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THE BIG PICTURE: GLOBAL DEMOCRATIC RECESSION?



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A TIME OF CHALLENGE BUT ALSO RENEWAL

Democratic innovations are processes or institutions that are new to a policy issue, policy role, or level of governance, and developed to **reimagine and deepen the role of citizens in governance processes by increasing opportunities for participation, deliberation and influence.**

(Elstub and Escobar 2019:11)



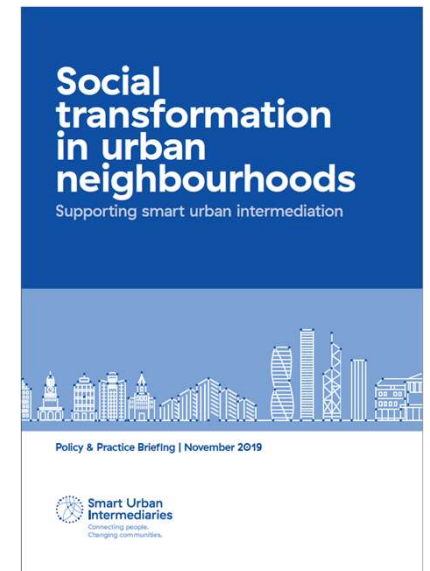
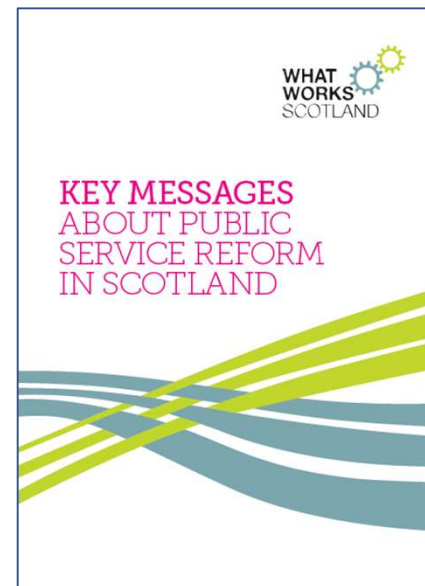
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BUILDING CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A EUROPEAN DEMOS

- Effective multilevel governance = capacity + legitimacy
- What kind of citizen are citizens invited to be?
- Examples from Scotland and beyond – investing in social and democratic innovation



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