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1 Introduction

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You can navigate through a selection of remarkable general news and events, and also check what were the hot-topics on the platform throughout 2014.

References to all the documents and news can be found after the corresponding sections of the document.

2 News in Europe

2.1 Open Data at the EU Institutions

By midyear, the European Union Open Data Portal released a [publication](#)¹ designed to help EU organisations to **develop data publishing processes** via the EU open access portal. Meanwhile the ISA Programme published a [report](#)² based on **high-value datasets** from European Union Institutions.



EU Open Data Portal promotional banner (Source: open-data.europa.eu - © European Union)

Shortly after that, the Department of Library and Information Science at the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain) published a [study](#)³ that **analyzed and evaluated** the European Open Data Portal. The year ended with the European Union Open Data Portal launching a [survey](#)⁴ to **help improve** the EU Open Data Portal.

¹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/new-%E2%80%98eu-open-data%E2%80%99-publication-basics-eu-data-providers>

² <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/high-value-datasets-eu-institutions-%E2%80%93-report-published>

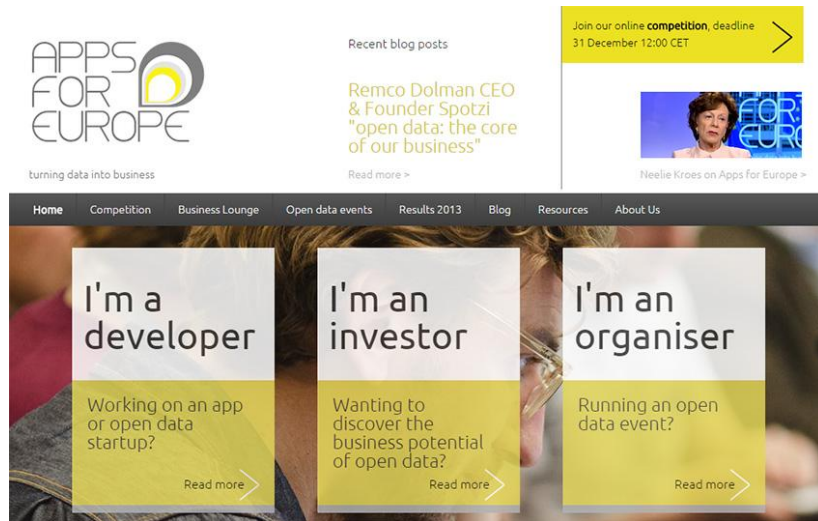
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⁴ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/survey-launched-help-improve-eu-open-data-portal>

2.2 Promotion of a data-driven economy across Europe

During the first quarter of 2014, the European Commission launched the [report](#)⁵ 'Sizing the EU **app economy**'.

In the second quarter: the [winners](#)⁶ of the first **Apps For Europe Competition** were announced; the EC Expert Group explored Text and Data Mining [policy challenges](#)⁷; the Interoperability Solutions for Public Administrations (ISA) programme of the European Commission launched a [survey](#)⁸ to collect information on **licensing practices** for open data used by the Member States of the European Union; the Article 29 Working Party issued an [Opinion](#)⁹ on **anonymisation** techniques; and after delivering eleven onsite trainings in ten different EU Member States, the European Commission's **Open Data Support** initiative announced a second release of [training material](#)¹⁰.



Apps for Europe web portal (Source: www.appsforeurope.eu - © Apps for EU)

In July, the EC launched the SMART 2014/1072 [call for tenders](#)¹¹ for the Implementation of the **pan-European Open Data portal** plus related services, linked with fostering public data publication and its commercial reuse. Also, in July the European Commission issued a ‘[Communication](#)¹² on the data-driven economy’ that sketched the features of the **data-driven economy** of the future, and laid out some operational conclusions to support and accelerate the transition towards it. As an important milestone to help Member States in the transposition of the PSI Directive, the European Commission released [guidelines](#)¹³ **on the implementation of the revised PSI Directive and on recommended standard licences, datasets and charging** for the reuse of documents.

The third quarter of the year ended with the **19th meeting**¹⁴ **of the PSI group**, held in Luxembourg, aiming at exchanging good PSI re-use practices and recommending solutions to its challenges. Also, during the Open Days 2014, hosted by the Committee of the Regions (CoR), participants had the opportunity to join two interesting workshops: ‘[Cohesion Policy and Open Data](#)’¹⁵ and ‘[Open Data for Innovation](#)’¹⁶.

