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Whose 'Open Society': Zuckerberg's or Popper's?



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Recommendations

Concerning the use of open (and 'citizen-generated') data to monitor political activity

- Owing to restrictive practices of EU institutional authorities FOI laws are not always effective (allowing excessive discretion following internal reviews); this can often curtail the ability to debate proposed laws or seek accountability. Illegally leaked documents are sometimes the only way for information in the public interest to come to light
- 1 Whistleblower protection for watchdogs should be firmly grounded in administrative law (not merely in guidelines)**

Recommendations

- Creating the conditions to facilitate access are key to legitimate open government policies, thus:
 - 2 Public bodies that support the principle of transparency have an obligation to move to open document (machine-readable) formats so that data sets are usable**
 - 3 Copyright protocols should be simplified so that data is reusable**