Best Practice: Develop and Implement a Cross Agency Strategy

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Outline

Developing and implementing a strategy on open data that coordinates the efforts of multiple agencies.

Links to the Revised PSI Directive

Policies and Legislation

Challenge

Different agencies in the public sector develop and implement their own strategy. These different strategies are unconnected so it is hard to apply central planning and evaluation.

Solution

There needs to be a strategy that coordinates the efforts of multiple agencies.

Why is this a Best Practice?

This best practice allows different agencies to understand what is required, plan accordingly and measure progress. Having a strategic plan is essential for decision makers at the highest level, i.e. ministers, to support an approach to implementation. Both the G8 Open Data Charter, published in 2013, and the Shakespeare Review of Public Sector Information, emphasised the need for a clear, visible, auditable plan for publishing data as quickly as possible, defined both by bottom-up market demand and by top-down strategic thinking, overcoming institutional and technical obstacles with a twin-track process which combines speed to market with improvement of quality:

- an 'early even if imperfect' track that is very broad and very aggressively driven; and,
- a 'National Core Reference Data' high-quality track which begins immediately but narrowly;

and then moving things from Track 1 to Track 2 as quickly as we can do reliably and to a high standard. 'Quickly' should be set out by government through publicly committed target dates.

How do I implement this Best Practice?

- Give responsibility to an individual civil servant or department for developing the plan.
- Convene a meeting, or a series of meetings, between stakeholders - data producers, data users etc.
- Develop the plan through an iterative process before seeking high level endorsement.

Where has this best practice been implemented?

Country	Implementation	Contact Point
Flanders, Belgium	The Flemish Innovation Projects	Noël van Herreweghe, Program Manager Open Data – Government of Flanders in Belgium

References

- Samos Workshop Talk: The Flemish Innovation Projects - promoting innovation through encouraging the use and re-use of government datasets
- Open Data Institute guidance: How to plan and budget an open data initiative
- Open Data Institute white paper: Open data in government, how to bring about change
- Open Data Institute method report: Supporting public sector open data leadership
- Open Data Institute technical paper: The Open Data Maturity Model and Pathway

Local Guidance

This Best Practice is cited by, or is consistent with, the advice given within the following guides:

- (Austria) Open-Government-Vorgehensmodell Open Government Process Model
- (Belgium) Open Data Handleiding Open Data Handbook
- (Croatia) Preporuke o prilagodbi skupova podataka za javnu objavu i ponovno korištenje Open Data Guide, Croatia
- (CzechRepublic) Standardy publikace a katalogizace otevřených dat veřejné správy ČR Open Data Standards
- (Estonia) Eesti avaliku teabe masinloetava avalikustamise roheline raamat Green Paper on machine-readable Estonian Public Information disclosure
- (Finland) Avoimen Datan Opas Open Data Guide
- (Germany) Open Government Data Deutschland
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- (Hungary) Nyílt Adatok kézikönyv Open Data Handbook
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- (Italy) Linee Guida Nazionali per la Valorizzazione del Patrimonio Informativo Pubblico National Development Guidelines for Public Sector Information
- (Lithuania) Viešojo Sektoriaus Informacijos platinimo gerosios praktikos Best Practices for

Sharing Public Sector Information

- (Luxembourg) [Recommandations pour l'ouverture des données publiques](#) Recommendations for opening data
- (Malta) [PSI Directive Implementation & Internal Data Sharing Platform (draft)](#)
- (Norway) [Veileder i tilgjengeliggjøring av offentlige data](#) Guide to making public data available
- (Romania) [Ghid Pentru Publicarea Datelor Deschise](#) Romanian Open Data Guide
- (Serbia) [Open Data Handbook](#)
- (Slovenia) [Priročnik za odpiranje podatkov javnega sektorja](#) Manual for the opening of public sector information
- (Spain) [Guía metodológica para planes open data sectoriales](#) Methodological Guide for Sectorial Open Data Plans
- (Spain) [Guía de aplicación de la Norma Técnica de Interoperabilidad de reutilización de recursos de información](#)Application Guide for Technical Interoperability Standard on PSI re-use
- (Spain) [Reutilización de la Información de los Servicios Públicos](#) Open University Development Guide
- (UK) [Building best practices for sharing public sector data](#)
- (UK) [Birmingham and West Midlands Localised Guide for Open Data](#)

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Related Best Practices

- [Develop an Open Data Publication Plan](#)
- [Establish an Open Data Ecosystem](#)

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