Finally, in October, the European Commission published **two reports**¹⁷ urging cultural institutions to publish more **cultural heritage data** online.

⁵ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/ec-report-sizing-eu-app-economy>

⁶ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/winners-first-apps-europe-competition-announced>

⁷ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/ec-expert-group-explores-text-and-data-mining-policy-challenges>

⁸ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/european-commission-asks-your-input-licensing-practices-open-data>

⁹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/article-29-working-party-issues-opinion-anonymisation-techniques-0>

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2.3 Analysis of the benefits of PSI re-use

At the beginning of the year, a [study](#)¹⁸ that proved **economic benefits of open data for Berlin** was published, estimating an impact of €32m per year in the German city.

By mid-year, the [report](#)¹⁹ on **Open Data in Health & Social Care** revealed a possible £216 billion boost to the UK economy, and we faced the [question](#)²⁰ 'How much is your location data worth?' as EU researchers explored the **personal data** market.

In September, we had an updated [report](#)²¹ on the **information-based sector in Spain**, with some interesting national figures.

As the year started drawing to a close, we learned from the [experience](#)²² of **sharing the Dutch Key Register of Topography as Open Data**.



Cover of studies addressing the benefits of having released Open Data from Berlin (left; Source: www.technologiestiftung-berlin.de © 2014 TSB Technologiestiftung Berlin) and Dutch topography (right; Source: www.kadaster.nl © 2014 Wageningen University)

Finally the year ended up with the launch of a new [report](#)²³ on the benefits and challenges of **sharing scientific data** by RDA Europe. Also, the UK Government issued an interesting [report](#)²⁴ on Data Sharing and **Open Data for Banks**.

¹⁸ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/new-study-proves-economic-benefits-open-data-berlin>

¹⁹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/report-open-data-health-social-care-reveals-possible-%C2%A3216-billion-boost-uk-economy>

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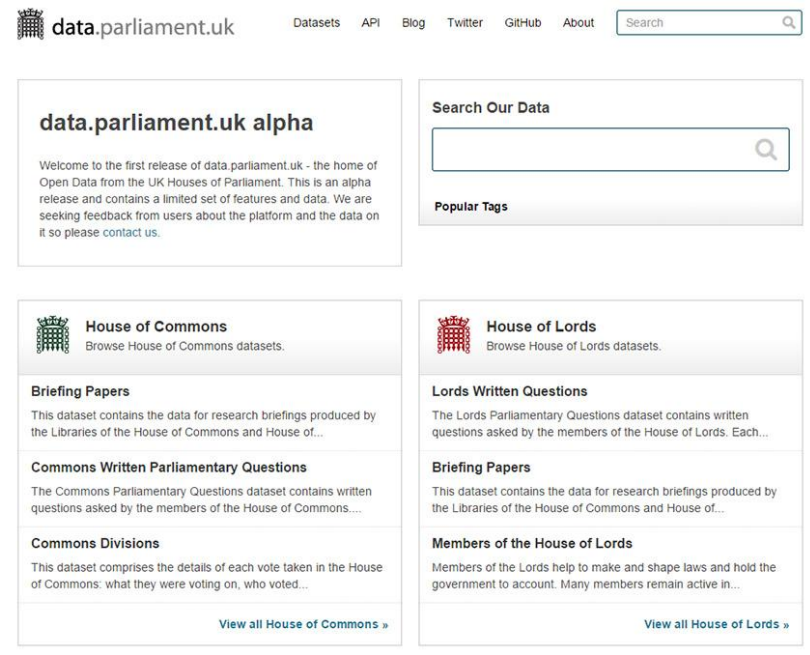
²⁴ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/uk-report-data-sharing-and-open-data-banks-0>

2.4 PSI & Open Data in the EU Member States

The year began with **Bulgaria** releasing its [draft Strategy](#)²⁵ for the Development of Public Administration, followed by the launch in **Austria** of "**Open Data Österreich**" –a new [central portal](#)²⁶ for non-governmental open data. Meanwhile the Government of **Malta** released their **Open Data portal**²⁷, being the first governmental portal aimed at making the Public Sector Information (PSI) in Malta available and re-usable. Around these dates, the **Romanian Government** launched the [Open Government Partnership Club](#)²⁸, and the Moldovan government presented the third version of its open data [portal](#)²⁹ (although The Republic of Moldova is not member of the EU, both signed in 2014 an [Association Agreement](#)³⁰).

