



Open it right: what is wrong about Open Data and what we can do about it

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THINK OPEN, THINK BUSINESS

What is STFC ?

BIS | Department for
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**Science & Technology
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- Grant awarding function
- Giving access to national and overseas facilities
- Large multi-disciplinary computing department



ENGAGE project: promotion of Open Data through collaborative data curation



An Infrastructure for Open, Linked Governmental Data Provision
towards Research Communities and Citizens

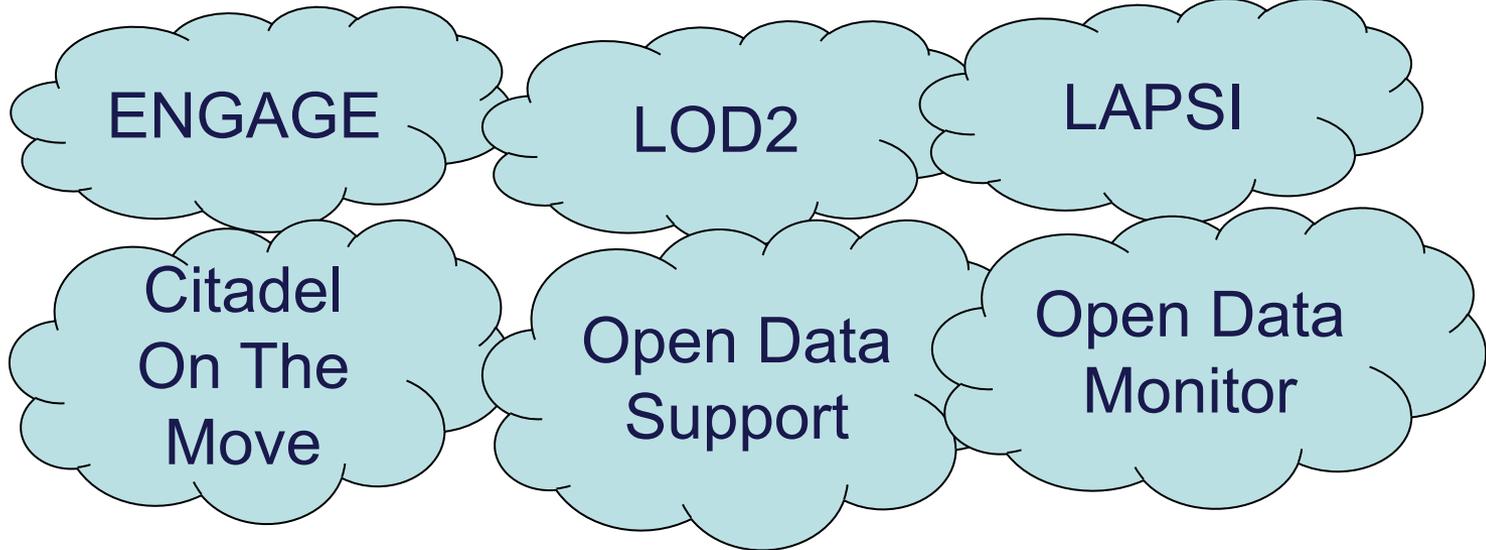


Project: www.engage-project.eu

Platform: www.engagedata.eu



A spell of doubt...



Is there room for yet another
(good) EU project on Open Data?



