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Data Availability
Data Accessibility
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Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance

The Ministry of Public Administration (MPA) is in charge of formulating the Slovenian open data policy and ensuring its implementation.

The Information Commissioner of the Republic of Slovenia ensures compliance with the Public Information Access Act, and presents awards to successful OGD initiatives.

Policy Framework

The 2015-2020 Public Administration Development Strategy centres on improving the quality, efficiency and transparency of the Slovenian public administration and covers open government data.

A two-year action plan for 2018-2019 supports the implementation of the public administration development strategy.

Legal and Regulatory Instruments

Following amendments in 2015, the Slovenian Public Information Access Act includes open by default requirements.

The 2016 government Decree on communication and re-use of public sector information formulates clear standards for OGD metadata.

Enabling coherent policy implementation

- A manual for opening public sector data developed in cooperation with relevant stakeholders in 2016 provides practical guidance on data publication.
- Since 2017, the Administrative Academy run by MPA has organised regular training sessions for public servants on open data publication and reuse.

Open Government Data Portal

- In December 2016, MPA launched the new Slovenian national open data portal OPSI as part of an EU funded project.
- Open public procurement data from the database Statist supports public sector integrity.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

- In 2018, the hackathon Cultural adventure on the palm was held in Slovenian capital Ljubljana by the MPA, the Ministry of Culture, and the Slovenian Tourist Board. The event aimed to promote Slovenian cultural heritage through open data visualisations.
- In 2019, the hackathon My safety and mobility was organised by the MPA, the Police, and the Ljubljana Municipal Police department. The event aimed to gather ideas about mobile service technologies related to the safety and mobility of citizens.
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Good practice

Budget of the Republic of Slovenia
In order to bring the national budget closer to a wider number of citizens, the Ministry of Finance prepared an interactive graphical presentation of key budget data as an important transparency instrument. Citizens can learn more about state finances from the budget and how much money the state spends each year on individual sectors. Citizens can also see how much money has already been raised in the budget this year and how much was spent. It also provides more detailed information on the individual projects funded by the budget, filtered by region, municipality and project value.

Performance per Index Pillar

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Initiatives taken by the Slovenian government since 2017 have proven successful both in terms of making high-value datasets available on a single OGD portal and involving external stakeholders to improve the open data policy in its early stage. Today, Slovenia is among the top five OECD countries in terms of data availability.

While the policy and guidelines for government data accessibility have improved since 2017, the lack of more sophisticated feedback channels and user-driven features on the portal OPSI still prevent Slovenia from reaching a level of data accessibility above the OECD average.

The MPA’s work on increasing public servants’ skills for open data publication, as well as new efforts to monitor the impact on open data have contributed to the rise in Pillar 3. In contrast to this, the government has on few occasions engaged with civil society and businesses to promote re-use outside the public sector.

* 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.