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## RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Open data for cities (to be adopted in October 2016)
- E-media: game changer for local and regional politicians  
[Resolution 394 \(2015\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CG/2015\(29\)14FINAL](#)
- E-democracy: opportunities and risks for local authorities  
[Resolution 290 \(2009\)](#) ; [Recommendation 274 \(2009\)](#) ; [CExplanatory memorandum CPL\(17\)2](#)
- Digital divide and e-inclusion in the regions  
[Resolution 282 \(2009\)](#) ; [Recommendation 263 \(2009\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPR\(16\)1REP](#)
- E-tools: a response to the needs of local authorities  
[Resolution 266 \(2008\)](#) ; [Recommendation 248 \(2008\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)2REP](#)
- Electronic democracy and deliberative consultation on urban projects  
[Resolution 267 \(2008\)](#) ; [Recommendation 249 \(2008\)](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CPL\(15\)3REP](#)

## DEBATES

- Digital media and urban mobilization, 26 March 2014  
[Speech by Jan Hanrath](#)
- A Deepening democracy with e-media, 27 March 2014  
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- Smart Cities: new technologies serving democracy, 20 March 2013  
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## OTHER COUNCIL OF EUROPE BODIES

### *Committee of Ministers*

- Internet Governance – Council of Europe Strategy 2016-2019  
[CM\(2016\)10-final](#)
- Internet freedom  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)5](#) ; [Draft explanatory memorandum](#)
- Internet of citizens  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2016\)2](#)
- The free, transboundary flow of information on the Internet  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2015\)6](#) ;
- A guide to human rights for Internet users  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2014\)6](#)
- The protection and promotion of the universality, integrity and openness of the Internet  
[Recommendation CM/Rec\(2011\)8](#)
- Electronic democracy (E-democracy)  
[Recommendation CM/Rec \(2009\)1](#) ; [Explanatory memorandum CM\(2009\)9-add2rev](#)
- Electronic governance (“E-governance”)  
[Recommendation Rec\(2004\)15](#)

### *Parliamentary Assembly*

- Internet and politics: the impact of new information and communication technology on democracy  
[Resolution 1970 \(2014\)](#) ; [Recommendation 2033 \(2014\)](#) ;

### *Venice Commission*

- The compatibility of remote voting and electronic voting with the standards of the Council of Europe  
[Report CDL-AD\(2004\)012-e](#)

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