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Netherlands

Legend:
- Data Availability
- Data Accessibility
- Government support for data reuse

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Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance

The Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations is the main body responsible for the Dutch national OGD policy.

The Publication Office of Netherlands (KOOP) manages the central OGD portal.

Policy Framework

The Data Agenda Government (DAG) from 2019 focuses on government data disclosure, progress monitoring, data quality, and support to open data reuse.

The 2017 digital government agenda NL DIGIbeter stresses compulsory standards and increased use of open data within government for innovation.

Legal and Regulatory instruments

Two main laws provide provisions regarding access to and reuse of government data: Dutch Public Access to Government Information Act (WOB) and the Reuse of Public Sector Information Act (WHO).

A 2019 amendment to WOB currently underway will strengthen legal foundations of the open by default principle in the Netherlands.

Enabling coherent policy implementation

→ The Open Data Trend Report 2016, prepared by the Dutch Court of Audit in collaboration with line ministries, helps public sector organisations understand the barriers and opportunities for development and coherence around open data initiaties.

→ Ministries and local governments have developed strategies for data-driven policy-making.

→ The Learn and Expertise Centre Datadriven Government (LED) builds awareness among public servants and enables the transfer of good data practices.

→ Through annual data inventories all line ministries are engaged to assess data availability.

Open Government Data Portal

→ The Dutch OGD portal data.overheid.nl promotes an open approach to the identification of valuable government data through user requests visible on the portal.

→ An API providing access to all datasets is available as well as a technical guideline that explains the process of accessing the data.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

→ The Startup in Residence and Digital Government Innovation Budget programme connects startups with Dutch government bodies to cooperate to find solutions to public policy challenges using digital technologies and open data.

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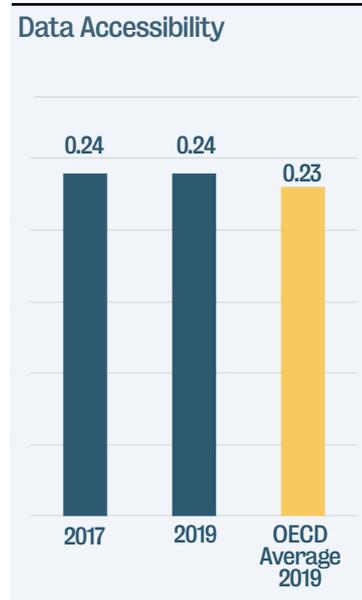
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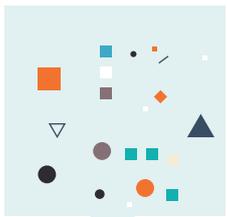
Good practice

Urban Data Centers

Since 2016, the Dutch central bureau for statistics (CBS) has engaged several Dutch municipalities to form the so-called Urban Data Centres to support adoption of data-driven policies by local authorities. For each municipality, two CBS experts are allocated to engage local collaborators to address the needs of the municipality and share knowledge regarding data infrastructure, data processing or privacy protection. As the partnership proposed by CBS is very flexible, the model of collaboration can be adjusted based on individual needs and capabilities of municipalities concerned.

Performance per Index Pillar

Data Availability

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.23	0.22	0.20
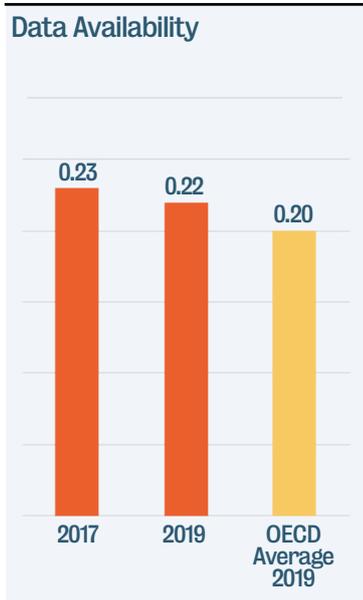
The Netherlands has maintained a relatively stable level of data availability since 2017. To sustain this and further increase, initiatives that ensure the involvement of citizens in the design of open data policies, and the number of high-value datasets on the OGD portal, should be prioritised.

Data Accessibility

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.24	0.24	0.23

Both the policy and implementation of accessible data in the Netharlands are very advanced and above the OECD average. However, the government could do a lot more to enable data.overheid.nl as a platform for open and user-driven innovation, as opposed to a mere data supply website.

Government Support for Data Reuse

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.18	0.19	0.17
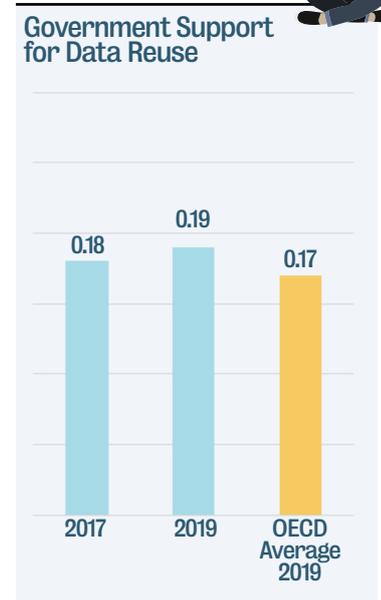
Since 2017 the government has engaged more with public servants to increase data literacy skills and thereby support the implementation of successful open data policies. This contrast with a reduced level of outreach to external stakeholders, as well as an almost absent monitoring of the impact of open data on social, economic and public sector performance factors.

• 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.