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Political Education and E-Participation: Technology, Politics and Culture

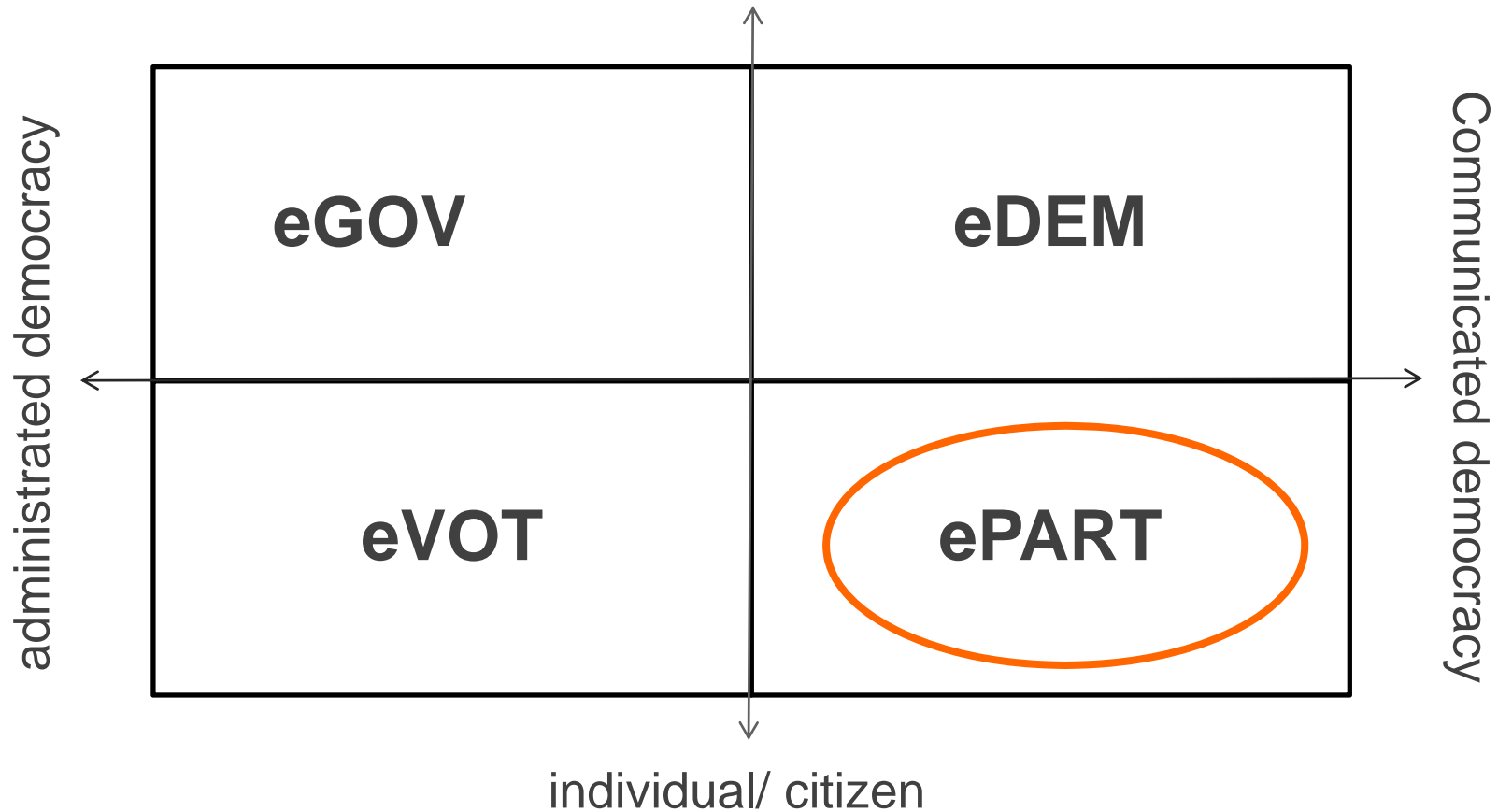
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e-politics

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eParticipation

supports the empowerment of people to

- * integrate in bottom-up decision making process,
- * make informed decisions,
- * develop social and political responsibility



