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.
OECD OURdata Index: 2019

Good practice

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

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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.