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<u>Open Data</u>

- What is 'open' data?

- History & Tradition

- OGD vs. INSPIRE?

- Examples

Open Data

What is Open Data?

- Initiative and idea of the free accessibility and availability of data for everyone

- Movement of data providers and users
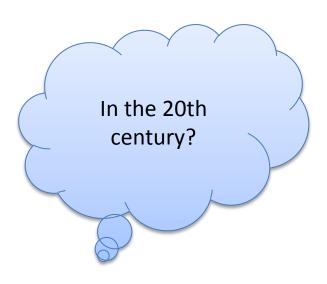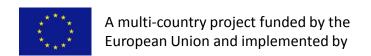
- Beyond legal obligations

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In the 20th century?

When did it start?
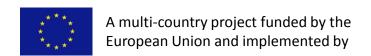
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- ## History & Tradition
  - ### Result of Open Government and E-Government movements
    - Economic liberalism
    - Government transparency to trigger increased effeciancy
  - ### Early roots go back to 17th century in Asia resp. period of European Enlightenment in Europe
    - China: Peking Gazette, starting 8th century, China
    - Sweden: Freedom of the Press, 1766
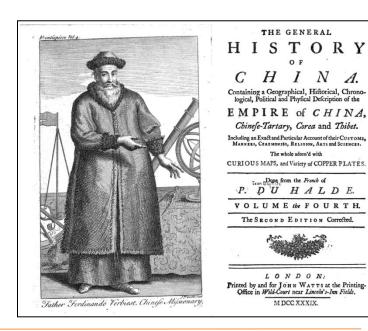   - USA: United States Constitution, 1787

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- **<u>Peking Gazette</u>**
  - Traces of Open Government in Chinese legislation recorded by Jean Baptiste du Halde's 1736 '*The General History of China*'
  - '*Peking Gazette*' goes back to the 8th century
  - '*Peking Gazette*' as first media to publish governmental data and measures to increase government efficiency and create competition among government bodies
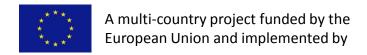
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- **Freedom of the Press**, 1766, Sweden

  - *6. [A]ll exchanges of correspondence, species facti, documents, protocols, judgments and awards . . . when requested, shall immediately be issued to anyone who applies for them.*

  - *7. [I]n order to prevent the several kinds of hazardous consequences that may follow from imprudent votes, likewise graciously decided that [judges] shall no longer be protected behind an anonymity that is no less injurious than unnecessary; for which reason when anyone, whether he is a party to the case or not, announces his wish to print older or more recent voting records in cases where votes have occurred, they shall, as soon as a judgment or verdict has been given in the matter, immediately be released for a fee, when for each votum the full name of each voting member should also be clearly set out . . . and that on pain of the loss of office for whosoever refuses to do so or to any degree obstructs it.*

Peter Hogg, 2006

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- United States Constitution, 1787, USA

  - **Congressional Record**
  - *'Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.'*

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- Recent development of Open Government legislation
  - Open Government movements in the 50' and 60' as reaction on the governmental developments during and after WWII in the US
    - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 1966
      - idealistic principles of having an informed citizenry
    - FOIA amendments, 1974
      - strengthening right-to-know

Open Data

What *'data'* can be open?

- Data which may of use for other purposes or communities than those it was created for

- Data be it scientific, historical, geographic or otherwise (e.g. Open Science Data)

- Government and other administrative information (e.g. Open Governmental Data)
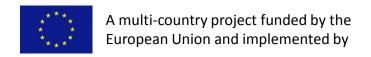
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What is *'open' data*?

"A piece of content or data is open if anyone is free to use, reuse, and redistribute it — subject only, at most, to the requirement to attribute and/or share-alike."

http://opendefinition.org/

Open Data

What is *'open' data*?

- Availability and Access

- Reuse and Redistribution

- Universal Participation   http://opendefinition.org/

Open Data

- <u>Availability and Access</u>
  - Most be available to no more than reasonable reproduction cost
    - marginal costs of data or information are near zero if internet technology is used for distribution
  - Data most be available in a convenient and modifiable form
    - Open data formats & standards

Open Data

Reuse and Redistribution

- Data must be provided under 'terms' which allow reuse and redistribution
  - Technical & legal accessibility
- Data must be intermixable with other data sources

Open Data

Universal Participation

- Everyone should be able to use the data under the same conditions

  – No discrimination against communities or activities

  – Commercial as well as non commercial use of data

Open Governmental Data

- Part of Open Data movement
  - Mainly government bodies with close relations to the public or interested in visibility/transparency
  - 10 Principles of OGD
    - Completeness
    - Primacy
    - Timeliness
    - Machine readibility
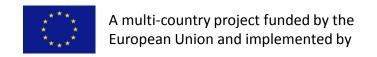   - …

Open Governmental Data

Is Open Governmental Data a SDI?

