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*International Workshop - e-Democracy 2.0: Institutions, Citizens and New Networks: a potential lexicon*

The international workshop seeks to mark a step forward in the practical and theoretical view of how, and under what conditions, new digital technologies and networks can contribute to increasing and qualifying the participation of citizens in public and institutional life.



Can the increasing of the quality and quantity of participation still be pursued by means of a top-down approach, i.e. under the direct drive and stimulation of government institutions? What contribution can be gained from bottom-up approaches, i.e. those that focus on initiatives promoted by society and associations? And can these two different approaches be integrated, and if so, what conditions are required?

This event focuses on one basic issue: the relationship between institutional initiatives, i.e. the institutional sphere, and citizens' initiatives, i.e. the public sphere, with regard to new media and the diffusion of Web 2.0 technology. These issues will be examined from the perspectives of scientific research and the point of view of some of the leading players involved in institutional and non institutional experimentations, Using these two perspectives the limits of promoting and sustaining e-democracy projects and initiatives will be analysed, as well as non-institutional participation experiences produced by means of the digital networks. At the same time, some of the most interesting experiences that have taken place in recent years will also be presented and discussed.

The workshop will be split into three different panels. The first will focus on the institutional role, in the widest sense of the term, and will include an examination of both the prerequisites of new media participation and the public policies currently promoted in this specific sector. The second panel will analyse the experiences of citizen associations and networks in order to discuss hypothetical visions and perspectives of the future. A third section of the workshop will focus on an analysis and discussion of how these issues can be applied to Italy.

A summary of the results of e-democracy policies in Italy will be followed by an open discussion involving the audience, institutional and non-institutional operators, and citizens who wish to voice their opinions on the various issues covered by the speakers.

The workshop aims to:

- offer participants an up-to-date and in-depth vision of the main trends, challenges and opportunities regarding civic participation, based on research into the latest developments in digital communication;
- promote an open discussion between institutional and non-institutional experts and operators and the audience on the various issues involved in computer-based participation.

In the first week of April, the [www.partecipa.net](http://www.partecipa.net) website will host a space for participants to register in and for the digital community to pose questions regarding the debate that will conclude the workshop. Visitors to the site can also view abstracts of the talks that will be presented, as well as some essential bibliographic references related to the different issues tackled by the seminar. Registration to the event is free. The programme of the workshop is available [here](#). The subscription form can also be [downloaded](#).

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