Session 3: Ensuring coherence with EU eGovernment priorities

Di@vgeia (ESIF) &YourDataStories (H2020) project as an example of synergy between funds

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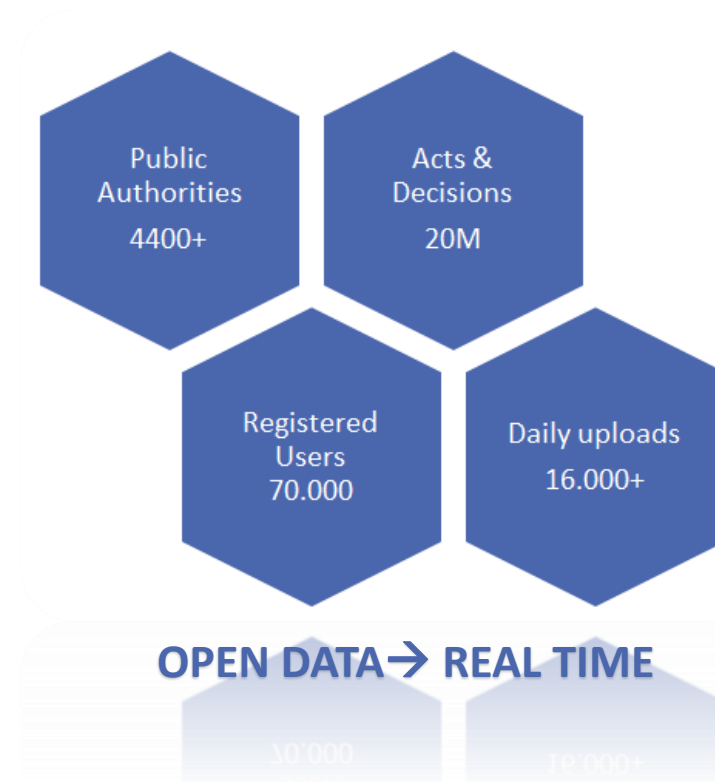*YourDataStories Project Coordinator*

Greek Transparency Program Initiative (Di@vgeia): At a glance

- Financed by the European Structural Fund in Greece, Sectoral Operation Program "Public Sector Reform" (2007-2013);

- A web portal to publish online all public spending decisions from 2010

- All public institutions upload their acts on the Transparency Portal

- Each document is assigned a unique Internet Uploading Number (IUN)

- Administrative acts and decisions are not valid unless published online

- The initiative has been presented in many European and international conferences and has been defined as "open government best practice"

Find more about Di@vgeia: https://diavgeia.gov.gr/en

Public Authorities
4400+

Acts & Decisions
20M

Registered Users
70.000

Daily uploads
16.000+

OPEN DATA → REAL TIME

YourDataStories & Di@vgeia synergy

- H2020 Innovation Action Project: INSO1: ICT-enabled open government

- Development of a web platform utilizing open government data in order to further promote **transparency, collaboration and public engagement;**

- Pilot project "**Follow Public Money**" focuses on economic data from DI@VGEIA and National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) portal for public construction projects;

- **Objective:** Enrichment, interconnection and utilization of open governmental data by control authorities, the business community and citizens.

Find more about YDS: http://yourdatastories.eu/

The Vision

- Increase transparency and participation
  - ◦ Combine the two "suppliers" of open data
  - ◦ Better satisfy the needs of the "demand side"
  - ◦ Include a social media dimension

- Validate, correct, and augment OGD with UGC

- Develop the required software stack to allow citizens & business easier access to OGD

Main Challenges

Economic Open Data: Current Status

◦ Lack of standardisation (i.e. use unique identifiers to the sellers/buyers);

◦ Diverse and incompatible most of the times

◦ Plethora of vocabularies in use (i.e. supplier=payee=ανάδοχος=proveedor)

◦ Incomplete information & wrong metadata in many cases

◦ Lack of Geo-location information;

◦ Lack of solutions and tools for easy access to the data;

With Great Potential!

◦ Need for tools & infrastructure to alleviate these problems

YourDataStories: Adding value to Di@vgeia

- Provides apps to increase visibility & understanding of the data for the citizens / business;

- Provides invaluable input for improving the Transparency portal (Diavgeia), and the data.gov.gr portal (i.e. convert data to linked data & highlight the need for more metadata – as content is available in PDFs);

- The pilot serves as a best practice and highlights the benefits of combining different sources of open data, finding new uses for them (i.e. YDS converts individual acts into a coherent monitoring app combining multiple sources of information);

- The knowledge that the ministry personnel gains from participating, will be of great importance in implementing government policies on open data in the future;

- The collaboration with other EU public authorities on creating specialized monitoring apps to "follow public money", motivates to further improve data & services, targeting real user needs;

Main Barriers

- Lack of understanding the benefits of publishing governmental data

- Lack of standardisation & guidelines leads public organizations to provide data in non-optimal ways that are difficult to use and error-prone;

- Involvement of the citizens is still very low: Most citizens do not know the benefits of utilizing different open data sources in improving their participation in decision making, fighting corruption & strengthening accountability, thus there is no pressure on government organizations

- Lack of motivation among people (citizens, public servants) to collaborate;

- Organisational culture and existing organisational procedures

- Lack of government resources on effective implementation of open data policies

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