



Update from the Open Data Unit for the Open Data Governance Board Meeting of 18th February 2022

Highlights

- The Technical Services Framework for Open Data and Data Management is now live and available for drawdown.
- Open Data Training Framework are now available for drawdown by public bodies.
- Circular 20/2021 on the Open Data Directive has been issued to all public bodies in Irish and English <https://www.gov.ie/en/circular/523a7-circular-202021-open-data-directive/>
- There are now 13,191 datasets from 153 publishers available on the open data portal, 7,256 are available via API.
- Seventeen harvesters publish data automatically to the open data portal.
- Benchmarking took place on date with the Slovenian open data unit to share our experience and support the development of their open data portal. A presentation was made to their national Open Data network.
- The H&H partners met with the CEF Project Manager to present the current situation and discuss possible amendments. The feedback was very positive.
- The ODU made presentations at Maynooth University's Love Data week and to MET data management staff.
- Take the [Open Data Impact Survey](#)

Open Data in the EU

The publication of the HVDs associated with the Open Data Directive is anticipated at the end of Q1 2022.

The open data unit participated in the EU's National Open Data Programmes Round Table Exchange on Feb 2nd 2022.

The Open Data Unit were invited by the Slovenian equivalent to share our experience and support the development of their open data portal. A presentation was made to their national Open Data network.

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 went live on the 24th January.

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

Derilinx is the lead tenderer for this cascade drawdown Multi-Supplier Framework. There have already been an application for a hosted service and a data management package under this framework.

Open Data Training

Urban Tide in partnership with NUIG were the successful tenderer for the single supplier Open Data Training Framework.

The course content for the Open Data Training Framework is under discussion with Urban Tide and NUIG. They are scheduled to submit the course material over the next 2 months, as each one is complete. The ODU have organised volunteers from the ODAG to review this material as it becomes available. NASFs for courses are available to public bodies from the OGP now and courses will begin after Easter.

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

Open Data Directive requirements

Actions Required of Public Bodies:

- i. Under Regulation 4 of SI 376/2021 all Departments/Offices and relevant bodies under their aegis are obliged to supply to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform with information as requested from time to time, such as open data progress reports.
- ii. All entities covered by the Regulations are required to familiarise themselves with and implement their obligations under the Open Data Directive and the national [Open Data Strategy](#). This must include the development and publication of an Open Data Publication Plan.
- iii. All Departments/Offices and relevant bodies under their aegis must assign responsibility to an officer for matters arising under these Regulations in line with the national [Open Data Strategy](#). Note, public bodies may already have an Open Data Liaison Officer in place.

- iv. All entities covered by the Regulations should take immediate steps to ensure that their websites provide, as a minimum, the following information:
 - a. The name and email address of the officer nominated to take responsibility for this area.
 - b. Details of what data is available for re-use and the licencing conditions that apply (CC BY 4.0 Attribution advised).
 - c. A link to any data published by them on the national open data portal, data.gov.ie.
 - d. Details of how requests for re-use can be made, how they will be processed, and means of appeal.
 - e. Details of any charges for re-use (if applicable) and how any charges are calculated.
 - f. Details of any exclusive arrangements in place with regard to reuse of the data (if applicable).
 - g. A link to the Open Data Directive page on the national open data portal, <https://data.gov.ie/pages/open-data-directive>, which contain the text of the Directive and Regulations.
- v. Where possible, public sector bodies should make practical arrangements facilitating the preservation of documents available for re-use.
- vi. All entities covered by the Regulations are required to respond positively to requests for data under the Open Data Directive, unless this would place a significant burden on the body concerned.

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. We are updating the look and feel of the text pages and amending the text to reflect developments in open data and the new request structure. The menu structure is being revised at present. Work is continuing on making the translation of text pages and metadata available in Irish.

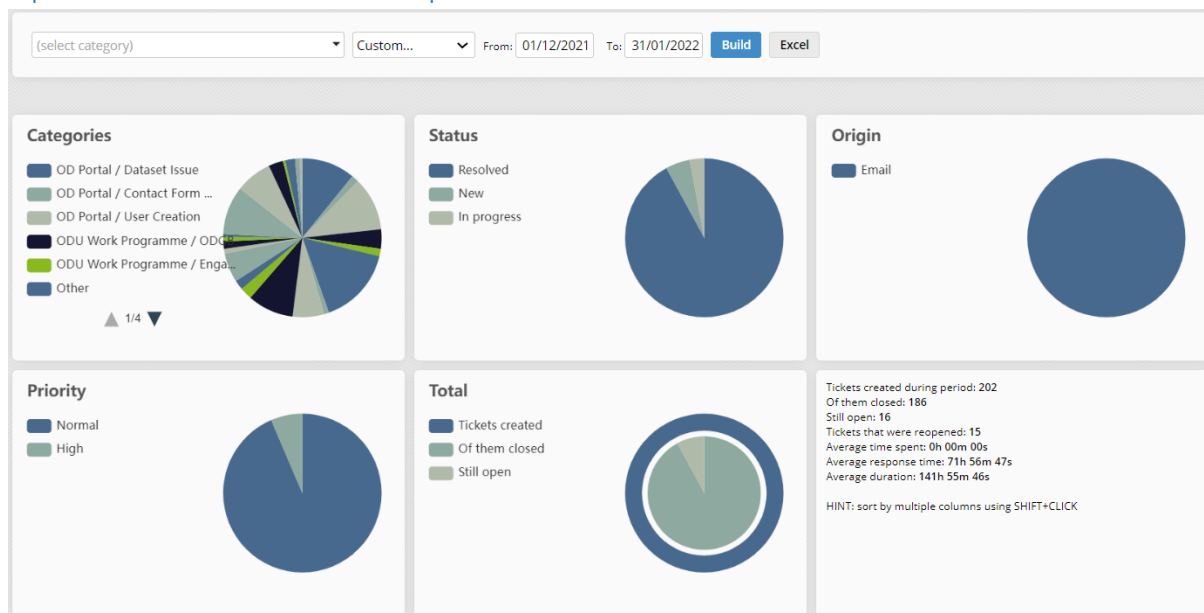
The KPI and QA reports have been refined and adjusted to meet the needs of open data staff across the public sector and are available at;

<https://data.gov.ie/kpi-report>

<https://data.gov.ie/qa-report>

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/>

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 month of the year.

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

The Hale and Hearty partners presented the Action to a high level group of health data managers on the 18th January to discuss the sustainability of the project, particularly future ownership and management of the knowledge base and app. The feedback was positive and health data managers are to get back to the project team for further information or suggestions.

The H&H partners also met with Mark Vella Muskat, the CEF PM to discuss the status of the Action, possible financial reorganisation and the evaluation process. The feedback from CEF was enthusiastic, the CEF members were happy with the progress and for reallocation of funds as necessary.

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

There is 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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