

## Progress Report for Open Data Governance Board – 3rd October 2018

### Governance Activities

The next meeting of the Public Bodies Working Group is scheduled for 11th October. The Agenda will include an update on the recast of the PSI Directive and a representative from the ADAPT Centre, Trinity College, will give a demonstration on GeoVis – a Linked Data Query and Visualisation WebApp developed as part of the Open Data Engagement Fund. A review of the Terms of Reference of the Group is also planned.

A call for expressions of interest for membership of the Open Data Governance Board has been advertised via the stateboards.ie website. The closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> October. There are 3 vacancies on the Board.

### Open Data Support

From September 2017 to June 2018, 292 public servants from 64 organisations availed of the open data training. The Open Data Unit reviewed the training modules with Urban Tide over the summer and amended the training content where necessary. The next round of courses will start in October. It was decided to include 2 courses in 2018/2019 at regional venues, in Athlone and Cavan.

The existing contract for technical support for the Open Data Portal and Initiative expired on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Through a procurement process the new contract was awarded to Derilinx for a period of up to 5 years.

### Implementation of the Open Data Strategy

The Open Data Unit continues to meet with individual public service organisations to discuss their open data activities. For example, meetings were recently held with D/Finance and D/Justice and a meeting with Bord Iascaigh Mhara is planned for next week. Liaison Officers have been asked to submit a progress report of their open data activities up to end Q3 2018 and examples of these are appended.

### Open Data portal

The number of datasets available on the portal continues to grow and now totals some 8,700 – this includes some 2,000 new datasets linked from Met Eireann as well as a number of new datasets from CSO and D/Housing, Planning and Local Government. There were 97 new datasets added to the portal in July, 14 in August and 70 in September. The number of visitors to the portal is approximately 12,000 per month.

There are now 15 '[showcases](#)' on the portal. Blog posts and news items are regularly added to the portal and regular tweets are also being sent.

### Open Data Engagement Fund

Following an evaluation of the 2017/2018 Open Data Engagement Fund, it was agreed to run the engagement fund again in 2018/2019 and the fund was launched by Minister O'Donovan via Press Release on 21<sup>st</sup> September. The closing date is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### Reuse of Public Service (PSI) Directive

The Open Data Team continue to attend European Council Working Group meetings on the recast of the PSI Directive with meetings attended in July (1) and September (2). Further meetings are scheduled to take place in October. The Open Data Unit have been consulting with public service organisations on the new proposals.

## National and International Engagement

The Open Data Unit intend having an annual Open Data conference and this is provisionally booked for 19 November in Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council.

The Open Data Unit intend participating in a number of Conference in September / October to showcase and promote the portal. This includes the Data Summit in Croke Park on 19<sup>th</sup> September, the annual Public Service Innovation Conference in Dublin Castle on 26<sup>th</sup> September and the Predict Conference in the RDS on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The Unit also intend to have a presence at the global CoderDojo seminar which takes place in Kilkenny from 19-21 October.

The Open Data Unit presented at two EU workshops facilitated by Capgemini who are contracted by the European Commission to operate the European Open Data portal. These were on Measuring Open Data Impact which took place on 13/14 September in Paris and on best practice open data portals which took place in Lisbon on 27/28 September.

The OECD published the results of the Open Government Data Report this month. This report draws on the data and information regarding practices collected by the OECD through several Open Government Data surveys. The results of the 2017 European Data Portal landscaping survey are due out in November 2018.

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