- OGD data are mainly spatial data
- Organisational SDI approach

BUT

- Agreements on commonly used standards and technologies are widely missing
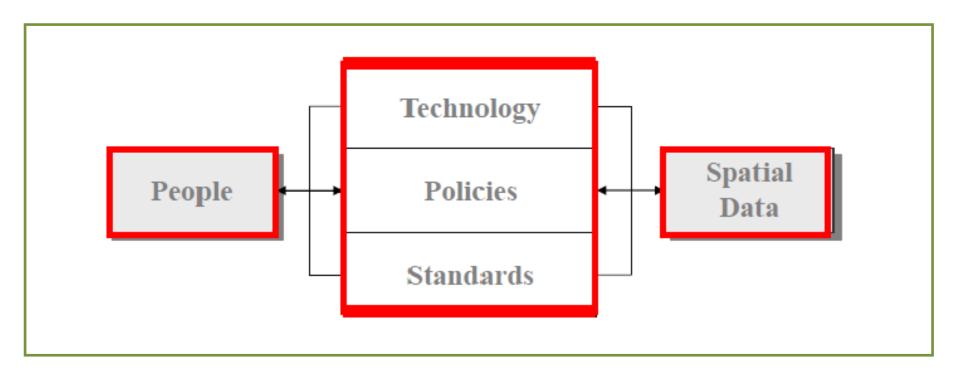- OGD is rather focusing on content than on infrastructure and interoperability
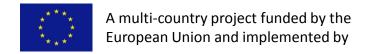
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Kuhn, Jaansen

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Open Governmental Data & INSPIRE

Both are overlapping eGovernment initiatives which compliment each other!

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VERSUS? AND? WITH?

INSPIRE

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Open Governmental Data & INSPIRE

- Open Data from information system viewpoint

Data, Information		Infrastructure		Community

Open Governmental Data

Legal & Institutional framework

	OGD	INSPIRE
Approach	• Bottom-Up • Driven by provider and user communities	• Top-Down • Driven by EU and economy
Legal framework	• Legally not binding and no obligation • Voluntary movement • OGD is an initiative which goes beyond the existing legal obligations	• EU Directive 2007/2/EC • National transposed EU Directives
Availability	• Operational and growing • Regional coverage highly heterogeneous	• Fully with European coverage operational by 2020

Open Governmental Data

Content

	OGD	INSPIRE
Content	• Data across all field which are hold by government institution • From raw data to aggregated data and indicators • Not limited to spatial data • Content provided in highly heterogeneous formats	• Data in according to the annex themes • Mainly spatial reference data • Spatial data only • Content provided in harmonized format
Licences	• Data is '**Open**' by definition • No restriction regarding licenses as long the are open • Mainly Creative Commons (CC BY 3.0)	• Data has to be **accessible** in case of emergency • Fees (ecommerce) and restrictions (security) are possible • INSPIRE proposes standard (basic) licenses similar to CC

Open Governmental Data

Infrastructure

	OGD	INSPIRE
Infrastructure	• Unconnected 'data islands' • No central coordination body • No discovery service for the whole OGD • Search portals on national level only (if any) • No use of widely established (spatial) standards • High technological flexibility	• Infrastructure is (over-) developed and (over-) regulated • Based on (spatial) standards • International and national coordination bodies • Connected search portals on national and international level • Low technological flexibility

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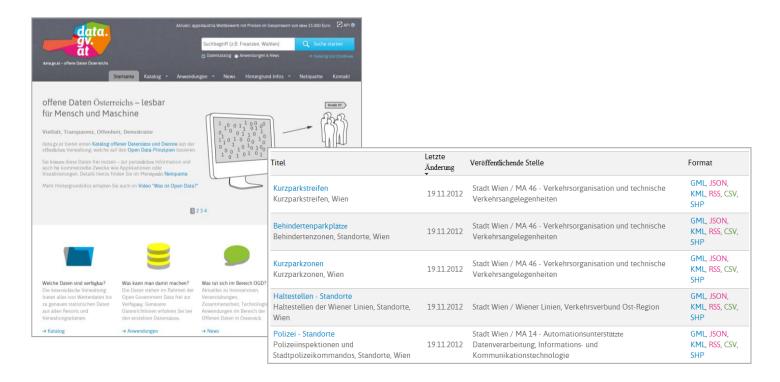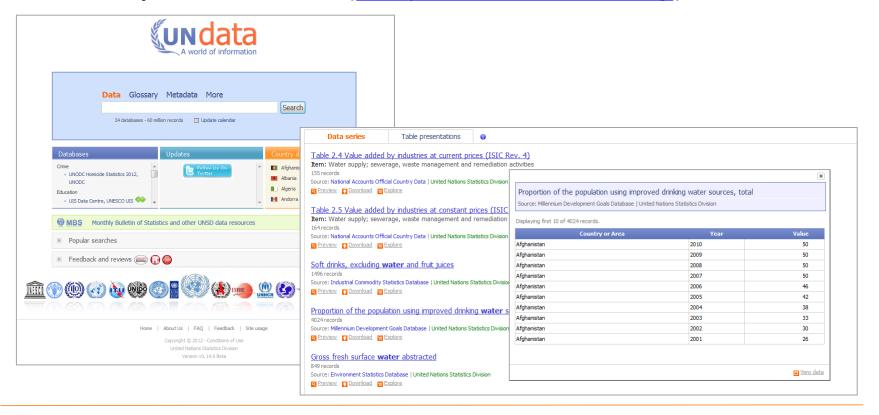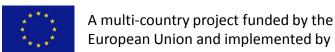| Community	OGD	INSPIRE
	• Governmental data provider on voluntary base • Communities & Economy needed to customize data and provide services (Downstream) • Public benefits from free or fee based services based on INSPIRE • No direct communication channel with the public (indirect communication through service provider)	• Governmental data provider legally bound by law • Communities & Economy needed to customize data and provide services (Downstream) • Public benefits from free or fee based services based on INSPIRE • No direct communication channel with the public

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- Example data.gv.at (http://data.gv.at/)

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- Example UNdata (http://data.un.org)

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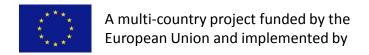European Union and implemented by

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