

Open data maturity

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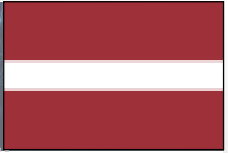


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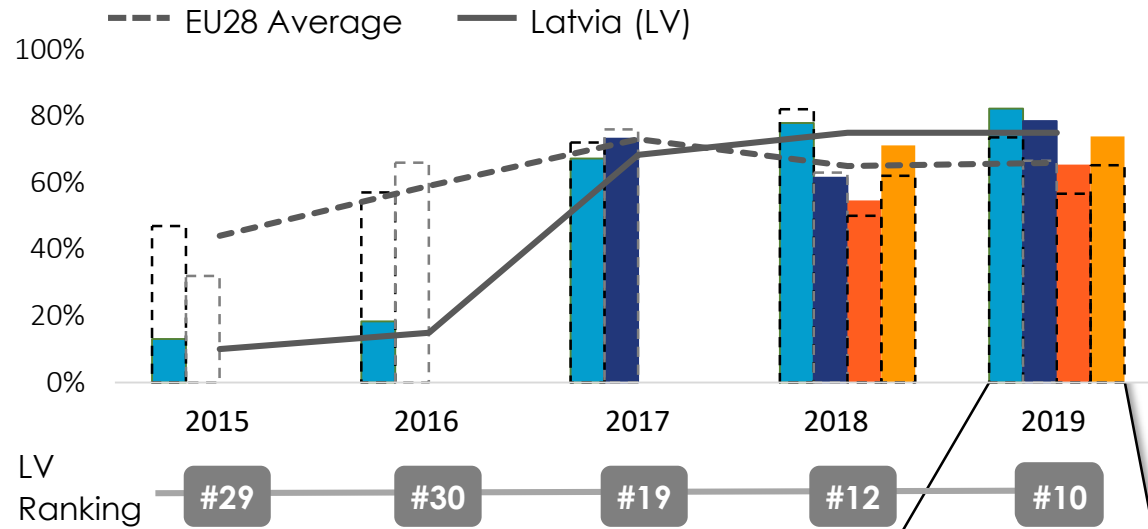


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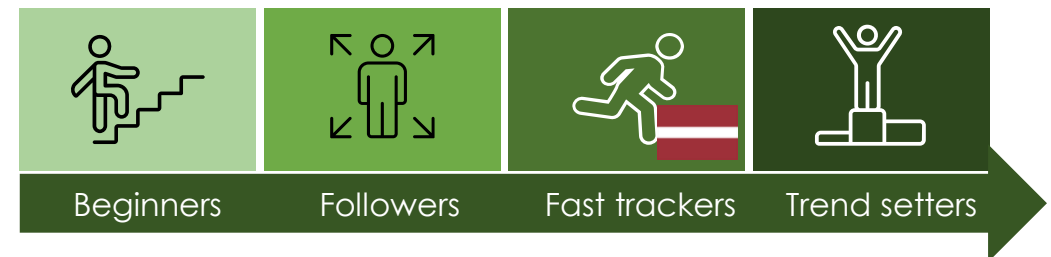
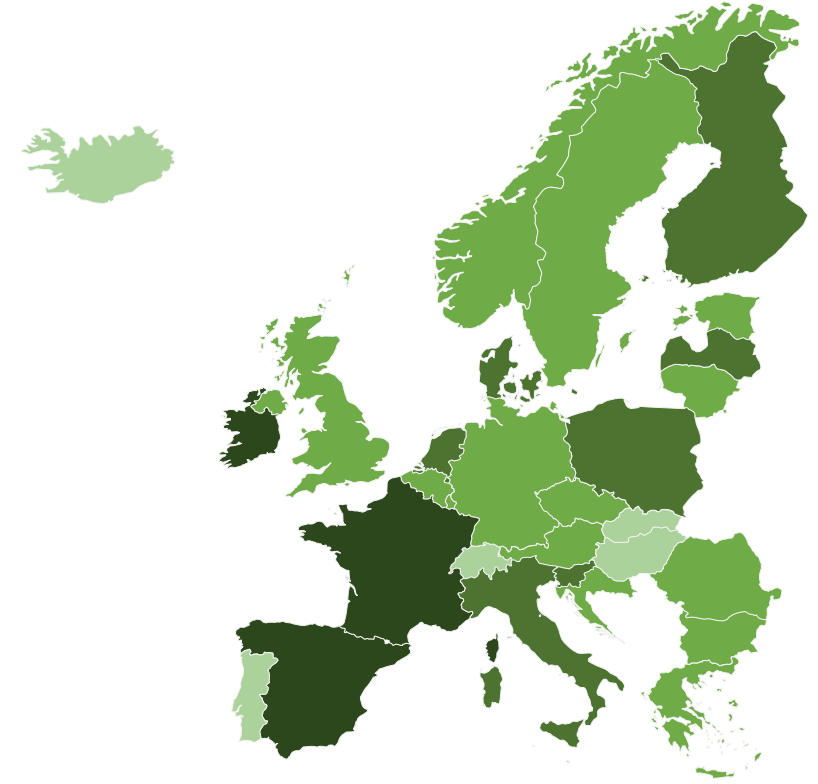
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MATURITY LEVEL RATING