In the second quarter of the year: **The Netherlands Court of Audit** published the [Open Data Trend Report](#)³¹; the **UK Government** announced next [round of funding](#)³² to support the release of open data; the **Spanish Government** held its second [Private-Public Partnership Forum](#)³³ on PSI re-use and –although not a consequence of it–, a month later, [500 datasets](#)³⁴ were added to the Spanish National Data Hub.

In April, **France** [joined](#)³⁵ the Open Government Partnership (OGP); in the **UK**, the Houses of Parliament unveiled its [Open Data portal](#)³⁶; also in the UK a boost for developers was predicted as a result of [train time data](#)³⁷ being opened up; and, coincidentally, the **Finnish Transport Safety Agency** (Trafi) also started opening-up its [transport-related data](#)³⁸. The quarter ended with the decision of a group of NGOs in **Romania** to form the country's Open Data [Coalition](#)³⁹.



The UK Houses of Parliament Open Data portal (Source: www.data.parliament.uk - © 2014 Houses of Parliament)

In July: **Ireland's national Open Data portal**⁴⁰ was presented, as well as the Open Data **portal**⁴¹ of Statistics Netherlands. In **France**, a **civic campaign**⁴² was launched to make French public servants' **declarations of interest** truly reusable, while in **Germany** civic society organizations release **joint opinion**⁴³ **on the revision of PSI Re-Use Law**. Later in the year **Germany released its Open Data action plan**⁴⁴ and the Federal Government signed with the states of Saxony, Baden-Wurttemberg, Berlin, Hamburg, and Rhineland-Palatinate an **administrative agreement**⁴⁵ to leave the beta state of the country's official Open Data platform **GovData.de** and secure its regular operation soon (by January 2015).

In September, **France** eased access to the **National Industrial Property Institute (INPI) databases**⁴⁶; the month after, the central government appointed the first **French Chief Data Officer**⁴⁷; and then, in November, **three official journals**⁴⁸ were opened up in this country.

The year ended with the **Republic of Cyprus presenting its National Open Data initiative**⁴⁹, and the **Spanish Government** finally unveiled their new **Transparency Portal**⁵⁰.

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2.5 Other EU regional, local PSI & Open Data activities

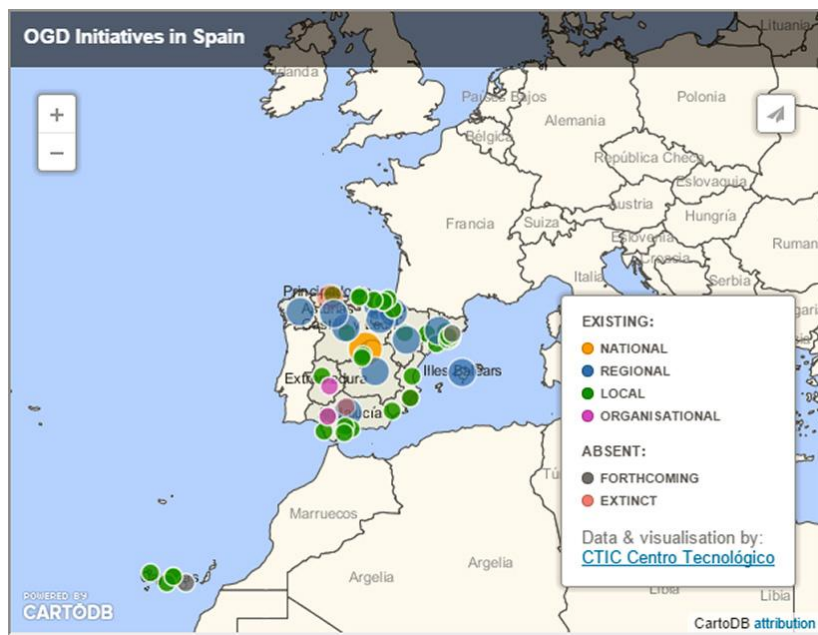
The year started with the **Czech Telecommunication Office** opening up its data⁵¹. In Germany, the **City of Cologne** revamped its Open Data portal⁵²; in Italy **Enac** –the Italian Civil Aviation Authority– released their first Open Data datasets⁵³; and, in The Netherlands, the **Eindhoven region** launched a pilot Open Data portal⁵⁴.

