Paths to public engagement in the Portuguese Parliament: an example of the improvement of technological mediation

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Aim: The objective is that, with the resources and platforms that exist, see what can be done to improve digital media to deepen the relationship between Parliament and Portuguese citizens and reduce the gap that separates them from political life.
Why digital?

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Main areas:

- Digitization
- Digital platforms for democratic participation
- Communication
- Open technologies

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Main areas of innovation: Digitization

Dematerialization of the legislative process;
Digital interoperability between sovereign bodies in relations between them in the legislative process;
Alerts System in the Legislative Process;
Main areas of innovation: Communication

Innovation at the website level
Deepening the communication potential of the Parliamentary Channel
Presence on Social Networks
Electronic Journal of Parliamentary Studies

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Main areas of innovation: digital platforms for democratic participation

Online platforms based on the website:
- Petitions,
- Legislative Initiatives of Citizens
- Popular Referendum Initiatives
- Citizens' Questions corner

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Citizen’s corner

Debate

Participate

Collaborate

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Main areas of innovation: open technologies

open source, open data

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Conclusions:

Improvement of technological mediation as a way to reach the citizens and engage them in the parliamentary work is mutually beneficial.
Thanks for your attention!

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