OVERALL MATURITY LEVEL SEGMENTATION

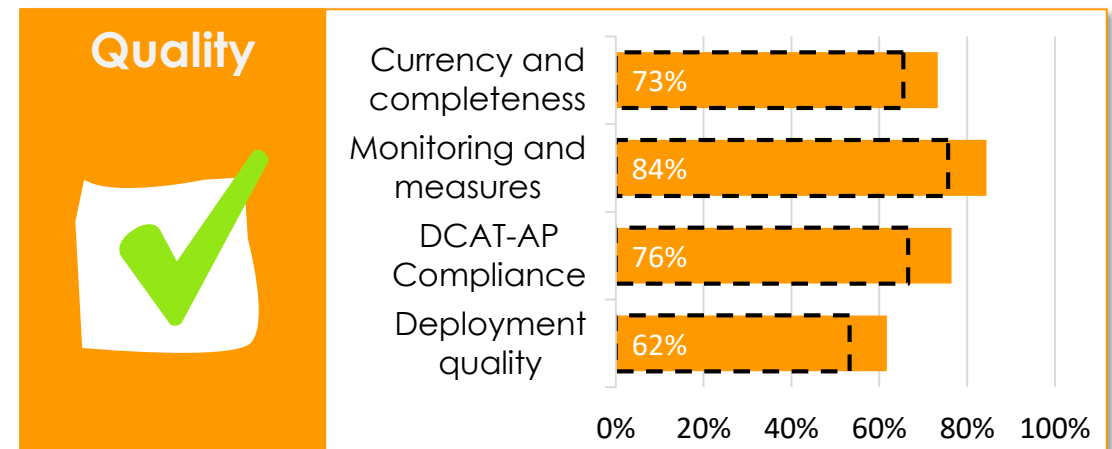
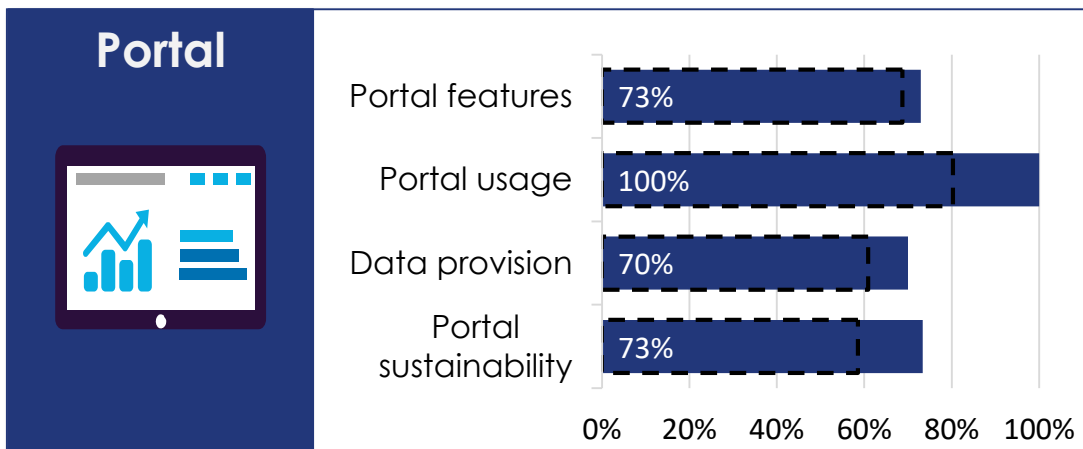
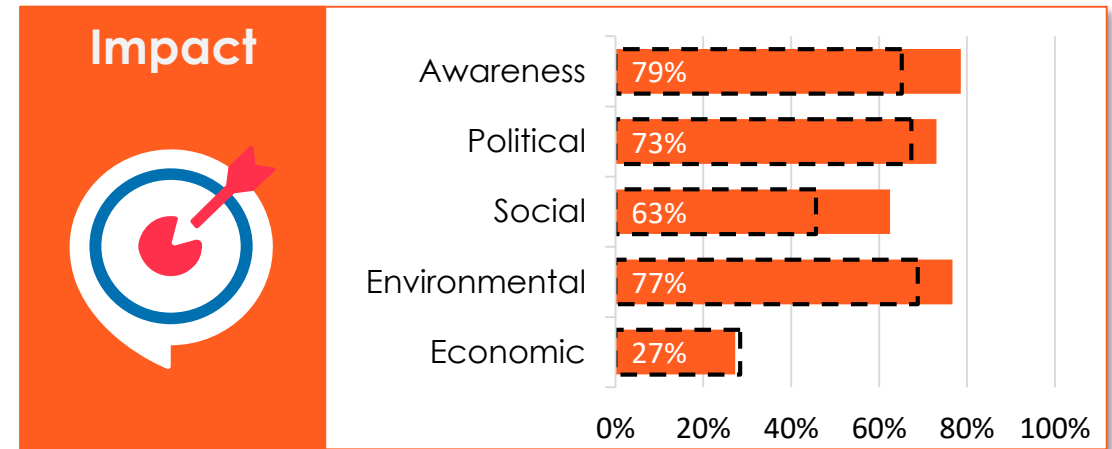
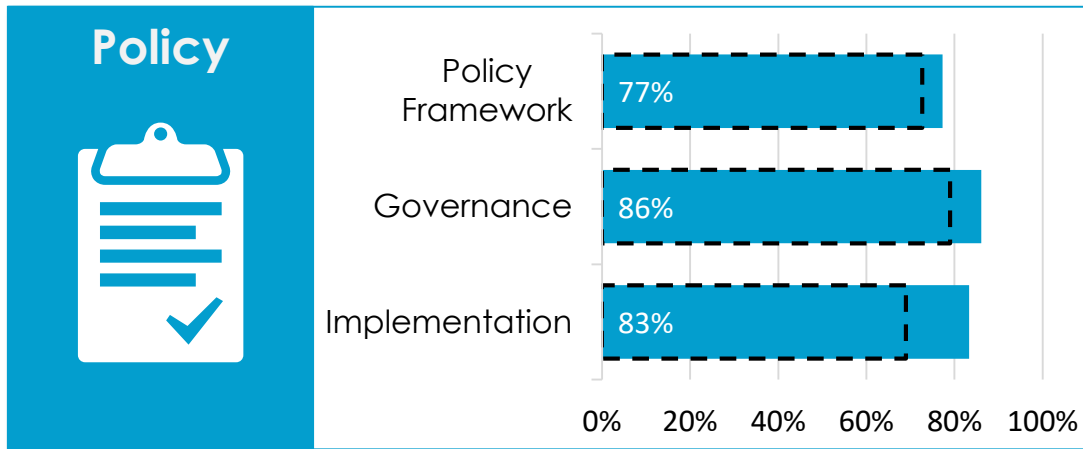


