

# **Politics Isn't for People Like Me': Neighbours Stop Talking About Public Issues**

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Residents say they rarely discuss local decisions with friends or neighbours anymore; most political content comes via polarising social media feeds. Many feel both disconnected from each other and powerless to shape what happens.



# **Public Consultation Buried in Pages of Legal Jargon**

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A public consultation on new EU rules is released only in a few languages and written in dense legalese. Local organisations say the document is so complex that ordinary residents cannot understand what they are being asked to comment on.



## **Experts Take the Floor, Citizens Take the Back Row at Policy Forum**

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At a high-profile digital policy roundtable, lobbyists and invited experts dominate the microphone while residents are confined to a short Q&A slot at the end. Participants leave feeling the event was more show than genuine dialogue.

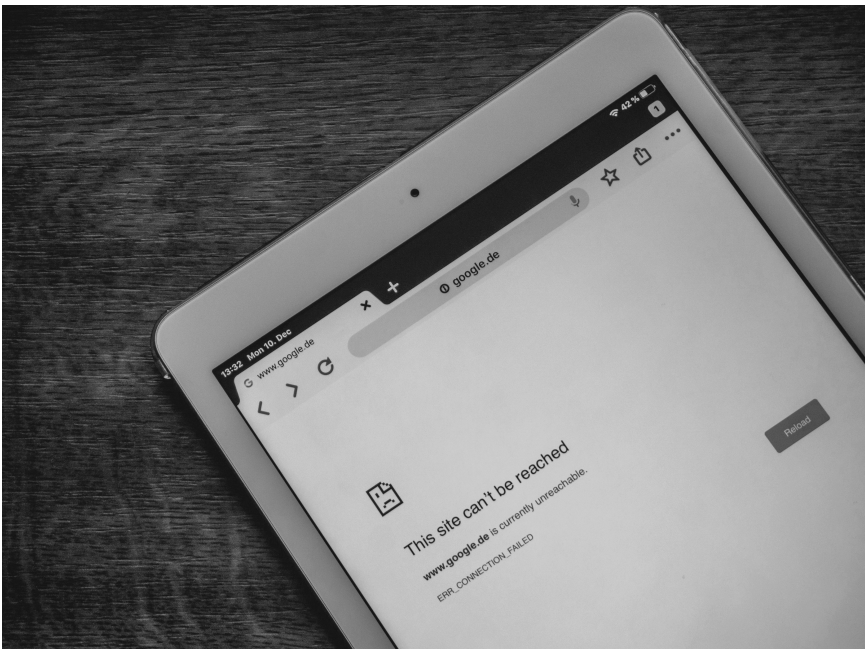


SOCIETY

# “Why Bother Participating?” Citizens Tired of Processes That Change Little

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Repeated experiences of consultations and surveys that do not visibly influence outcomes are feeding participation fatigue, with many citizens saying they have stopped engaging because they see no tangible results.



TECHNOLOGY

# Rural Voters Miss Out Online

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Persistent gaps in internet connectivity, especially in rural areas, limit democratic participation and reinforce inequalities.

# New Participation Portal Launches. Nobody Knows It Exists.

17:50 · 3 min read

# Disinformation Clouds Local Election

16:15 · 9 min read

# Homeless Left Out on Election Day

15:05 · 5 min read

# Digital technologies and political campaigns: a risk for the 2028 elections?

14:30 · 11 min read

# Citizens' Assemblies Alone Won't Fix Democratic Troubles

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# Live Forum: Youth Question Whether Democracy Still Works





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