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**Workshop e-Participation in Brussels,  
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On the urban, regional, national and European levels citizens' participation got since an ever increasing attention in public opinion and in the social sciences. With the development of modern ICTs online participation became more and more popular. One could argue that this development has led to a new quality of political participation. Beside the traditional stakeholders electronic participation brought new actors in the field, SMEs and major international companies like Google and Facebook. However, and despite of many individual approaches, a systematic view on how to combine online and offline forms of political participation is still missing.

In order to develop a fully developed project, there is a need to organise a workshop with various stakeholders in the field. The workshop should address stakeholders from the civil society, researchers, mediators and political actors from the traditional political system and NGOs likewise.

The aim of such a workshop is to ensure the mutual information of the various stakeholders and to network the different actors. Whether this will lead to a sustainable network in the future, or whether the workshop will serve as a mere experience and information exchange event, in both cases the information gathered will be useful. It should bring together political activists, commercial service companies, researchers and traditional political actors

The foreseen workshop will be organised in three or four sessions, with one keynote speaker and three to four panellists.