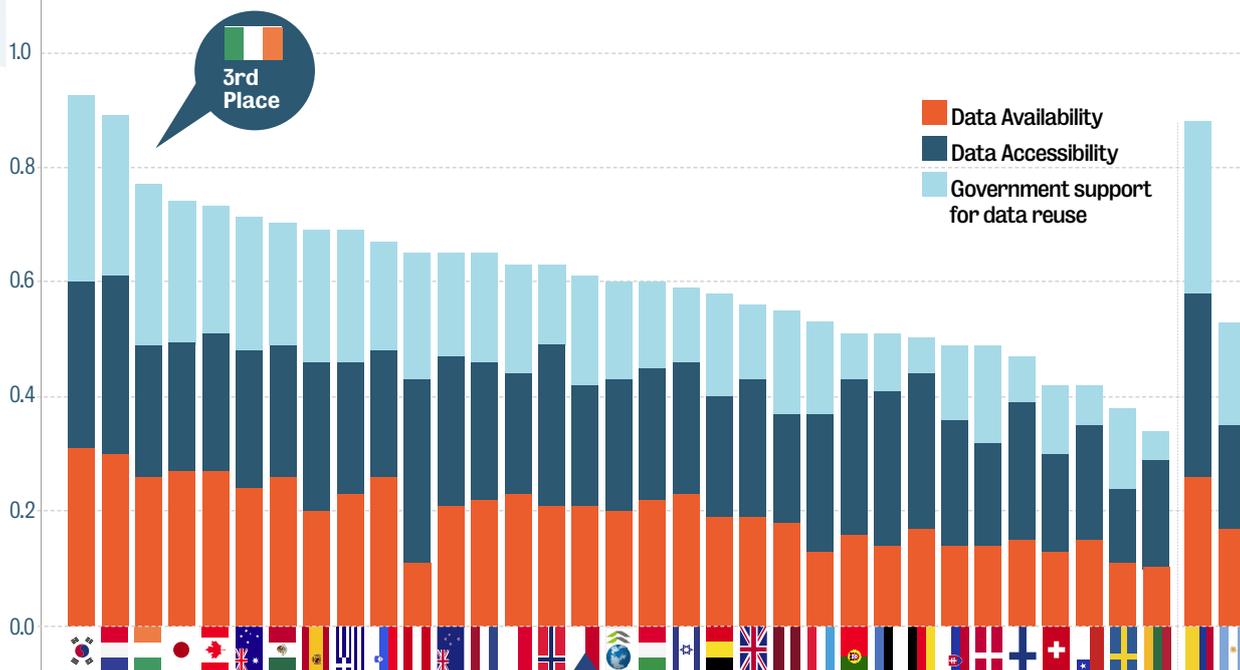




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Governance for Open Government Data

| Institutional Governance | Policy Framework | Legal and Regulatory instruments |
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| <p>The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform is responsible for Ireland's open data agenda, with its Open Data Unit administrating the OGD portal.</p> <p>The Open Data Governance Board (ODGB) provides strategic leadership and governance for open data and advises the government, with members from academia, the private sector, media and civil society.</p> | <p>The Open Data Strategy 2017-2022 supports the Public Service Reform agenda in Ireland and centres around the needs of citizens and businesses.</p> <p>The Public Service Data Strategy 2019-2023 further stresses the need for the accessibility and re-use of public sector data.</p> | <p>The Irish 2014 Freedom of Information Act provides citizens with access to government information unless legitimate justifications are provided.</p> <p>The Data Sharing and Governance Act 2019 is an important step towards increased sharing and re-use of government data within the public sector.</p> |

Enabling coherent policy implementation

- Institutional Open Data Liaison Officers are appointed in each public sector organisation to raise awareness and coordinate open data initiatives across the public sector.
- As part of the launch of the Open Data strategy in 2017, a training programme was created for public servants on issues of anonymisation, linked data and data analytics.
- Organisational [data audits](#) enable public institutions to identify what data they hold, thereby publishing data more strategically.