Basic Assumptions

- ◆ **Start with youth!**
The development of a ‚participatory culture‘ is a precondition for success
- ◆ **Internet / ICTs/ Web2.0 promising:**
decentralized actions, share and exchange information, space for collaboration, foster political and societal participation
- ◆ **eParticipation has to be integrated into political education**
to foster political engagement of young people and to support the development of the new ‚homo politicus‘ in online environments.
- ◆ **Major target of ePolicies**
to establish a space for participation within the curricula of political education



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eParticipation

 Preconditions

 Real Participation






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Levels of Participation:

 **Preconditions**



-  Forming of opinion
-  Interest
-  Information




 **Real Participation**



Levels of Participation:

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 **Real Participation** →

-  Self-organization
-  Support of existing projects
-  Discussion and distribution of information



Levels of Participation:

 **Forming of opinion**

 **Interest**

 **Information**

 Informed society


 Citizen-citizen communication

 Political education

 Access and skills

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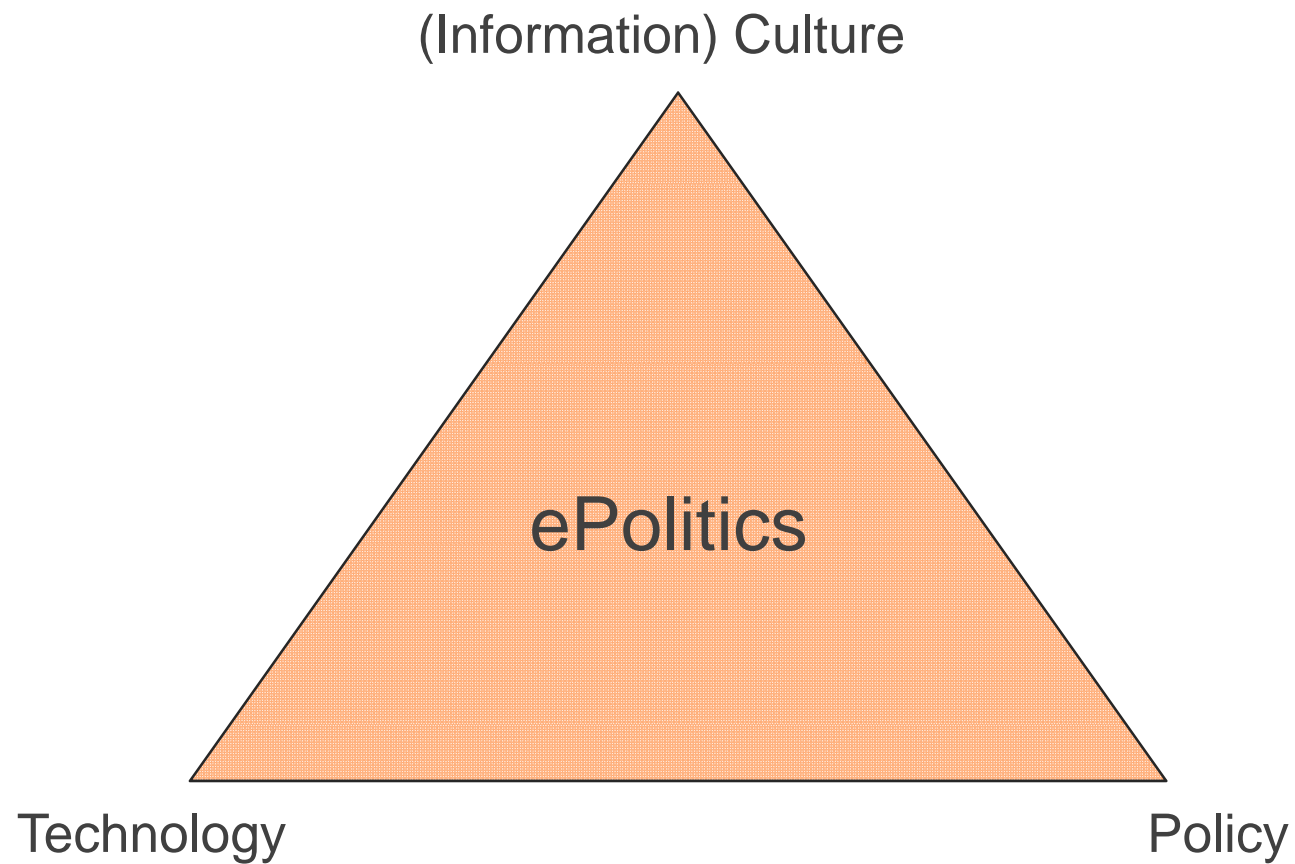
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- acting in bottom-up decision process
- making informed decisions
- developing social and political responsibility
- cooperation and communication by informed citizens
- cognition and capabilities



