

Ghent
17 April



EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum's Conference
'Democracy in a Digital Age'

Dear Sir or Madam,

as part of the EUROCITIES Knowledge Society Forum meeting on Transparency in a city of people, 16-18 of April in Ghent, we would like to invite you to a moderated panel discussion on "Democracy in a Digital Age".

The panel discussion is open to everyone interested in the topics such as blockchain, decentralised web and digital democracy. The discussion will take place on Tuesday 17 April at 14:15 in the City Hall of Ghent (Botemarkt 1). More information in the agenda below.

For taking part in the event, please, fill up the registration form by clicking [here](#).

The deadline for the registration is 30th of March 2018.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon!

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PROGRAM for April 17

Conference on 'Democracy in a Digital Age'

(inspirational speeches, exchanges with participants and moderated political discussion)

14:15

First part - setting the scene:

Prof. Albert Meijer, Utrecht University School of Governance on:

- Representative & participative democracy in the digital age; entrepreneurial citizenship and hard vs soft skills as the value for democracy

Interactive discussion:

Gerrie Smith, digital strategy consultant, public speaker and coach on:

- What if we would have invented democracy today? Blockchain for the greater good (live Q&A and polls mechanisms with participants)

Coffee break

Second part - introduction:

Aral Balkan, cyborg rights activists, designer and co-founder of Ind.ie on:

- Alternative decentralised web: citizen control of his own data

Moderated political panel on inclusive democracy:

- Paola Pisano, deputy mayor city of Turin in charge of innovation, ICT and participation;
- Mary-Ann Schreurs, deputy mayor city of Eindhoven in charge of innovation, culture and design;
- Political representative from the city of Ghent (tbc)

17:00

Concluding remarks: How Science Fiction shapes our view of the future (by Dr. Etienne Auge, senior lecturer at Erasmus University Rotterdam)