



THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION OF THE E-VOTING TRIAL 2011

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The context – a few words

The public debate

- The principle of secret voting

The Norwegian society

- High degree of trust
 - Trust between people
 - Trust in the electoral system
- High degree of ICT-competence
- High degree of Internet accessibility

The overall approach

Democratic benefits and drawbacks?

- Practical approach
 - Principle approach
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- E-voting is more than just technical solution
...trust and accessibility

The research group

- Institute for Social Research (ISF)
- Norwegian Computing Center (NR)
- Uni Rokkan Center
- University of Oslo (UiO)
- Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

Seven subprojects

- diversity in topics

1. Availability and accessibility for the voter
2. Trust and credibility
 - a) Trust in the electoral system and e-voting
 - b) Opinion makers – local media and politicians
3. Secrecy of the vote
4. Efficient counting of votes/fast electoral results
5. Participation and election turnout
6. International experience with e-voting
7. Compliance with international standards

Seven subprojects (I)

- diversity in data sources

- *Representative surveys (quantitative data)*
 - The population of the ten municipalities
 - The entire Norwegian population
- *The electronic rolls from the ten municipalities*
- *Qualitative interviews / focus group interviews*
 - Editors of local newspapers
 - Young people
 - Voters with disabilities
 - People involved in the vote counting process at the local and national level

Seven subprojects (II)

- diversity in data sources

- *Observation of voters with disabilities*
- *Review of local media coverage and internet debate on e-voting*
- *Review of literature and experiences from e-voting trials worldwide*
- *Document study*
 - International, European, and Norwegian documents on e-voting

Final remarks

The final report (2012)

- Nuanced approach
- For and against arguments

The final decision

- The task of the Storting (the Norwegian parliament)

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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