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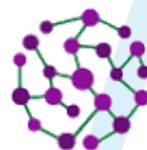
Reinforcement of eGovernance in the Danube Region

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Participatory democracy as substance of e-governance

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1. Governance

- Political relationship between the state and stakeholders

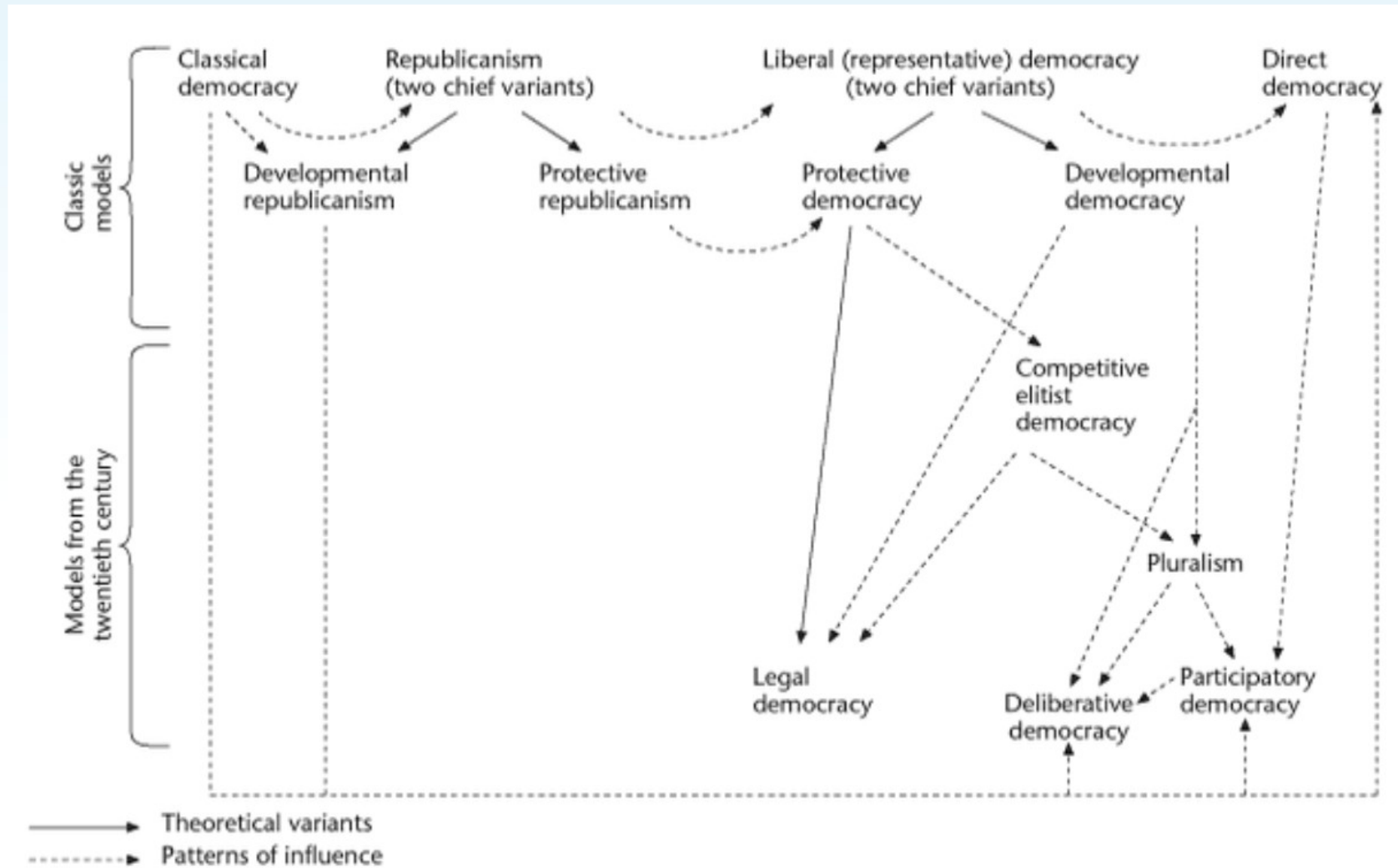
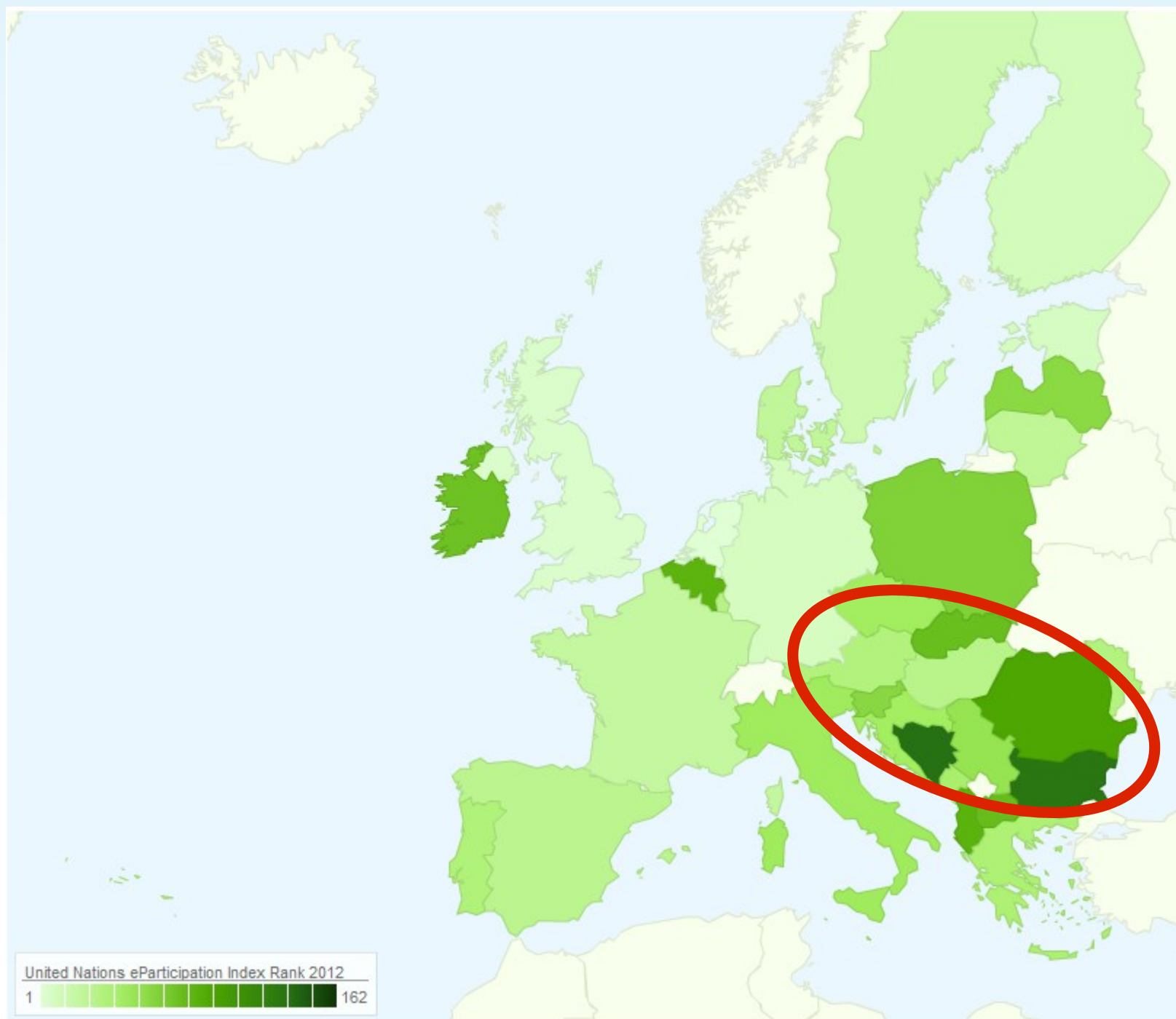


Figure 1 Variants of democracy

Source: Held, David. 2006. *Models of Democracy*.

