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CREATE EMPOWER REACH Public Policy Civic Discourse Consensus

#civictech

Civic technology, or civic tech, enhances the relationship between the people and government with software for communications, decision-making, service delivery, and political process.

It includes information and communications technology supporting government with software built by community-led teams of volunteers, nonprofits, consultants, and private companies as well as embedded tech teams working within government.

We need to upgrade our

democratic operating system

It's kind of falling apart right now...



They're having the time of their lives, while we lack the tools to use the powers given to us.

Our societies' consensus machine hasn't been oiled in a while...

venue for citizen-driven consensus and policy-making to speak of.

Globally, we've never had a formal

Introducing

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- a public repository and version control system for any policy that shapes life in contemporary society, from traditional laws to the terms of service of popular internet platforms and critical infrastructure providers
- a set of tools empowering every citizen or interest group, including governments themselves, to monitor and formally propose a change in or addition to current policies pertaining to a particular territory or service
- community-guided, public discourse and structured discussion venues for debating arguments and different perspectives among stakeholders around policy implementations, connected goals and underlying values as well as voting tools to gauge movements in opinion and consensus

We work based on these hypotheses:

The world is flat.

Digitization has led to a historical shift of power from governments and nation states to private internet platforms and services. The traditional hierarchy of norms, the power of laws and the monopoly on physical violence have been eroded by a self-sustaining process of technological evolution and global diffusion.

Digital Infrastructure not only needs new rules...

Since internet regulation started in the 1990ies and continues until today, we know that policies need updating and new policies need to be drafted.

... but completely new rule-making mechanisms...

A 21st century economy depends on interconnected systems and data stores. At the same time, a free, democratic digital society is designed around the data autonomy of individuals and leverages decentralized infrastructure to combine private data ownership with data portability and data ecosystems.

... and correspondingly, digital enforcement.

By providing critical trust infrastructure in a decentralized web 3.0, **governments and citizens can regain regulatory reach** by imposing their goals and values onto the terms of service of the critical infrastructure they provide for a functioning, digital society and economy.

We need your support.

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