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The best sixteen papers of the workshop are presented in the book, organized in three topics: *e-Government, e-Participation & e-Democracy*, and *Legal & Identity Issues*.

We are very glad to show the ongoing work on e-Government and e-Democracy and to serve as the stepping stone for new ways of cooperation.