

Towards Participatory Democracy

Abstract:

The idea of public participation in legislation is becoming more and more important nowadays and that citizens are increasingly aware of the need to provide them with a greater, direct possibility of affecting the content of enacted normative regulations. Concepts of participatory democracy, preached postulates and attempts to apply them were usually limited to smaller local communities, which was explained by the impossibility of their application on a national scale.

The article considers description of just a few attempts to use participatory democracy and crowdsourcing in legislation processes around the world. There are discussed new procedures applied in recent years in the development of legislation in Iceland and Brazil.

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