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The State of E-Democracy: Estonia

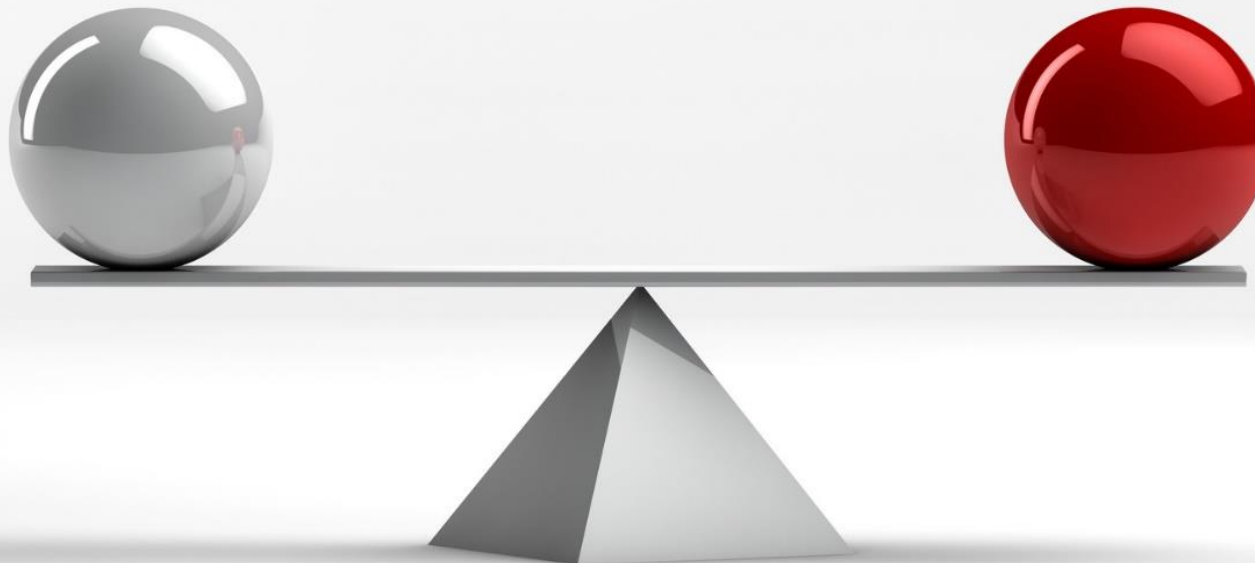
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Balanced e-Governance

e-GOVERNMENT

e-DEMOCRACY





E-elections

- Based on eID, used since 2005, in 9 elections, 2 upcoming elections in 2019
- 1/3 of all votes, „stickiness“ factor, convenience aspect
- Integral and accepted component of the voting experience
- Strong impact on abroad voting and voters with special needs
- Constant development, new challenges presented in cybersecurity, international cooperation is crucial
- Strong involvement in CAHVE process and CoE Rec 2017(5)



Different forms of e-participation

- Participatory budgeting in more than 20 (approx a third) local governments
- Different e-petition solutions used quite actively
- The 2012 People's Assembly (Crowd-sourcing, 2000 proposals, 15 to the parliament, 7 adopted)
- E-platform for Public Initiatives (rahvaalgatus.ee) (The parliament has to deliberate after 1000 signatures)
- E-plebiscites on local level (during local admin reform all plebiscites had to be part-e)



Other forms of e-democracy

- E-legislation - both the parliament and the government have far reaching programs to enhance transparency and inclusiveness in the process (Open Government Partnership), public access to legislative drafting process,
- E-consultation and e-(public)engagement – used widely on local level (esp spacial planning), possible on national level as well (through referendums)
- Overarching topic of e-identity
- Role of e-campaigning in the democratic process?



Ideas in the process on ammending Rec 2009(1)

- the discussion and possible limitation of the scope of the Rec (see CAHVE process)
- the further priority on cyber security as a necessary prerequisite to the solutions
- the ongoing strive to more trustworthy identification solutions in e-dem, role of EIDAS
- the inclusion of the importance of rising role of social media platforms, (dis)information campaigns and similar in the e-dem discussion
- the CAHVE work (2017(5)) and the subsequent recs have aged well and it is too early to start significant rewriting (no actual taking up on the topic worldwide currently)