DCAT Application Profile for European Data Portals

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The DCAT Application profile for data portals in Europe (DCAT-AP) is a specification based on the Data Catalogue vocabulary (DCAT) for describing public sector datasets in Europe.
Where can I find it?

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/description
WHY THE DCAT-AP?
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Existing OGD Portal
Different metadata vocabularies + Limited accessibility and lack of awareness = Limited reuse of open datasets
No reuse = less value
By using a common metadata schema to describe datasets in data catalogs:

• **Data publishers** increase data discoverability and thus reuse

• **Data reusers** can search across platforms and will not be affected by the use of different metadata schema and different languages

The quality of the description metadata directly affects how easily datasets can be found!
DCAT-AP enables the exchange of description metadata between data portals
DCAT-AP enables the provision of a **single** point of access to data sets published in national open portals thanks to a common set of metadata.
HOW WAS THE DCAT-AP ESTABLISHED?
Shared initiative ...
An international Working Group of experts:

- **Chair:** António Carneiro (Publications Office)
- **59 Working Group members representing:**
  - 16 different European Member States (UK, IT, ES, DK, NO, DE, SK, BE, AT, SE, FI, FR, IE, NL, GR, SI)
  - US
  - Several European Institutions and international organisations
  - 40 different Data Portals
The objectives of the WG are ...

- Identify the essential elements and attributes of DCAT in the European context;
- Identify the controlled vocabularies to be used in the European context and
- Identify the strict minimum description metadata to be exchanged between data portals in Europe
The DCAT-AP is open for public review until 15 July

- Members of the public are invited to download the final draft: https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/asset/dcat_application_profile/asset_release/dcat-application-profile-data-portals-europe-final-draf
- ... and submit their comments on the download page
QUESTIONS?