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Sweden

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

31st Place

Governance for Open Government Data

Institutional Governance

Since 2018, The Agency for Digital Government (DIGG) under the Ministry of Infrastructure, has been responsible for promoting open data, data-driven innovation and the use of AI within the public sector.

The government has granted open data ring-fenced funds for 2018-2020, a rare practice among OECD-countries.

Policy Framework

The former digital government agenda (2015-2018) and the national digital strategy both highlight open data as a key enabler of data-driven innovation.

As proposed in the OECD Digital Government Review of Sweden, DIGG received a government commission in 2019 to develop a national open data strategy.

Legal and Regulatory instruments

The 2010 Swedish PSI act is currently the most relevant legal instrument for open data. The 2019 EU open data directive has not yet been transpositioned into Swedish law.

The PSI act mandates information held by government entities to be disclosed at no more than the marginal cost of production.

Enabling coherent policy implementation

→ The previous open data literacy programme led by the National Archives has been transformed into a network where DIGG, public sector organisations, and relevant stakeholders meet several times a year to discuss and improve the work with open data and data sharing.

Open Government Data Portal

→ In 2019, the beta version of Sweden's data portal was launched. The portal aims to provide easy access to data resources from both private and public sector organisations. Oppnadata.se will remain running until the new portal is fully launched.

Using data as a platform: ecosystem engagement and collaboration

→ Challengegov.se is a digital platform where private organisations compete to solve societal challenges through open and data-driven innovation. The platform is currently run by DIGG (based on a government assignment), together with the Government Offices, and several other central government agencies.

→ Good Tech Hack is an annual hackathon organised by civil society organisations, local governments and central government agencies. The 2020 theme centres around goal 3 of Agenda 2030: good health and well-being.

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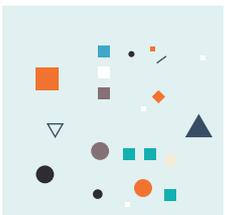
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Good practice

### Hack for Sweden

Hack for Sweden is a government mission to raise awareness and show the value of open data in Sweden. It is a community consisting of several government agencies, municipalities, companies, and civil society organisations, that collaborate to create sustainable impact using open government data. Starting as a 48-hour annual hackathon, Hack for Sweden has transformed into a 365-day platform for citizen-driven innovation.

Performance per Index Pillar

Data Availability

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.13	0.11	0.20
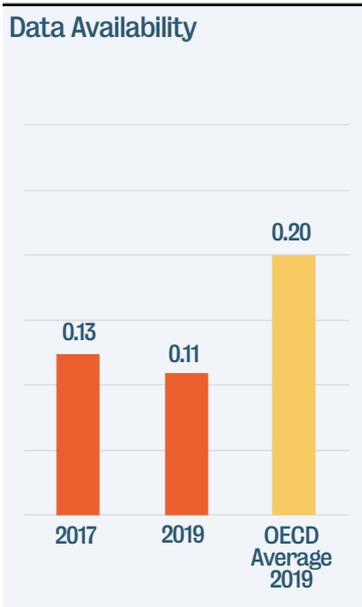
Sweden has made more data in high-value taxonomies available on oppnadata.se. The country has dropped in overall data availability due to relatively weak policy- and regulatory framework for open data, which still centres around the PSI act from 2010.

Data Accessibility

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.09	0.13	0.23
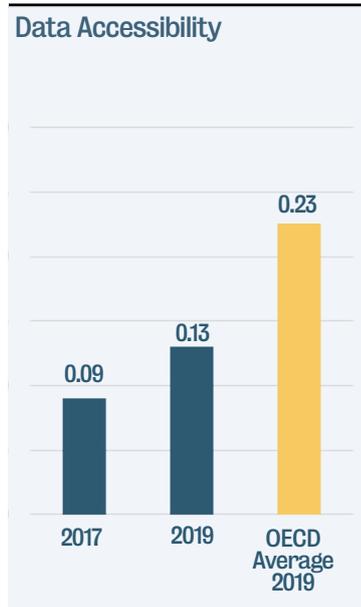
A high proportion of quality data are published on oppnadata.se. While organisations and users can add data and thereby contribute to data completeness, stakeholder engagement for data quality remains low due to lack of feedback channels such as discussion forums.

Government support for data reuse

2017	2019	OECD Average 2019
0.09	0.14	0.17
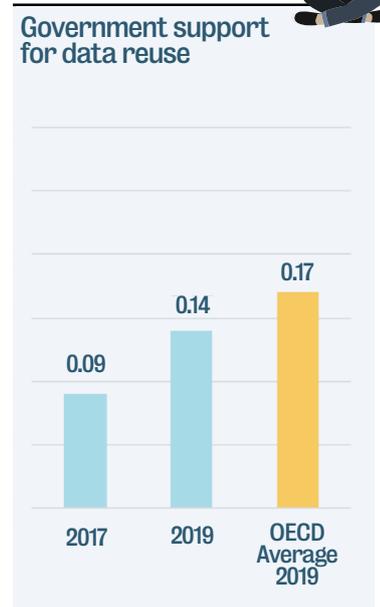
Sweden has made significant efforts to promote data re-use among external stakeholders, e.g. through hackathons. Yet, few resources are invested in increasing data literacy skills within government (compared to the OECD average).

• 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.

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