**Pan-European Open Data Portal**

**Landscaping questionnaire**

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**Foreword**

Objectives

The *Open Data Portal Project* (ODPP) covers a full set of activities with the ambition of deploying a pan-European data portal infrastructure including the provision of a series of added value services to accompany the European countries.

Our overarching approach to supporting European Countries as they mature on their open data Journey is to offer a combination of common support material and training as well as targeted support for those that are still in the early stages of the journey.

A first step therefore consists in assessing where the countries stand on their journey to implement open data, increase the publication of data sets and support the re-use of the data made available.

This activity is commonly called landscaping. This involves assessing where different European countries stand with regard to their open data policies and, more importantly, their publishing practices. In order to serve the countries as they mature on their open data journey, it is crucial to collect information on their progress and challenges from the Member States themselves.

Working Definitions

This section provides a working definition of what is to be understood as Open Data:

Open (Government) Data refers to the information collected, produced or paid for by the public bodies (also referred to as Public Sector Information) and made freely available for re-use for any purpose. The license might also say

* that people who use the data must credit whoever is publishing it (this is called attribution)
* that people who mix the data with other data have to also release the results as open data (this is called share-alike)

These principles for open data are described in detail in the Open Definition.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Public sector information is information collected by the public sector. The Directive on the re-use of public sector information[[2]](#footnote-2) provides a common legal framework for a European market for government-held data (public sector information).

**The specific scope of open data used within the EU Open Data Portal project is data published by public administrations or on their behalf. The focus is not on community data.**

Approach for the Landscaping

Each year, the ODPP Consortium will conduct a maturity assessment to identify where European countries stand on their open data journey at a fixed point in time. Open data maturity will be measured against two key indicators The first composite indicator called “open data readiness” will comprise presence of specific open data policies, licensing norms, the extent of coordination at national level, when it comes to guidelines and setting common approaches, as well as whether the revised PSI directive has been transposed. A second scoring consists in another composite indicator measuring “data availability.” It is made of usability of the portal with regard to availability of functionalities, the use made of the data available, overall re-usability of data as well as spread of data across high value domains. These indicators are depicted below:



Figure 1 Open Data Maturity Indicators

For each maturity assessment, a set of complementary sources will be used. Indeed, assessing maturity implies seeking both quantitative and qualitative information. As far as possible, the consortium will re-use existing information already collected by for instance:

* The OpenDataMonitor
* The Open Data Barometer
* Other ongoing initiatives such as the ePSI platform, the Share PSI 2.0 thematic network
* In addition, desk research will also be conducted.

However most of these sources do not offer a broad coverage of the policy aspects related to the implementation of open data. It is therefore necessary to collect further qualitative information to assess the level of open data readiness of the different European countries.

To meet the goal of the landscaping and enable tailored support to be brought to the countries, the members of the PSI expert group are kindly invited to fill in the questionnaire within this document. It is structured into seven chapters: Information on the respondent, Presence of Open Data policy, The use of Open Data, The impact of Open Data, Best practices, Challenges and Barriers, Open Additions.

The picture below shows where the input from the landscaping questionnaire will be used in the maturity assessment.



1. http://opendefinition.org/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Directive 2003/98/EC http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2003:345:0090:0096:EN:PDF [↑](#footnote-ref-2)