Open Government Data Portal

- [Data.gov.ie](#) is the central open government data portal in Ireland.
- The most popular dataset is the [Public transport predictions and schedules RTPI REST Web Services API](#) with 21,458 views (January 2020), published by the National Transport Authority.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- The [Open Data Impact Series](#) is a set of information sessions that promotes the use of open data in different business sectors.
- Since 2017, start-ups and local authorities have been collaborating as part of the [Smart Dublin](#) project to find solutions to public policy challenges using open data.





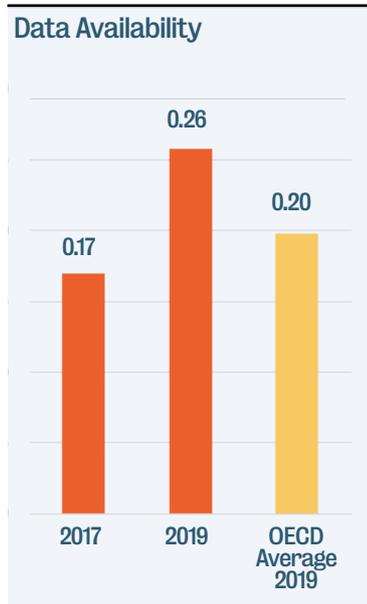
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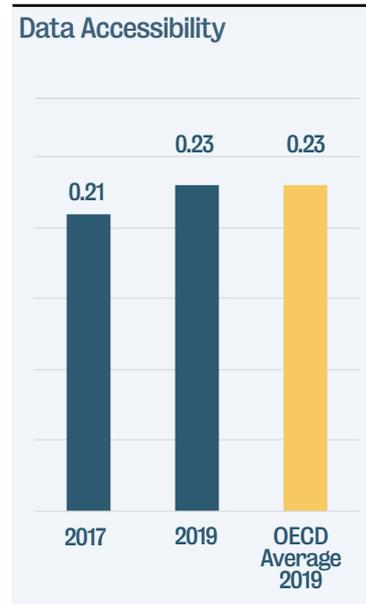
Open Data Engagement Fund

In 2015, the Open Data Governance Board launched the Open Data Engagement Fund (ODEF) to support implementation of Ireland’s Open Data Initiative. Following a pilot in 2016, the ODEF was fully launched in 2017 to be available in line with the 2017-2022 Open Data Strategy. The annual total amount of funding is 30 000 EUR and the maximum available for a single project is 5 000 EUR. So far, successful applications have supported a variety of OGD related activities such as seminars, competitions and hackathons. Projects should aim to be developed into a use case for promotion of the open data initiative or other promotional activity as determined by the ODGB.

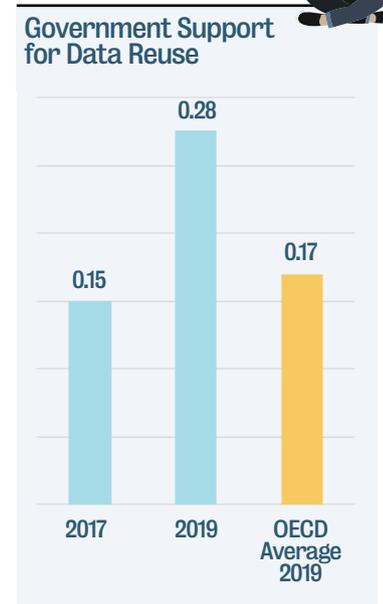
Performance per Index Pillar



Thanks to the introduction of the Open Data Strategy in 2017, Ireland has significantly improved its policy and governance framework for open data, which has led to a great improvement in data availability since 2017.



While the policy and implementation level of accessible and quality data is strong, Ireland lags somewhat behind in terms of making data.gov.ie a user-driven and collaborative platform, e.g. by allowing citizens and businesses to contribute with data.



The Irish government has succeeded in developing partnerships and initiatives that foster open data re-use both within and outside the public sector. To further increase its performance, efforts to monitor the social impact of open data could improve.

• 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.