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ITHACA Newsletter #2

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What happened in the last 6 months?



Advancing Ethical Artificial Intelligence in Civic Engagement

The project has focused on understanding the social contexts and legal frameworks surrounding algorithmic system deployment, particularly in pilot cities of Brasov (Romania) and Martin (Slovakia). Activities include reviewing ethical compliance, identifying civic engagement practices with Artificial Intelligence (AI), and exploring trustworthy AI metrics. Additionally, activities such as selecting AI Citizen Juries, hosting workshops, conducting algorithmic risk assessments, and analyzing user requirements signify significant progress towards inclusive civic engagement and ethical AI utilization.

Stepping Into the Future: Activities in Algorithmic Risk Assessment and Human-Centered Design

Selection of Artificial Intelligence Citizen Juries

Citizen juries were meticulously chosen in Brasov (RO) and Martin (SK) between April and August 2023, fostering diverse representation and inclusive decision-making.

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Introductory Workshops

Co-design workshops were thoughtfully organized in each pilot city between July and September 2023 to introduce the project and facilitate discussions on the role of AI in civic participation.

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Algorithmic Risk Assessment

From October to December 2023, participatory workshops were conducted with AI Citizen Juries to evaluate the societal impacts of AI systems, ensuring responsible AI deployment.

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User Requirement Analysis

Between December 2023 and March 2024, engagement with various stakeholders, including AI specialists and municipal workers, occurred to explore goals, expectations, and barriers to civic participation.

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Recap of Events



AI, BIG DATA & DEMOCRACY TASK FORCE

At the AI UK Fringe Event, the University of Graz, an ITHACA partner, served as a project representative at a workshop organized by the AI, Big Data, and Democracy Task Force.

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Publications

Policy Brief by [Knowledge Technologies for Democracy \(KT4D\)](#)

The KT4D project's latest Policy Brief, "[Culture's Role in Navigating Technological Change](#)," emphasizes the importance of considering cultural impacts in AI development. Critiquing the European AI Act's current framework for neglecting cultural aspects, the brief advocates for a balanced approach that prioritizes cultural preservation alongside technological regulation. [Read more ...](#)



Events

DELITE Workshop in Turin: Language-Driven Deliberation Technologies

Join the DELITE workshop organized by Open University, Orbis project partner, during LREC-COLING in Turin on May 20, 2024. Explore advancements in language-driven deliberation technologies. This premier event convenes experts from computational linguistics, speech, multimodality, and natural language processing. [Read more ...](#)



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