OECD OURdata Index: 2019

Governance for Open Government Data

**Institutional Governance**

The **Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization** and the Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for the Development of Civil Society are the main bodies in charge of open data policy.

The **National Network and Electronic Services Agency** is the administrator of the data.gov.sk portal for open government data.

**Policy Framework**

The **2017-2020 Open Data Strategy and Action Plan** presents a broad strategic vision and tangible steps towards making open data central in the Slovak public administration.

The **OGP National Action Plan of the Slovak Republic 2020-2021** covers commitments on regularly releasing APIs of central public institutions.

**Legal and Regulatory Instruments**

The **Act No. 211/2000 on Free Access to Information** transitioned from the 2013 EU PSI Directive into Slovak legislation.

**Enabling coherent policy implementation**

- In 2017, 39 Slovak public administration employees took part in open data training at the Government of the Slovak Republic.
- The **standard on open data publication** supports public employees in their open data release while simultaneously promoting greater quality of the data.

**Open Government Data Portal**

- **Data.gov.sk** is the central Open Government Data portal of the Slovak Republic.
- A SPARQL editor is available to create queries using the sparql language and present data obtained from such queries, facilitating machine-to-machine interaction and enhanced re-use of open data from the portal.

**Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration**

- **Open Government Week 2020** is a space for representatives from the government, municipalities, academia and NGOs to meet, discuss, and share practices and challenges on open government related initiatives, including open data.
Good practice

**Yearly Analysis of the Publication of Public Administration Datasets**

As part of the Slovak Government’s Open Government policy, analysis is conducted annually on the progress of open data publication across the public administration. The results provide an overview of data availability and the quality of the data published, to refine and improve the Slovak open data policy and guidelines. They also serve as an incentive for public institutions to generate better results for their organisations.

**Performance per Index Pillar**

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The Slovak Republic remains at the same level of Data Availability as in 2017. While there is room for improvement in both the policy framework for open data, (e.g. setting formal requirements and standards regarding the data lifecycle and data disaggregation) and in the stakeholder engagement for data release, the main focus should be on increasing the availability of high-value datasets (as defined by the G8 Open Data Charter) on the central OGD portal.

The increase in Data Accessibility since 2017 is attributed to the enhancement of the data.gov.sk portal, allowing users to more easily engage with the government to support data quality and completeness. However, the portal could be further enhanced, for example by allowing users to add their own data, and also by creating forums for discussions for users to engage and share ideas and practices between themselves.

The Slovak Government has, unlike many other OECD countries, shifted its focus towards supporting the re-use of data among civil society and businesses, and not towards the enhancement of the data literacy of public servants. The monitoring of the impact of open data has increased and the level of government support to data re-use (Pillar 3) has therefore seen an overall increase since 2017.

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