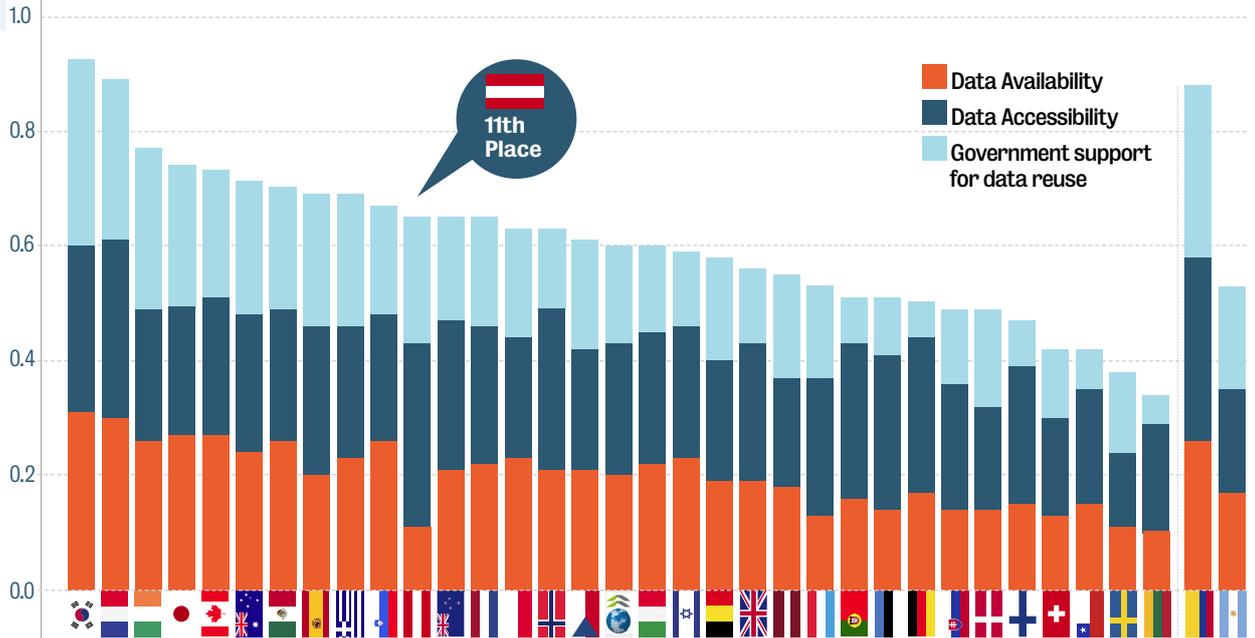




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## Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance	Policy Framework	Legal and Regulatory instruments
<p>The Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs (BMDW) is responsible for the federal open data policy.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Cooperation OGD Austria</a> between the Federal Chancellery, City of Vienna, City of Linz, City of Salzburg, City of Graz and Open Knowledge Austria, promotes coordinated implementation of the OGD Framework across the confederation.</p>	<p>The 2013 <a href="#">Framework for Open Government Data Platforms</a> serves as the Austrian open data policy, promoting a unified approach across federal administrations.</p> <p>The 2017 <a href="#">E-Government ABC</a> provides an overview of the Austrian e-government strategy, including the use of open government data.</p>	<p>With the amendments to the Federal <a href="#">Re-use of Information Act</a> in 2015, public-sector bodies are mandated to make their documents available, in open and machine readable formats, together with their metadata. Both should comply as far as possible with formal open standards.</p>

## Enabling coherent policy implementation

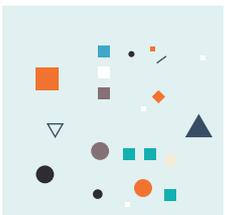
- In 2017, an [Open Government Data Screening](#) was made of over 700 datasets from 13 federal ministries to check for their open data suitability.
- In 2018, the Central Training Institute for public servants offered training programs together with the [School of Data Austria](#).

## Open Government Data Portal

- [Data.gv.at](#) is Austria's award-winning open data portal, with a 'portal monitor' that monitors the level of data quality and access to open datasets.
- Metadata to open data on [public procurement](#) were recently made available in line with the 2018 Federal Public Procurement Act.

## Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- The Austrian federal government is a member of the Cooperation Open Government Data Germany-Austria-Switzerland-Liechtenstein ([OGD DACHLI](#)).
- In 2017, Danube University Krems conducted a [study](#) on the economic and social potential of OGD, on behalf of the Federal Chancellery.





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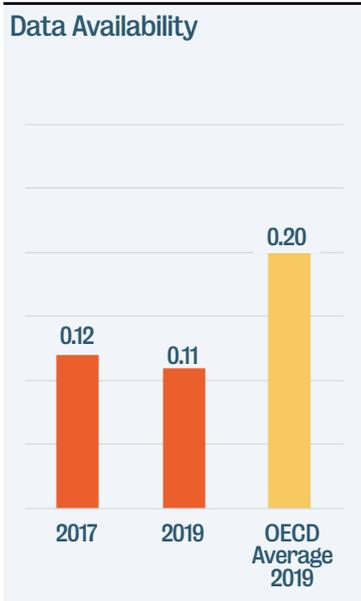
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## Good practice

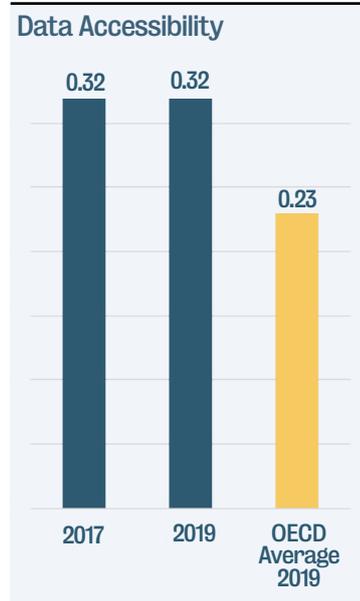
### Publication on measures to build an open data culture

Within the framework of the OGD D-A-CH-LI cooperation, two workshops were organised to discuss a strategic open data culture approach. A publication produced together with the Open Government Institute summarises ideas and practices suggested at these workshops. These included, among other things, targeting relevant internal groups, professional exchange, internal training, establishing convincing arguments, open and transparent communication, adequate provision of financial and human resources, research and funding programs, standardisation and the implementation of events and competitions.

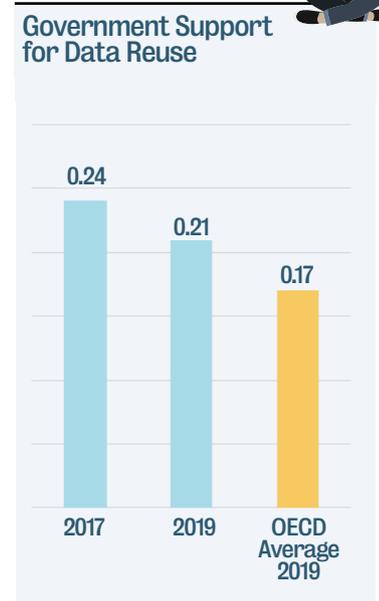
## Performance per Index Pillar



While the availability of high-value datasets on data.gv.at has increased since 2017, the current absence of requirements and infrequent practices concerning stakeholder engagement (to inform data release) has resulted in an overall drop in the performance of Austria in Data Availability. As in 2017, the content of the open by default policy could be strengthened, which would include setting additional formal requirements to ensure the sustainability of the federal OGD policy.



As in 2017, Austria ranks number one among OECD countries when it comes to policies and practices on data accessibility. Scoring full points on policy framework and the level of stakeholder engagement of data.gv.at, future efforts should be directed towards ensuring the actual release of data on the OGD portal remains accessible and of high quality, and current practices and policies are sustained.



While the federal government performs above the OECD average in actively providing support for open data re-use, since 2017 it has made fewer efforts to engage with external (civil society, businesses) and internal stakeholders (public servants) regarding open data re-use which inflicted the noticeable drop in Pillar 3.

• 2019 OURdata Index data was collected through the 2018 OECD OGD Survey. Some written information was collected in 2019/2020. Data unavailable for Hungary, Turkey, Iceland and United States.  
• The index ranges from 0 to 1 and is composed of three indicators with an equal weight of 0.33. Each indicator ranges from 0 to 0.33.

