political Influencers Shape What We Believe 2) Random Districts and Digital Democracy 3) Diversity in Approval-Based Committee Elections under Incomplete or Inaccurate Information.	10:30 – 12:30 Room: Corridor Workshop: Hoe ontwerp je een participatietraject <i>Celine Sutorius (Provincie Zuid-Holland), Ennio Mos (Kennisknooppunt Participatie)</i> In deze workshop leiden we je door alle stappen van het ontwerp van een participatietraject. En bespreken we de inzet van digitale middelen in elke stap.	11:00 – 12:00 Room: Schoonoord Case study: New Citizen Project <i>Andy Paice</i>	11:00 – 12:00 Room: Arentsburg Case study: Drents Parlement <i>Anne de Zeeuw, province of Drenthe</i>
12:00 Room: Main hall Colin Megill <i>Director Computational Democracy Project</i> Keynote on the Pol.is initiative and it worldwide effects on open, digital, democratic processes.					
13:00 Room: Main hall Marleen Stikker <i>Director Waag Futurelab</i> Keynote on the state of Digital Democracy and the importance of public digital infrastructure.	13:00 – 14:15 Room: States hall Kennisknooppunt Participatie: Limits to digital democracy <i>Marloes Pomp (Director GovTechNL), Hillie Beentjes tbc (Director Digital Society Ministry of Interior), Bart Brandsma (independent expert polarisation), Vivian Visscher (assistant professor Erasmus University)</i> Digital democracy raises many questions. Not everybody is willing or able to participate through digital means.	13:30 – 15:00 Room: Commission hall European project: Advancing Digital Democracy Innovation (ADDY) <i>Umberto Grandi (Université Toulouse Capitole), Jairo Gudiño-Rosero (ETH Zürich), Maija Setälä (University of Turku)</i> Academic presentations by European research project ADDY: 1) Project overview 2) Large Language Models as Agents for Augmented Democracy 3) LLMs in Democratic Deliberation	14:00 – 16:00 Room: Corridor Workshop: Hoe zet ik Citizen Science in bij het meten van de leefomgeving <i>Imme Ruarus (Waag Futurelab)</i> In deze workshop ontdek je de mogelijkheden van citizen science als participatie instrument en bekijken we succesvolle voorbeelden als De Oorzaak, en Hollandse Luchten.	13:00 – 14:00 Room: Schoonoord Case study: Agora Citizen <i>Yuting Jiang, Agora Citizen</i>	13:00 – 14:00 Room: Arentsburg Case study: Praat mee met de overheid <i>Reinout Meuwissen, Ministry of Interior</i>
14:00 Room: Main hall Tbd					
15:00 Room: Main hall Shannon Spruijt <i>Founder Populitics</i> Keynote on opportunities and challenges for hybrid forms of participation.	14:45 – 16:00 Room: States hall OECD: civic participation (tbc) <i>Bruno Monteiro (OECD)</i> Strong democracies need strong civic participation. How does innovation support impact in our communities and societies.	15:30 – 17:00 Room: Commission hall European project: AI4Deliberation <i>Efthimios Tambouris (University of Macedonia), Sem Nouws (TU Delft), Bram Delisse (Co-founder & Operations lead at Dembrane)</i> Academic presentations by European research project: 1) Overview of the AI4Deliberation project 2) tbd 3) tbd		14:30 – 15:30 Room: Schoonoord Case study: tbd	14:30 – 15:30 Room: Arentsburg Case study: Burgerberaad Zuid-Holland <i>Taco Hilvers, province of Zuid-Holland</i>
16:00 Room: Main hall Cedric Vuye <i>Associate professor University of Antwerp</i> Keynote on citizen science project “De Oorzaak”, engaging citizens in measuring the sound in their environment.				16:00 – 17:00 Room: Schoonoord Case study: Digital Child Rights <i>Peter Joziasse, Digital Child Rights Foundation</i>	16:00 – 17:00 Room: Arentsburg Case study: De Mienskip aan het woord <i>Rigt Kalsbeek, province of Friesland</i>
17:00 – 19:00 Room: Main hall Drinks and networking We invite you to drinks and snacks during our networking event at the end of day one.					

