



Update from the Open Data Unit for the Open Data Governance Board Meeting of 7th December 2021

Highlights

- Ireland is now ranked 2nd in the EU for Open Data Maturity, up from 4th in 2020.
- Well received Open Data Conference held on November 30th.
- Open Data Publisher's Technical Workshop scheduled for the 8th December. The workshop is full and a waiting list established.
- 57% of Datasets on the portal available via APIs.
- The assessments of both the Technical Services Framework for Open Data and Data Management and the Open Data Training Framework are now complete
- Take the [Open Data Impact Survey](#)

Open Data Conference 2021

The annual Open Data conference took place 30th November 2021. It was opened by the Minister of State, Ossian Smyth and the keynote speaker was Stefaan Verhulst, cofounder of GovLab in New York. His topic was 'Towards a Purpose and Question-driven Open Data Ecosystem'. The conference was well attended by 300 people and the feedback was very positive. Dennis, as the outgoing chair of the ODGB give the closing address.

Open Data in the EU

The 33rd Meeting of the PSI group took place on the 22nd November. The most pressing topic discussed was the delayed publication of the HVDs associated with the Open Data Directive, but there is no further information on these and won't be before 2022. We will circulate a note on this when we have further information. The ODU presented the progress of Ireland's Open Data Initiative over the last year and confirmed the successful transposition of the Directive on July 22nd through [SI 376/2021](#). Approximately half the Member States have transposed the Directive or are well advanced in the process.

Framework RFTs

Technical Support Services

The Multi-Supplier Framework Agreement for the Provision of a Technical Services Framework for Open Data and Data Management for the Irish Public Sector is currently in the standstill period.

The Framework contains services under 3 categories:

1. Data Management

- Data Audits,
- Data Extraction, Transform and Load (ETL) and Preparation Services

- Develop a Publication Plan and Publish data
 - Data Maintenance
 - Data Maturity Assessment
- 2. Fully Hosted and Managed Open Data Platform Solution**
 - 3. Other Consultancy Advice and Support Services**

Open Data Training

1. The Open Data Training Framework RFT has been awarded to Urban Tide and its partners NUIG. A new programme of Open Data training will be developed and is expected to commence in Q2 2022.

The courses to be included in are:

- i. General Introduction to Open Data
 - ii. Open Data & Re-Use of Public Service Information (PSI Directive) – Implications for public bodies
 - iii. Open Data Audits and Data Publication
 - iv. Introduction to Data Analytics and Visualisations
 - v. Data Anonymisation Techniques
 - vi. Introduction to Linked Data
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2. [Open Data Publishers' Technical Workshop on December 8th](#)

In this workshop, Public Sector Bodies will receive practical support and guidance on how to publish Open Data in line with the National Open Data Publishing Guidelines and the EU Open Data Directive. The workshop will focus on health and wellbeing data, however the approaches presented will be applicable across domains.

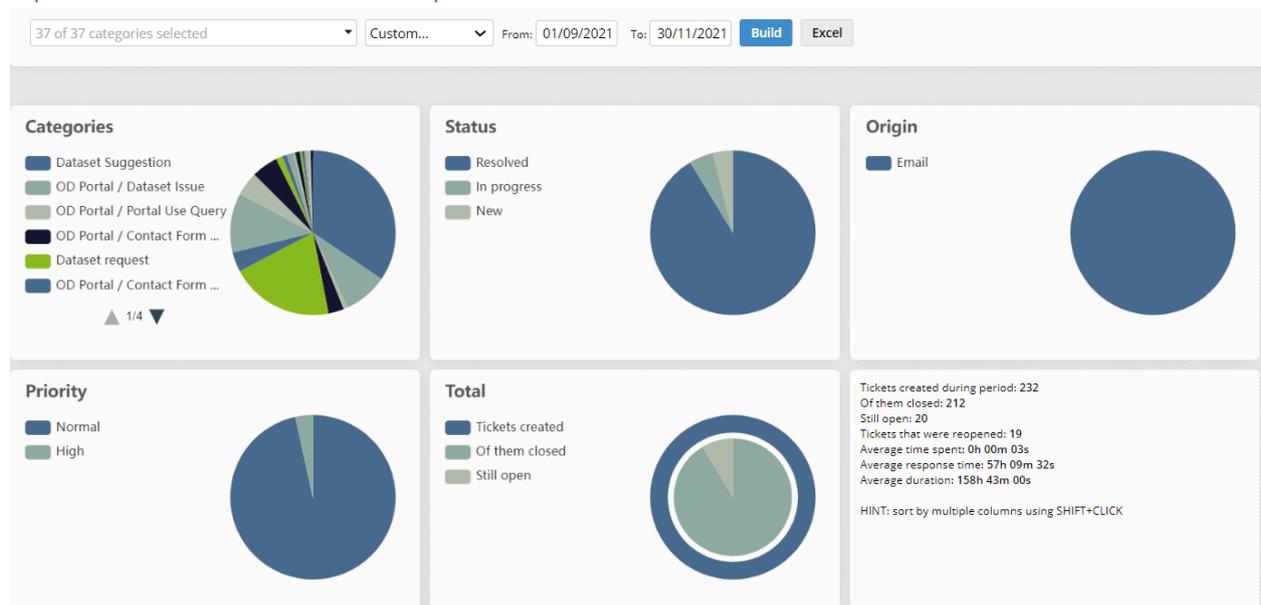
Open Data Portal

A significant amount of work continues to be carried out on the background operation of Data.gov.ie. Additions to the portal to inform public bodies on their responsibilities under the Open Data Directive are underway.

The new Open Data Publication Guidelines have now been published in both English and Irish. They are available on the portal at <https://data.gov.ie/guidelines/>

- 13043 Datasets on Portal
- 57% Datasets with APIs
- 153 Publishers
- 26,784 Portal users in November

Open Data Queries Tracker Report



There has been a 41% increase in data suggestions and data requests since the introduction of the Open Data Directive when compared with the first 6 months of the year.

Hale & Hearty Action No: 2019-IE-IA-0126

The Hale and Hearty Action to create a health and well-being knowledge base and associated app is continuing to progress well.

The alpha version of the Hale and Hearty API is now live and available at <https://data.gov.ie/haleandhearty>

There will be a survey attached to this to gather feedback on it and link the findings to the user groups identified at the outset of the Action

The sustainability of the project beyond the proof of concept and MVP is under consideration and potential partner options are being assessed. Information on the project is available at <https://haleandhearty.ie/>

Open Data Impact Research

The Open Data Impact project will run for 2 years until December 2022.

The project was presented at the Open Data Conference and attendees were encouraged to participate. There are currently 79 responses to the survey and the validation and analysis of the results has started.

We encourage all Board members to complete the survey if you have not already done so and to circulate the survey as broadly as possible. The survey is available at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/IrelandODImpactSurvey2021>

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