WHICH E-DEMOCRACY IS DESIRABLE? A VIABLE PROPOSAL

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Abstract

This article want to extract the traits that an ideal e-democracy should have, to describe a viable and effective way to implement a bottom-up form of e-democracy.
The proposal is called L'Agenda La FAcciamo NOi, (from now on L'A.L.Fa.No.), an instrument designed to realize a bottom-up form of local democracy. The instrument is a smartphone app that allows citizens to report problems they encounter in their daily lives, with a related website, which allows them to express on the priorities to be assigned to the various issues. This let any single citizen to express himself on the opportunity to put in the political agenda issues and to express his opinion on the possible actions needed to solve them. Finally I'll examine the possibility, desirability and consequences on politicians, public administrators and society of the implementation and of the use of such technology.

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