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Governance for Open Government Data

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<td>The Ministry of Public Administration is responsible for formulating the Italian open data policy.</td>
<td>Italy’s <a href="https://www.italia.it/it/pianificazione-e-strategia-digitale/">2014-2020 Digital Transformation Strategy</a> declares open data as key for government transparency and innovation.</td>
<td>Art. 52 of the <a href="https://www.italia.it/it/pubblica-amministrazione-e-digitale">2005 Digital Administration Code</a> set open by default as a core principle for the Italian public administration, and as a parameter for assessing the management performance of public institutions.</td>
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Enabling coherent policy implementation

- The 2017 [National Guidelines for the enhancement of public information assets](https://www.agenziadigitale.gov.it/guida) covers technical recommendations to be used by public entities in the management and publication of open data.
- From 2017 to 2019, AGID organised and took part in a number of online seminars and events aiming to raise awareness of open data among public sector organisations.

Open Government Data Portal

- The portal [Dati.gov.it](https://dati.gov.it) enables easy access to open data from the Italian government.
- A list of source catalogues harvested from data.gov.it is available for download in CSV format.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- [Forum Italia](https://www.agenziadigitale.gov.it/forum-it) (hosted by AGID) is a publicly available online stakeholder forum that enables public digital services, including open data, to be freely discussed.
- At the 2019 annual forum for public modernisation, [FORUM PA](https://www.agenziadigitale.gov.it/forumpa), AGID involved all Digital Transformation Officers appointed by each Public administration in a seminar, to discuss the progress of the three-year ICT plan. This was also in relation to open data, and core features of open data policies including data governance, data prioritisation, and the social and economic value of open data.
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Good practice

National guidelines published on GeoDCAT-AP

The Agency for Digital Italy (AgID), published the GeoDCAT-AP (standard defined in the ISA2 work programme), which tackles the problem of correct documentation of (and access to) OPEN spatial data. It also aligns the information contained in the geodati.gov.it catalogue with that of the dati.gov.it catalogue, avoiding duplication.

Source: https://geodati.gov.it/geoportale/documenti/12-documenti/277-linee-guida-nazionali-geodcat-ap

Performance per Index Pillar

Data Availability

Since 2017, Italy has improved its performance in data availability and now ranks above the OECD average. The country has managed to progress in all aspects of data availability, but especially in terms of engaging stakeholders more frequently in the early stages of open data initiatives to secure demand-driven data release and inform policy priorities.

Data Accessibility

The level of data accessibility remains the same since 2017 and is now the same as the OECD average. There are several policy instruments and requirements that support accessible open data, and the delivery of high-quality, accessible data on dati.gov.it is high. However, user feedback loops for data quality and a more collaborative dati-gov.it portal would further improve accessibility.

Government Support for Data Reuse

Italy is one of few OECD countries that over the course of 2017-2019 increased its outreach to external stakeholders to promote data reuse and initiate different partnerships. However, the level of data promotion initiatives and programs for government data literacy skill remains fairly low. The monitoring of open data’s impact has increased but has not brought Italy’s progress above the Pillar 3 OECD average.