In February: **HRI and OKF Finland** launched "Datademo" funding⁵⁵; **Dutch parking information**⁵⁶ was made available as open data; in France, the **department of Seine-Maritime** launched its open data portal⁵⁷; and, in Belgium, the **TEC transport group from Wallonia** announced their commitment⁵⁸ with opening their data.



Datademo promotional portal (Source: datademo.fi - © Open Knowledge Finland)

During the following month: the **City of Bremen** launched an [online consultation](#)⁵⁹ on open data; in **Spain** the cities of [Madrid](#)⁶⁰ and [Cáceres](#)⁶¹ launched their own open data portals, while Spanish technological center CTIC launched an [updated map](#)⁶² of open data initiatives in Spain. In the UK, **Tate Britain** planned to increase its [data disclosure activity](#)⁶³.

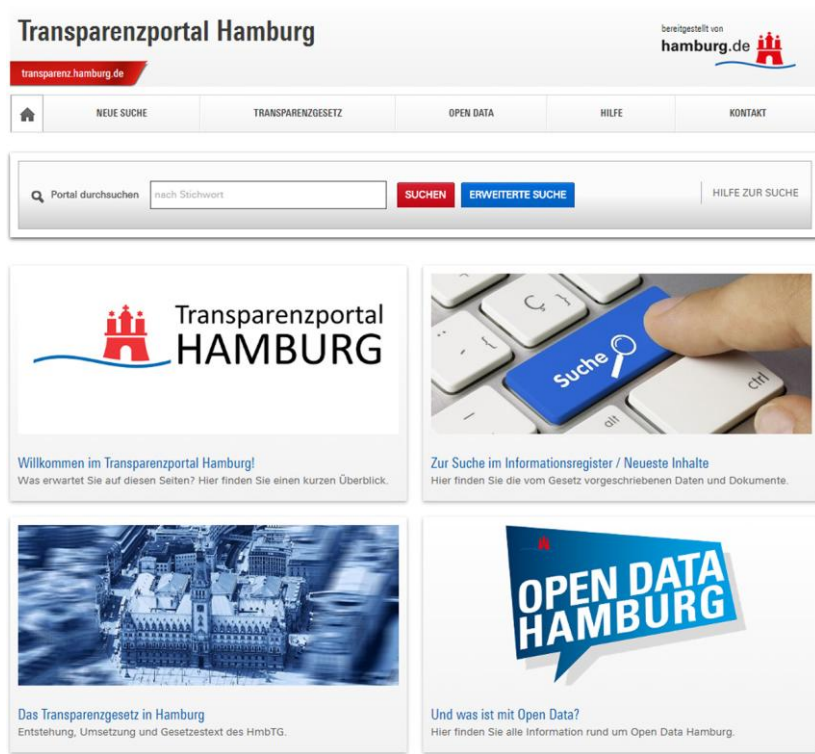


Map of public Open Data initiatives in Spain (Source: datos.fundacionctic.org - © CTIC & CartoDB)

The second quarter of the year started with the launch of the **Manchester City Council's linked data endpoint**⁶⁴, and **Estonia** opening up local government financial data via a new [dedicated site](#)⁶⁵, while in Austria the **City of Vienna** published [budget data in open format](#)⁶⁶. Then, in May, the **Italian region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia** presented its Open Data [portal](#)⁶⁷, as well as the **City of Brussels** revamped its Open Data [platform](#)⁶⁸, and the German state of **North Rhine-Westphalia** released its Open Government [strategy](#)⁶⁹.

In summer, **Peterborough** Living Data Portal showed a [data catalogue](#)⁷⁰ with appealing geographical features. In **France, Nice Côte d'Azur** launched its open data [portal](#)⁷¹, while **Tourism authorities in Brittany** united to launch an Open Data [portal](#)⁷².

In September: we knew about Finnish [projects](#)⁷³ benefitting from the Datademo funding; and, in Germany, **Hamburg's** [transparency portal](#)⁷⁴ went live. In the following month, the French Urban Community of **Grand Paris Seine Ouest** announced the first Open Data [release](#)⁷⁵. Also, the British **London Borough of Barnet** launched another Data [portal](#)⁷⁶ in the UK.