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10:00 Room: Main hall Tom Wilkinson <i>CDO Scottish Government</i> The interplay of public sector data, public engagement and public services.		10:00 – 11:15 Room: States hall Kennisknooppunt Participatie: Innovating the participation landscape <i>Alette Smits (Lector Hanze University), Martijn Bekking (Coordinator Platform AI & Government), David Bos (Program director OpenStad), Nanke Verloo (Associate professor University of Amsterdam), Pieter van Boheemen (Founder PostXSociety).</i> Consistency in the way digital participation presents itself to citizens is crucial. However this has led to inefficient tooling in the past. How do we use innovation to support just and accessible tools.		09:30 – 11:00 Room: Commission hall European Digital Democracy Network: Contemporary Research (2) <i>Arianna Novaro (Université Paris-1 Panthéon-Sorbonne), Anna Mykhaylovskaya (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), Jos van Leeuwen (Haagse Hogeschool)</i> Academic presentations by independent researchers: 1) Bridging Theory and Practice in Digital Democracy: A COMSOC Perspective 2) Nurturing Virtues with Digital Democratic Innovations 3) Online deliberation and the opportunities and challenges of generative AI.	09:30 – 11:30 Room: Corridor Workshop: OpenStad, Polis, Consul. Snel schakelen met open participatietools. <i>Bart Nieuwenweg (OpenSstad), Raoul Kramer (Polis NL), Jens Kimmel (Consul Democracy Foundation)</i> Open participatietools onderscheiden zich van commerciële tools door onder anderen de herbruikbaarheid en transparantie van de software. Hoe ga je snel aan de slag met de drie essentiële tools die voor Nederlandse overheden beschikbaar zijn. En waarmee moet je allemaal rekening houden wanneer je open tools gebruikt.
12:00 Room: Main hall Pieter van Boheemen <i>Founder PostXSociety</i> The Democracy Monitor dissects the current state of democracy. And gives us insights into the impact of social media on our societies.		12:30 – 13:45 Room: States hall Commons Network <i>Sophie Bloemen (Founder Commons Network), tbd</i> Strong civic and civilian digital infrastructure is essential for a robust democracy. It is essential we support resilience and capacity bottom up, enabling society itself to build and govern the digital tools we need.		11:30 - 13:00 Room: Commission hall European project: Participatory Democracy that Scales (PERYCLES) <i>Davide Grossi (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), Elise Rouméas (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)</i> Academic presentations by European research project: 1) Overview of the Perycles project 2) Promoting Compromise through Institutional Design. The Case of Digital Democratic Innovations.	11:00 – 12:00 Room: Schoonoord Case study: Polis in Finland <i>Sanna-Kaisa Saloranta (Sitra.fi)</i>
13:00 Room: Main hall Hendrik Nahr <i>Head of European Affairs Made.org</i> European developments in the field of citizen participation and tools for democracy.		14:15 – 15:30 Room: States hall VNG (Association of Dutch Municipalities) <i>Thomas de Groot (Senior Policy Advisor), Jantien de Jong (Director Public Spaces), Lilian de Jong (Future Research STT), tbd</i> The state of digital democracy in the Netherlands.		14:00 – 15:30 Room: Commission hall European project: Innovative Democracy Through Digitalization (Innovade) <i>Fatih Yilmaz (Beyond the Horizon ISSG), Joel Museba (Paderborn University), Laurien Koenen (KU Leuven)</i> Academic presentations by European research project: 1) Knowledge Base for Digital Democracy 2) Panel discussion on “Digital Democracy and Policy-Making”.	13:00 – 14:00 Room: Schoonoord Case study: The ‘Assense’ area approach with AI <i>Gert Stam (municipality Assen)</i>
14:00 Room: Main hall Tbd	DUTCH SESSION			13:00 – 15:00 Room: Corridor Workshop: Data, representatie en participatie <i>Marco Sodderland (Motivaction) tbd</i>	09:30 – 10:30 Room: Schoonoord Case study: Participatory Democracy in Slovakia <i>Michal Horsky (DEMDIS)</i>
15:00 Room: Main hall Lilian de Jong <i>Future researcher STT</i> Through scenario’s we can discuss the way we shape digital public spaces and their effects on the foundations of our future democracy.				14:30 – 15:30 Room: Schoonoord Case study: new construction of children's center <i>Edgar Bon (municipality Vught)</i>	09:30 – 10:30 Room: Arentsburgh Case study: Capelle bouwt aan de stad <i>Bert Tielemans (gemeente Capelle aan den IJssel)</i>
					11:00 – 12:00 Room: Arentsburgh Case study: Zendmast Waarde <i>Simone Janssen (gemeente Reimerswaal)</i>
					13:00 – 14:00 Room: Arentsburgh Case study: AI-collega voor participatie <i>Linda Westerkamp (gemeente Zwolle)</i>
					14:30 – 15:30 Room: Arentsburgh Case study: Doe mee over SMB <i>Bo Aarsbergen (Ministerie SZW)</i>