2. Danube Region eParticipation Index 2012



3. Participatory democracy

- involves non-state actors, mainly individual citizens and civil society organisations;
- seeks to extend the concept of citizenship beyond the conventional political sphere;
- based on the principle of policy-makers' permanent accountability between elections;
- acknowledges citizens' right to participate in public life through alternative channels;
- allows citizens to take direct responsibility in public life;
- a way for women or citizens belonging to minority groups to make their voice heard in the public debate;
- emphasizes the role of civil society organisations as important mediators in debates.

4. Policy topics of digital society

- digital inequality;
- privacy on the net;
- internet neutrality;
- free software;
- open government & data;
- democratic e-participation

How to address them in the context of e-governance?

5. The national network of NGOs for an inclusive information society

The screenshot shows the top part of the MREŽANVO website. At the top is a navigation bar with a home icon and links for ZAGOVORNIŠTVO, PODPORA ZA NVO, DIGITALNE NVO, MEDSEKTORSKO POVEZOVANJE, MREŽA NVO-VID, ČLANICE, KONTAKT, and ENGLISH with a UK flag. Below this is a green banner with the MREŽANVO logo (a network of purple nodes) and the text 'MREŽANVO ZA VKLJUČUJOČO INFORMACIJSKO DRUŽBO' and 'DIGITALNE TEHNOLOGIJE V SLUŽBI ČLOVEKA'. Underneath the banner is a row of seven activity categories: USPOSOBI SE (delavnice/webinarji), UPORABI (programi/aplikacije), IZKORISTI (mentorstvo/multimedija), POGLEJ (izobraževalni videi), VPLIVAJ (odločitve/politike), UDELEŽI SE (dogodki/akcije), and PREBERI (analize/prakse).

The national network of non-governmental organisations for an inclusive information society (NVO-VID)

The national network of non-governmental organisations for an inclusive information society (NVO-VID) is a professional and sustainable reference point of civil society aiming to empower NGOs by using digital technologies and to contribute to quality of people's life in information society.

Main topics in focus of the network are:

- digital inequality;
- privacy on the net;
- internet neutrality;
- free software;
- internet governance;
- open government & data;
- democratic e-participation.

ŠTEVEC AKTIVNOSTI MREŽE

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 akcije NVO: 1/4
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 mentorske ure: 5/128
 usposabljanja: 4/17
 članice NVO: 24/25

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This block contains a collage of logos and documents. On the left, there are logos for 'Logos' and 'PCNIA'. In the center, there is a document titled 'Števec aktivnosti mreže' with a circular diagram showing various activities and their counts. On the right, there is a green brochure titled 'MREŽANVO ZA VKLJUČUJOČO INFORMACIJSKO DRUŽBO' with the subtitle 'DIGITALNE TEHNOLOGIJE V SLUŽBI ČLOVEKA'. The brochure includes the network's logo and website information.

6. Digital NGOs functions

➤ **Democratic functions**

- influencing public policies and legislation;
- strengthening capacity and visibility of non-governmental organisations.

➤ **Stabilizing functions**

- rising awareness about opportunities and challenges of information society;
- analysis and best practice transfer;
- collaboration with other sectors and media.

➤ **Economic functions**

- usage and development of new services;
- software and on-line services information dissemination.

7. Recommendations for eGovernance

➤ **NGOs as educators and advocates**

- rising awareness about opportunities and issues;
- explaining complex issues (e.g. internet neutrality);
- advocating public interest.

➤ **NGOs as partners in developing services (e.g Smartcities)**

- community building;
- awareness rising;
- adopters of services.

➤ **Public sector service provision**

- not for profit services transfer from government to NGOs;
- tailored to the needs of users;
- societal impact delivery.

Cases will follow soon! :)

THANK YOU!

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