

Open data maturity

2019



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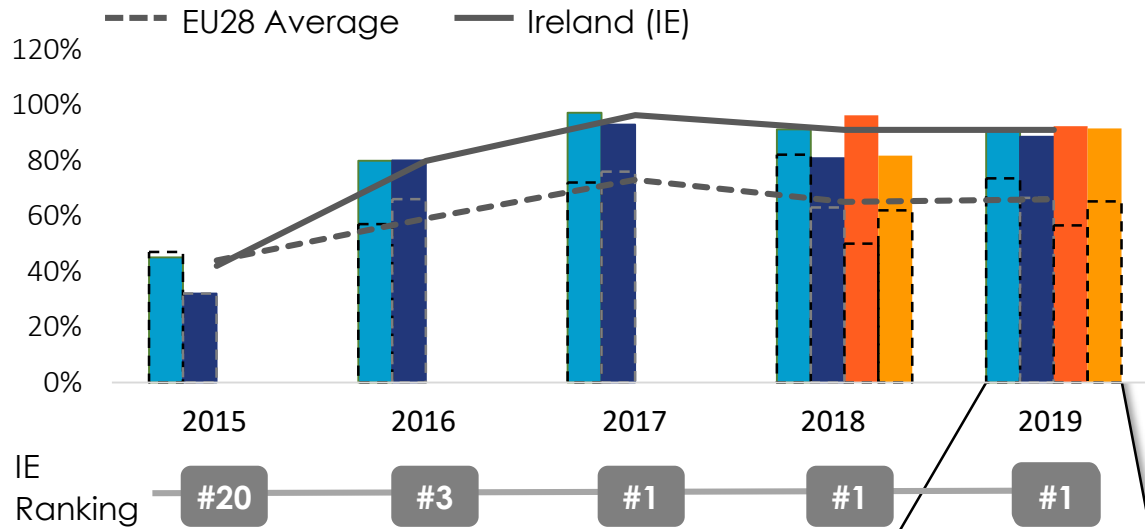


State-of-Play on open data - 2019

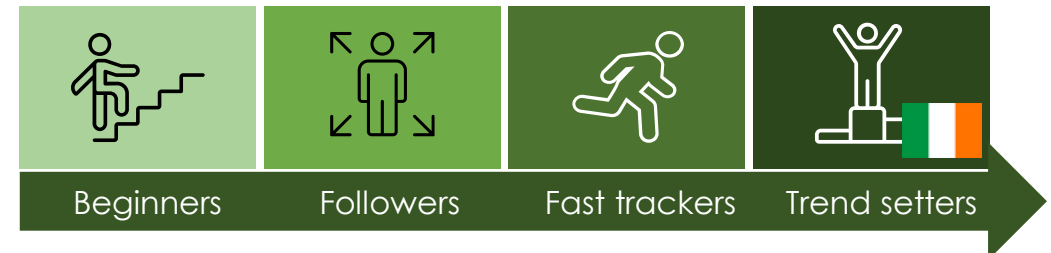
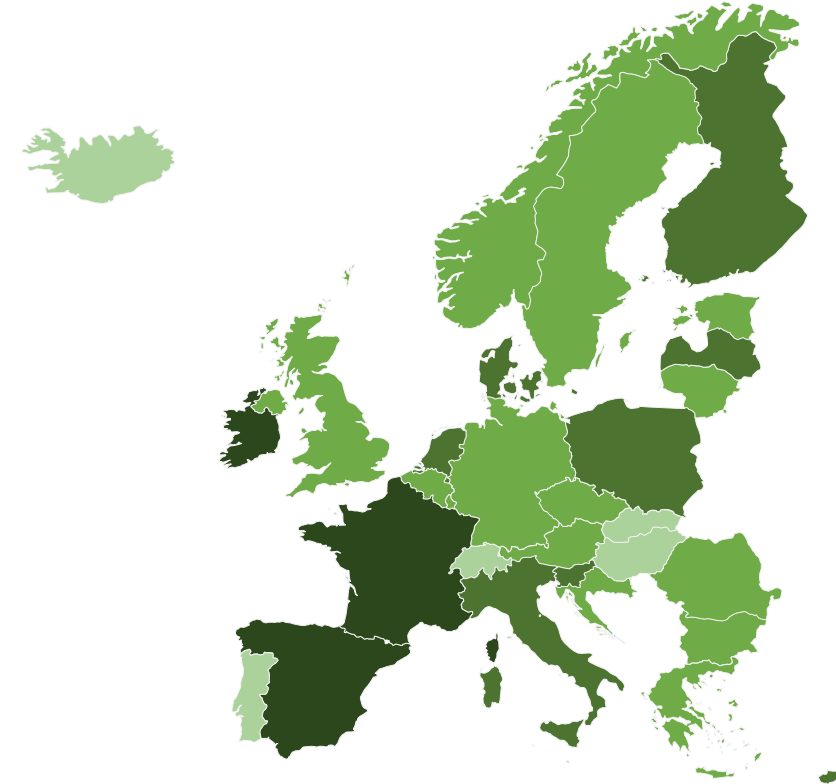
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MATURITY LEVEL RATING