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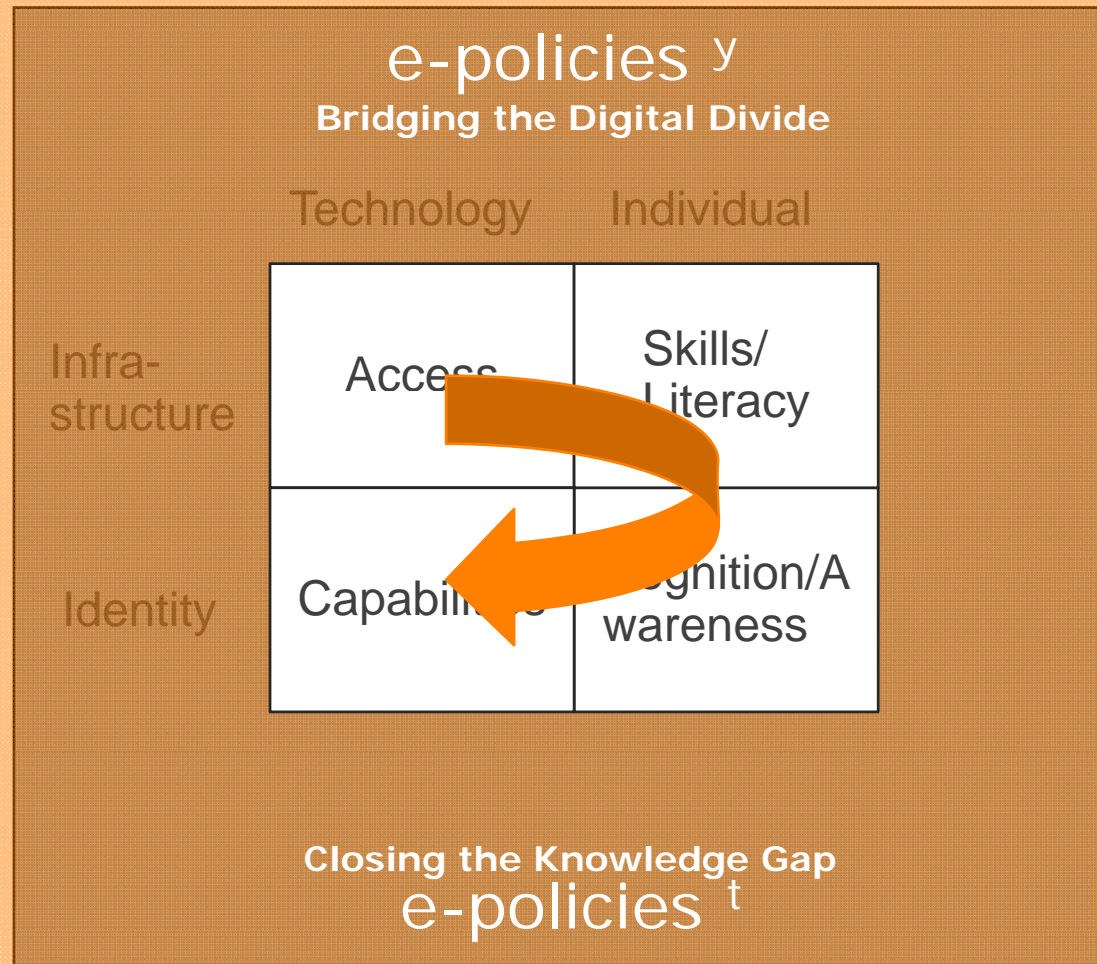
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New e-Policy