Hamburg's transparency portal (Source: transparenz.hamburg.de - © hamburg.de GmbH & Co. KG)

The year ended with the German cities of **Cologne**⁷⁷ and **Arnsberg**⁷⁸ opening up public datasets, and making data available on the national portal. **Northern Ireland** launched a [questionnaire](#)⁷⁹ in order to help the Government in the development and implementation of an Open Data Strategy for Northern Ireland.

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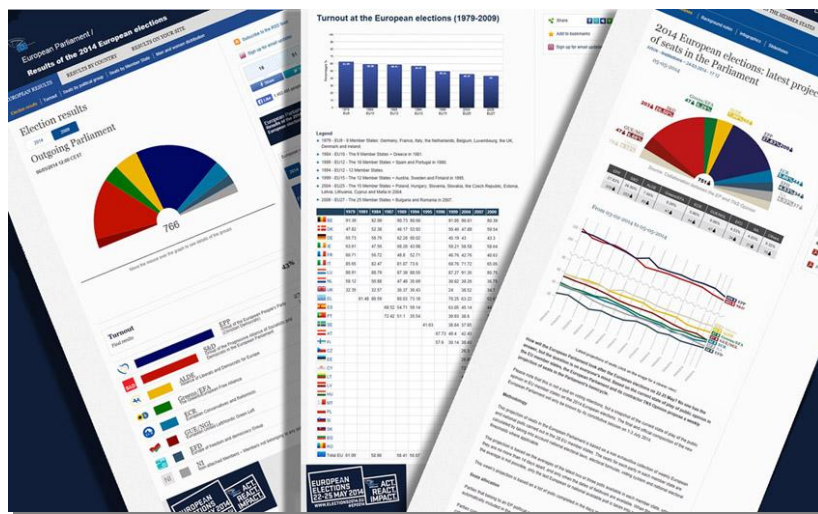
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3 Open Data highlights

3.1 European elections (and electoral) data

Before the European elections were held, the ePSI Platform put the focus on how the electoral data was being used by Member States and in other initiatives, and how accessible was this kind of information for the [2014 European elections](#)⁸⁰. The ePSI Platform also hosted a [Webinar on Open Electoral Data](#)⁸¹, onsite in Porto (Portugal) and online from several locations across EU.



Reporting on the European elections (© European Union, 2014 – Source: European Parliament)

European elections results were provided in [open data format](#)⁸², and electoral data reportedly drew the [biggest audience](#)⁸³ for Montpellier Open Data portal. But we also observed public concerns raised over the lack of the open data related in the [UK elections](#)⁸⁴, as well as worries raised over the lack of clarity over the exposed information of the [European Elections in Germany](#)⁸⁵.

Also we considered of interest a [linked data experiment](#)⁸⁶ based around the 2014 European Election coverage, carried out by the BBC News Labs.

⁸⁰ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/using-data-european-elections-2014>

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3.2 PSI and Open Data and video games

Following the steps of the UK, **Denmark** launched its own 1:1 scale **Minecraft™ world**⁸⁷ in April. Then, in August, the city of **Aarhus** rendered its **geographic model**⁸⁸ as a Minecraft world with open data layers from the Danish Geodata Agency.

Apart from this, pushed by the successful achievements of the Danish team, in October **Ordnance Survey** finally launched a **more detailed version**⁸⁹ of Great Britain in Minecraft.



London in Minecraft™ (Source: Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright 2014)

⁸⁷ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/explore-denmark-minecraft-thanks-open-geographic-data>

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4 ePSI Platform: year in review

In this chapter, you can find the most relevant actions performed by the ePSI Platform, shown chronologically during the year.

4.1 ePSI Platform in action!

January 2014

- The ePSI platform [interviewed Michael Bauer](#)⁹⁰, biomedical researcher, hacker, activist and member of the Open Knowledge Foundation Labs.

February 2014

- A new online thematic [group on Open Data and Education](#)⁹¹ was created on the ePSI Platform to encourage the exchange of ideas and best practices in the re-use of public open data for the benefit of education.

March 2014

- The ePSI Platform [interviewed Sirko Hunnius](#)⁹² from the Potsdam Institute for eGovernment (IfG.CC), in his capacity as a researcher in the **Open Data Monitor** (ODM) project.
- ePSI platform [interviewed Antonio Acuña](#)⁹³, head of the UK government's open data portal (data.gov.uk), as well as [María Ángeles Rincón](#)⁹⁴, general director of new technologies at the Government of Aragón, and [Zara Rahman](#)⁹⁵, OKF's Open Toolkit lead, when attended the [event "A year of Aragon OpenData"](#)⁹⁶.
- ePSI platform [spoke with Burak Arikan](#)⁹⁷, data artist and founder of Graph Commons during the launch of the 'Datascape' exhibition in Gijón (Spain).