Category	Rank	LV %	EU %
Policy	#12	82%	74%
Portal	#11	78%	67%
Impact	#10	65%	57%
Quality	#8	74%	65%

Overall	EU %	LV %
	66%	75%



DIMENSION PERFORMANCE



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OVERCOMING BARRIERS



Financial

Several Latvian public sector bodies are still commercialising the data they provide and it is a significant source of revenue for them. However, alternatives are being explored. For example, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, in collaboration with different stakeholders, published the report "[Price List of Latvian Geospatial Information Agency Paid Services and Procedures for its Application](#)". The report includes an analysis of the possibility to open up geospatial data, the impact on the state budget, as well as estimates of the benefits for Latvian companies that would re-use the data to develop their business.



Awareness

Public sector bodies still lack awareness of open data. The situation is improving overall, but there is still a need for informative seminars and explanations. The Latvian Open Data Strategy Action Plan includes plans for developing training on open data (what is open data, how to recognise what could be opened, what sort of format is better in some cases, etc.) Workshops, seminars and hackathons have been organised already.



Technical

Technical improvements to the portal are underway to enhance the experience of publishers and open data re-users. An important step that has been taken already is the integration of the Latvian geoportals into the national portal.



OPEN DATA RE-USE

Latvia conducts multiple activities to understand and boost the re-use of open data in the country. An example is the first Open Data Hackathon for Municipalities in October 2019. The hackathon aimed to raise public and IT entrepreneurs' awareness of the potential of open data to create innovative products and services, to promote the opening and wider use of municipal and government data, and to demonstrate the benefits of municipalities, citizens, products or services from open data.

In January 2019, the Latvian Open Technology Association (LATA) held the conference "Open Collaboration for Innovation" and awarded the Central Election Commission of Latvia as the Latvian's "most open institution in the public sector". The prize was awarded for making available data on candidates and election results in open data format, further developing the country's commitment to democratic and transparent elections*.

A further example of open data re-use is the [strategic map](#) of noise levels in Riga. The application allows users to easily discover the noise levels in their area, pinpoints the ones that are more challenged, and thereby supports decision-makers in addressing the matter.

*<https://bit.ly/2oadRdc>