OVERALL MATURITY LEVEL SEGMENTATION

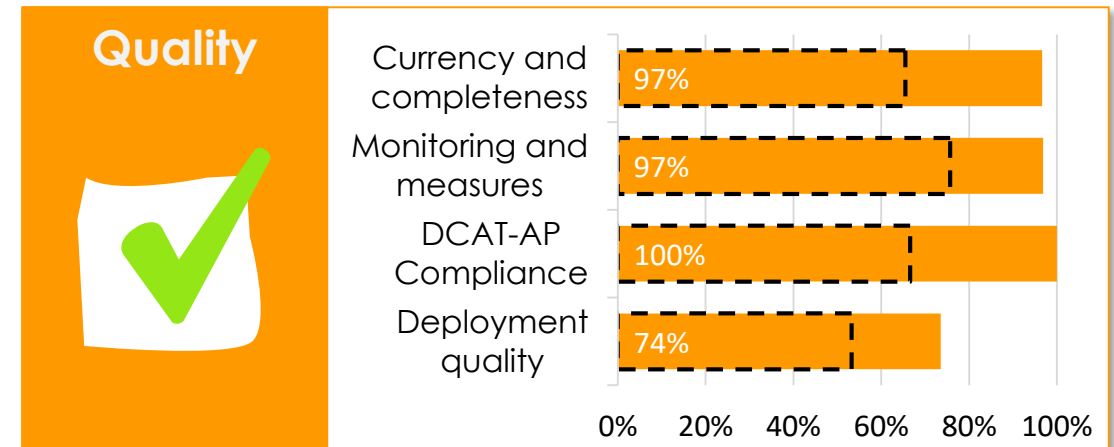
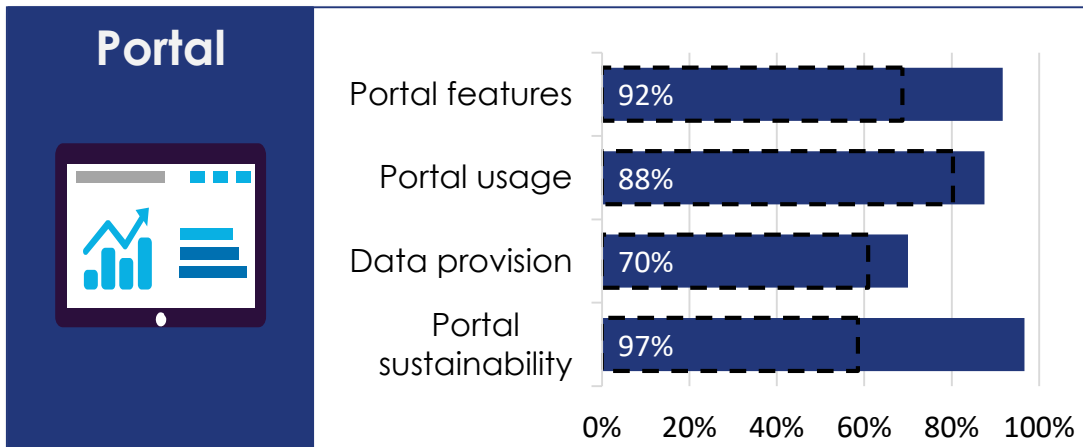
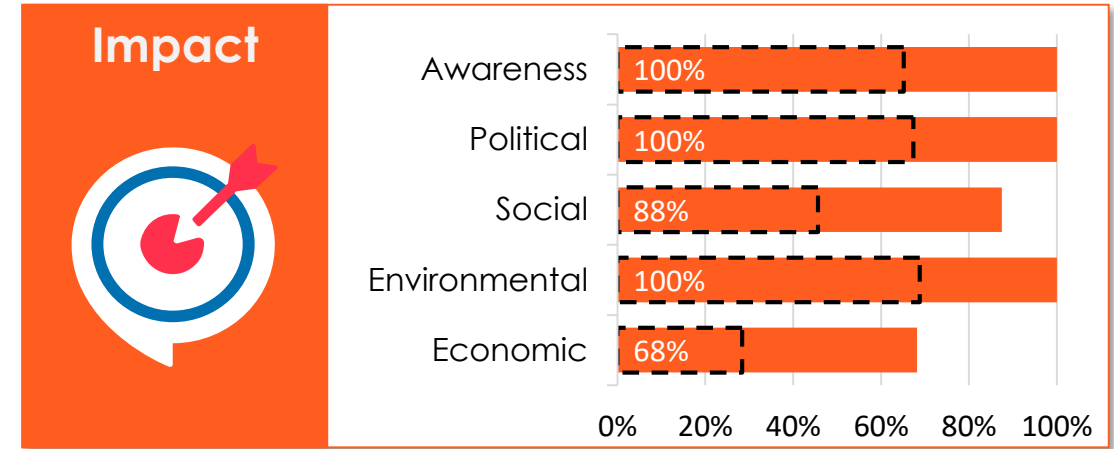
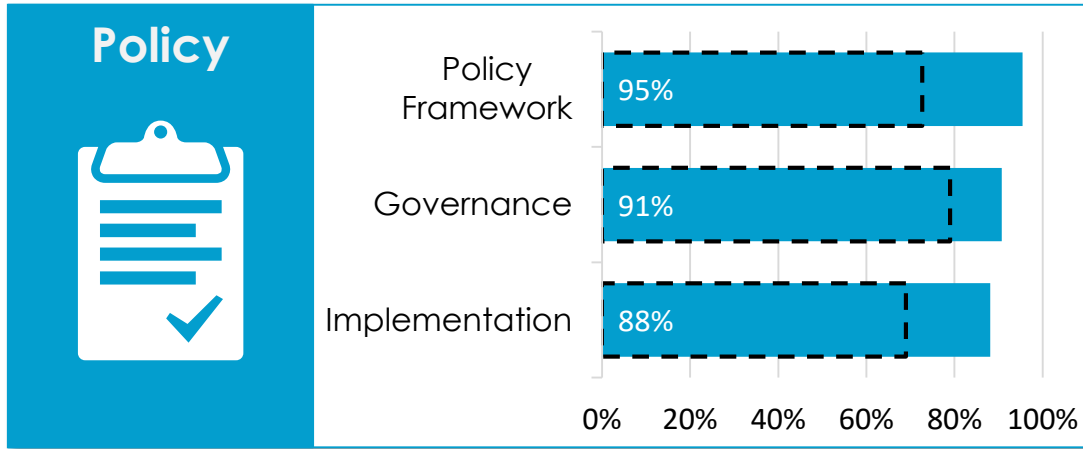