Political Education and eParticipation

Information culture

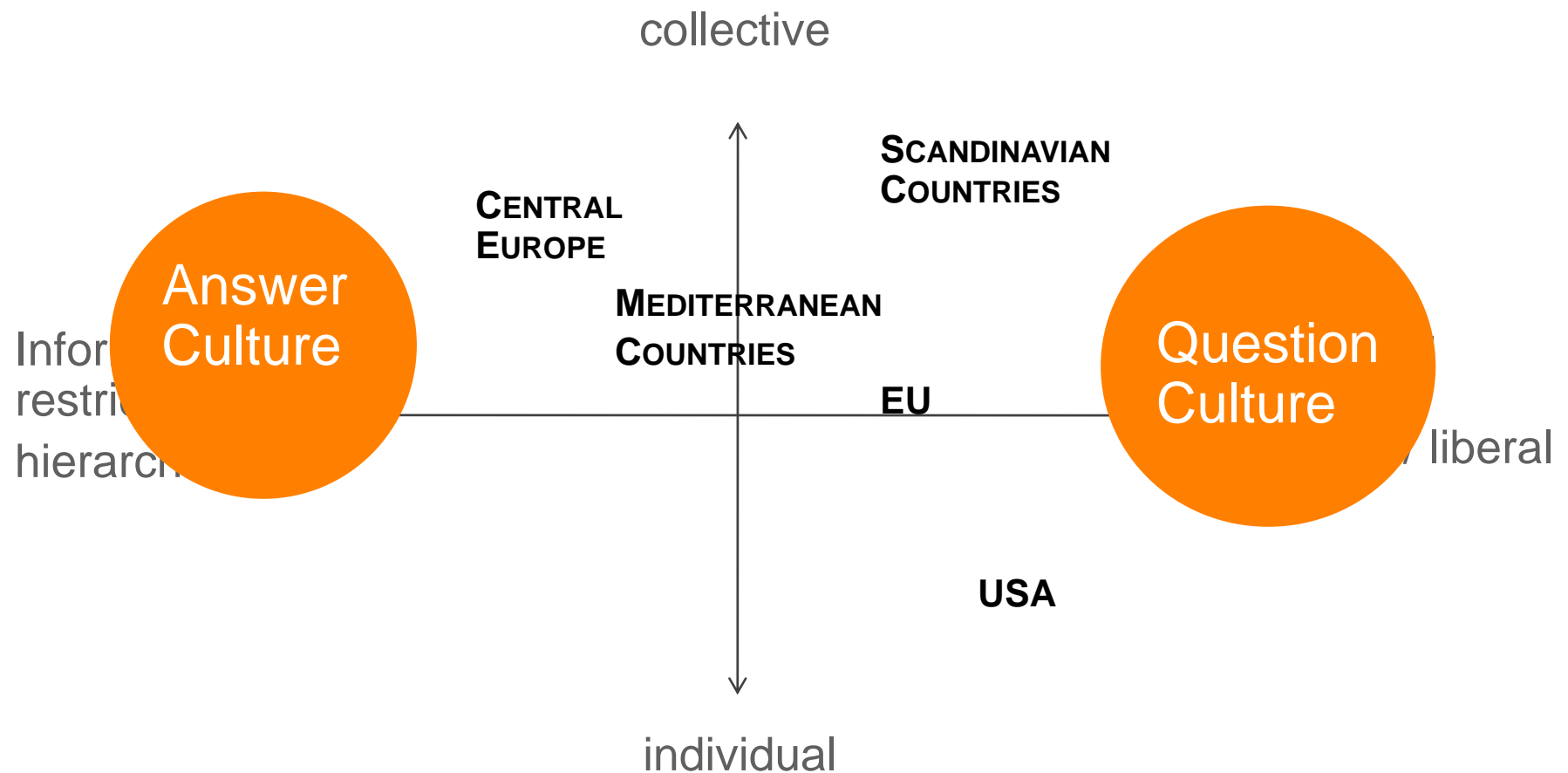




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Information Cultures





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Technology, politics and culture ...

- ❖ democratic culture
- ❖ integrate networking
- ❖ mediation of interpersonal and mass communication
- ❖ from top-down to bottom-up
- ❖ inclusion of stakeholders
- ❖ trust, transparency
- ❖ political culture within the framework of information culture





Political Education

- ✘ Fostering independent action
- ✘ Overcome hierarchical teacher-student relations
- ✘ Encourage student centered learning by new competences such as decision-making, arguing, ...
- ✘ Using new ways of expression by new technologies
- ✘ Creation of an effective learning environment (interactivity, negotiation, flexibility, etc.)
- ✘ Competent use of new technologies (Privacy, surveillance, plagiarism, etc.)
- ✘ Civic engagement by new media

← **Technology**

← **Politics**

← **Culture**



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