Governance for Open Government Data

**Institutional Governance**
- The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic is responsible for the country’s open government data agenda.
- The Czech Government has received EU structural funds for a four-year project aimed at developing the work with open data in line with international standards.

**Policy Framework**
- In 2018, the strategy ‘Digital Czech Republic’ was approved, emphasising both the quality and quantity of the data available at the OGD portal.
- The Strategic Framework Czech Republic 2030 highlights open data as key for a democratic, innovative and more efficient society and public sector.

**Legal and Regulatory Instruments**
- The amendment to Act No. 106/1999 in 2016 mandated public sector organisations to make data available online in open data format.
- Government Decree 425/2016 provides a list of government data mandated to be released as open data on the central OGD portal.

Enabling coherent policy implementation
- The Government Council for Information Society, headed by the Government Commissioner for Information Technology, is the main steering body that monitors the implementation of the central OGD policy.
- The Open Formal Standards is a set of technical and metadata standards for datasets to ensure interoperability and consistency, including standards for linked data.
- The EU funded open data project includes open data training sessions for civil servants in all levels of public institutions, including central ministries, agencies, and local governments.

Open Government Data Portal
- The new open government data portal data.gov.cz was launched in June 2018.
- The portal features a section for metadata quality statistics and data publication plans (lists of data to be published) by public institutions.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration
- Thanks to a partnership with the Open Society Fund Prague, the Open Data Expo conference is organised annually in Prague.
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Good practice

Annual Report on the Current State of Open Data in the Czech Republic
The report, first published in 2018, provides a comprehensive assessment of the state of OGD publication in the Czech Republic. Besides the evaluation of the OGD policy implementation, detailed statistics on data availability at the national open data portal are covered as well as an overview of activities related to OGD publication and re-use. Finally, good practice examples of OGD-driven applications are also provided.

Performance per Index Pillar

Data Availability

- 2017: 0.18
- 2019: 0.21
- OECD Average 2019: 0.20

Data Accessibility

- 2017: 0.17
- 2019: 0.21
- OECD Average 2019: 0.23

Government support for data reuse

- 2017: 0.10
- 2019: 0.19
- OECD Average 2019: 0.17

The quantity of high-value datasets on the central government data portal has increased, but there has been a reduced frequency of user consultations to inform open data policies, which could negatively affect the publication of data that users actually need.

The absence of overarching requirements for all public bodies to provide data free of charge combined with an open licence prevents increased levels of data accessibility. The Czech OGD portal is used more actively to engage users for data quality.

Significant improvements have been made to monitor the impact of open data re-use, but the country still lags considerably behind other OECD countries in promoting government data re-use among civil society and businesses. This may harm the legitimacy and sustainability of open data initiatives.

* 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.