Category	Rank	IE %	EU %
Policy	#3	91%	74%
Portal	#3	88%	67%
Impact	#2	92%	57%
Quality	#1	92%	65%

Overall	EU	IE
	66%	91%



DIMENSION PERFORMANCE



EU28 Average
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ADDRESSING BARRIERS

Legal

Several public sector bodies are reluctant to publish data under an open licence as there is a fear of breaching GDPR or data protection legislation. Ownership of data can sometimes be unclear if services are outsourced and data ownership is not clearly identified in contracts. This can result in a fear of publishing the data. Therefore, assistance has been given to some public sector bodies who had issues with open data licence. In addition, a representative from the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner attended meetings to talk to group members about GDPR in the context of open data publishing.

Technical

A lack of technical expertise can be an issue and can lead to difficulties in publishing data. Therefore, a procurement framework has been put in place that allows public bodies to draw down technical support to assist them in implementing open data, such as carrying out data audits, data publishing, and anonymisation techniques etc. A separate procurement framework offers formal training for public servants. From September 2017 to April 2019, 377 public servants from 80 organisations availed of the open data training.



OPEN DATA RE-USE

Ireland conducts multiple activities to understand, promote, and boost open data re-use. For example, Ireland has the [Open Data Engagement Fund](#) which is an annual call for proposals for funding to support data re-use projects. The fund is available to public service organisations who wish to fund hackathons, competitions or other projects that involve the re-use of their data. For example, Dublin City Council was awarded funding last year to hold a [hackathon](#) to engage anyone with an interest in 3D data and the built environment.

Furthermore, the [Open Data Impact Series](#) promotes awareness, adoption and re-use of open data and aims to monitor the impact of open data in Ireland, with a particular focus on social and economic impact. The 4th series for example, focused on open data supporting Arts, Heritage and Culture.

The Open Data Unit of Ireland also hosts stands at numerous conferences and seminars to engage with users and to promote wider re-use of open data. An example is the participation in the [Love Data Week](#), held in Maynooth University in February 2019, where the unit engaged with students who re-use open data and promoted the re-use of open data among the general student population.