April 2014

- The ePSI Platform hosted an ePSI [Webinar on Open Electoral Data](#)⁹⁸, onsite in Porto (Portugal) and online from several locations across EU.
- A new online thematic group was created on the ePSI Platform dedicated to the challenges and opportunities of reusing Open Electoral Data.
- The ePSI platform [interviewed Data Journalism experts](#)⁹⁹ at the Second edition of the Data Journalism and Open Data Conference in Spain.

May 2014

- The ePSI platform attended the **Open Government Partnership (OGP) Regional Meeting for Europe**¹⁰⁰ in Dublin (Ireland).

June 2014

- The ePSI Platform participated in **COMSOE** project's 2nd User Board Meeting¹⁰¹, in Bratislava (Slovak Republic).
- The ePSI Platform organised the **'Make The Most of Geo Information' - Workshop**¹⁰² at **INSPIRE** Conference, in Aalborg (Denmark).

July 2014

- The ePSI Platform was present at the **workshop 'Uses of Open Data within Government for Innovation and Efficiency'**¹⁰³ organized by **Share-PSI 2.0** Thematic Network, during the 5th Samos Summit on ICT-enabled Governance in Greece.

September 2014

- LibertIC and the ePSI platform organized the **'Erasmus Open Data' event**¹⁰⁴ (now Open Data eXchange), in Nantes (France).

October 2014

- The ePSI Platform and LAPSI 2.0 organized a joint **workshop on Cultural Open Data**¹⁰⁵, in Milano (Italy).

November 2014

- The ePSI Platform participated at the **LAPSI 2.0 Final Conference**¹⁰⁶, in Brussels (Belgium).
- The **ePSI Tour (part I)**¹⁰⁷ started visiting Zagreb (Croatia), Budapest (Hungary), and Bratislava (Slovak Republic).

December 2014

- The **ePSI Tour (part II)**¹⁰⁸ followed visiting Warsaw (Poland), Vilnius (Lithuania), and Tallinn (Estonia).
- The ePSI Platform took part in the **PSI Alliance Roundtable**¹⁰⁹ in Brussels (Belgium), leading the workshop: 'Communicating the benefits of PSI to policymakers'.

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4.2 An assortment of PSI & Open Data related projects

Throughout the year, the ePSI Platform has put twelve relevant EU projects under the spotlight because of their close relationship with PSI re-use and Open Data aspects. They are listed below in alphabetical order:

- COMSODE¹¹⁰
- DaPaaS¹¹¹
- Data without Boundaries project (DwB)¹¹²
- Dilipad¹¹³
- FINODEX¹¹⁴
- LinDA¹¹⁵
- OpenCube¹¹⁶
- OpenDataMonitor¹¹⁷
- OpenLaws¹¹⁸
- Open PHACTS¹¹⁹
- SmartOpenData¹²⁰
- TACOD¹²¹

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- ¹¹⁰ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/getting-know-comsode-project>
- ¹¹¹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/introducing-dapaas-project-platform-easy-open-data-publishing-and-re-use>
- ¹¹² <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discovering-%E2%80%98data-without-boundaries%E2%80%99-dwb-project>
- ¹¹³ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discover-digging-linked-parliamentary-data-project>
- ¹¹⁴ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discover-future-internet-open-data-expansion-finodex-project>
- ¹¹⁵ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/introducing-linda-project-supporting-sme%E2%80%99s-linked-open-data>
- ¹¹⁶ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discover-opencube-project-tools-linked-open-statistical-data>
- ¹¹⁷ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discover-opendatamonitor-project-dashboards-monitoring-open-data-catalogues>
- ¹¹⁸ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/openlaws-project-calls-ideas-and-use-cases-new-platform>
- ¹¹⁹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/learn-about-open-phacts-project>
- ¹²⁰ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/discover-smartopendata-project-linked-open-data-environment-protection>
- ¹²¹ <http://www.epsiplatform.eu/content/open-data-tool-against-corruption-new-ec-funded-project-launched>

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