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**Local Public Sector Reforms:**

**An International Comparison (‘LocRef’ COST Action IS 1207)**

**Work Group IV: Democratic Renewal: Meeting 27th November 2014, 10am – 5pm**

**Venue: De Montfort University, Leicester, England. Trinity House Board Room (A campus map will be sent separately)**

**10am: Introduction and Welcome**

**10.15: Brief updates, overview and progress from country reviews of democratic renewal (see drop box facility)**

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**11.15am Evaluating Democratic Renewal Reforms: Session One**

Group exploration of:

1. The similarities and distinctions across countries in the nature of democratic renewal.
2. How, if at all, do reforms transfer across countries? How to explaining the process of democratic renewal transfer and non-transfer
3. The drivers and motives of democratic renewal reforms and identifying the reformers

**12.45pm: Lunch**

**1.45pm: Evaluating Democratic Renewal Reforms: Session Two**

1. Evaluating the success of country specific and comparative democratic renewal reforms
2. Indentifying Unintended consequences
3. Patterns of renewal within and across countries

**2.45 Tea break**

**3pm:** **Output Overview**

1. Discussion of progress with book chapters
2. Allocation of future work on chapters
3. Identification of new papers and construction of paper author teams
4. Identification of research projects and funding opportunities and construction of proposal preparation teams

**4pm: Work group IV Planning for Future Activities**

1. Progress on Loc-Ref e-survey
2. Planning for democratic renewal country specific expert survey
3. Sample of all Loc-ref countries
4. Identifying new data sources

**5pm: Close**

**7pm: Work Group Meal**