

The network for innovation in European public sector information

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Welcome

Share-PSI 2.0 is the European network for the exchange of experience and ideas around implementing open data policies in the public sector. It brings together government departments, standards bodies, academic institutions, commercial organisations, trade associations and interest groups to identify what does and doesn't work, what is and isn't practical, what can and can't be expected of different stakeholders.

The impetus for the Share PSI 2.0 Thematic Network is the revised European Directive on the Public Sector Information. This revises and increases the obligations on European Union member states to make their publicly funded data available at zero or, at most, marginal cost. Noting the work of the LAPSI project, which is concerned with legal aspects of Public Sector Information, this project focuses on the practical and technical challenges.

- What data is covered by the Directive?
- How should it be published?
- What can be done to maximise the return on investment, whether in terms of internal efficiencies or external commercial development. What are the existing best standards to use, what new standards need to be developed?

These and many more questions are being addressed by Share-PSI 2.0.

The Thematic Network

The 44 partners cover 25 countries meaning that the Share-PSI 2.0 reaches the majority of European countries and goes beyond the EU.



The network comprises:

- 3 standards bodies;
- 15 government departments, both national and local;
- 17 academic institutions involved directly in public sector information dissemination and usage;
- 8 commercial bodies from micro-companies to enterprise;
- 3 organisations that one might think of as citizen engagement bodies and open data advocates.

It is this rich pool of knowledge and experience that comes together in Share-PSI 2.0.

Approach

The main activity of the network is to organise a series of workshops examining different aspects of PSI (see overleaf). In each workshop, the network partners with direct experience will present their case studies.

The output of the workshops will be offered as input to the W3C Data on the Web Best Practices Working Group. As the name suggests, that group is compiling a W3C standard that will help guide people and organisations around the world as they build the Web of data.



Towards the end of the Share-PSI 2.0 network's life (the first half of 2016), the partners will incorporate the W3C Best Practices in their own guidelines as relevant to them in their country or sector of interest.

You can comment on the work of the W3C Data on the Web Best Practices Working Group at any time via public-dwbp-comments@w3.org.

Workshops

30 June - 1 July 2014

Uses of open data within government for innovation and efficiency.

Hosted by University of the Aegean and collocated with the Samos Summit

3-4 December 2014

Encouraging data usage by commercial developers, including half day session with the European Thematic Network on Legal Aspects of Public Sector Information, LAPSI

Lisbon, hosted by the Portuguese Government

March 2015

Identifying data sets for publication

Timisoara, Romania, hosted by the West University

May 2015

A self sustaining business model for open data

Krems, Austria, hosted by the Danube University and collocated with CeDEM 2015

November 2015

Towards greater interoperability

Berlin, hosted by Fraunhofer Fokus and collocated with the Open Data Dialog

Get Involved

Calls for participation for all Share-PSI 2.0 workshops are published about 5 months before the event. If the topic matches an issue you're working with, submit a position paper and join us. Several workshops are collocated with related events so that you can maximise the benefit of your travel.

Submitted papers will be reviewed by a programme committee and selected participants invited to present their work at the workshop. These presentations will be complemented by use cases presented by a number of the project partners.

If you'd like to organise your own meeting alongside a Share-PSI 2.0 workshop, please let us know. The value in the events is to bring people together and to create a genuine Europe-wide network of stakeholders and face to face meetings are far and away the best way to do that.

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