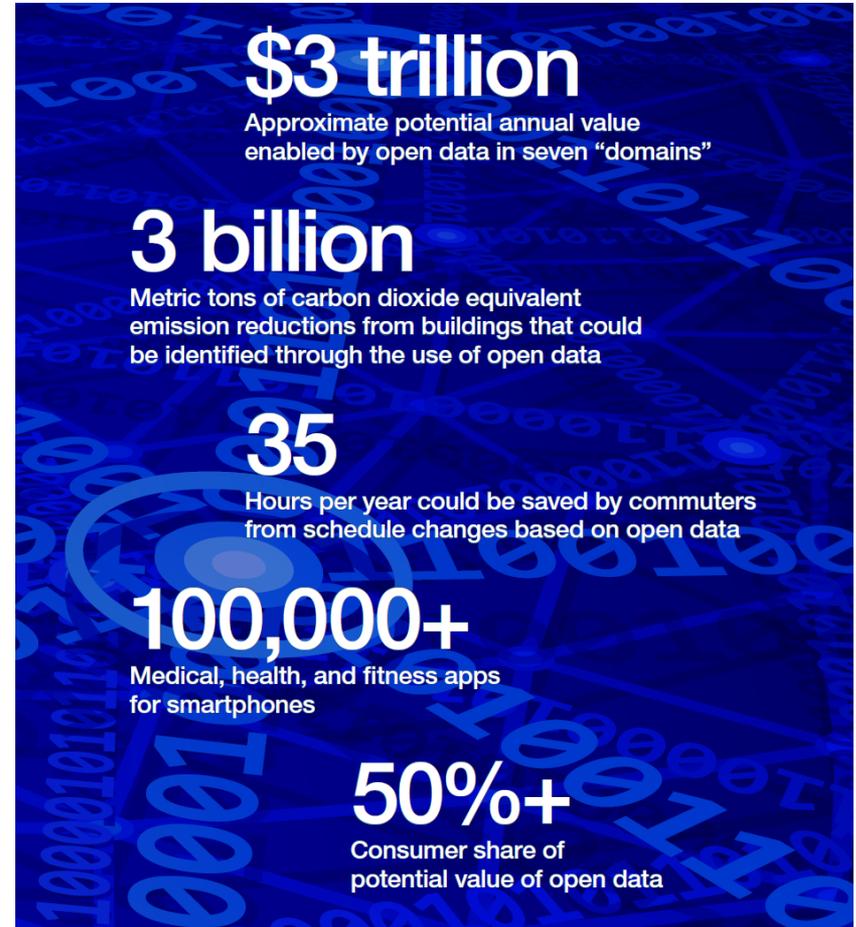
Open data potential

“...opening up public sector data could generate economic gains around €40 billion a year...”

Neelie Kroes, Vice President of the EC and Commissioner for the Digital Agenda, September 2012

“The total direct and indirect economic gains from PSI application and use across the whole EU27 economy would be in the order of €140 billion annually.”

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, December 2011



McKinsey&Co., October 2013



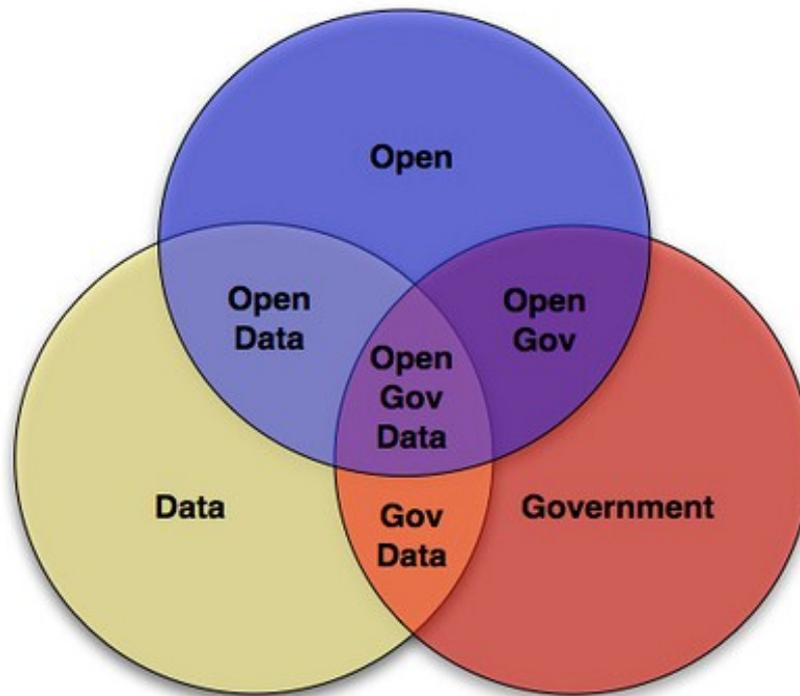
Keys to Open Data benefits



- Enough data
- Enough openness
- Enough quality

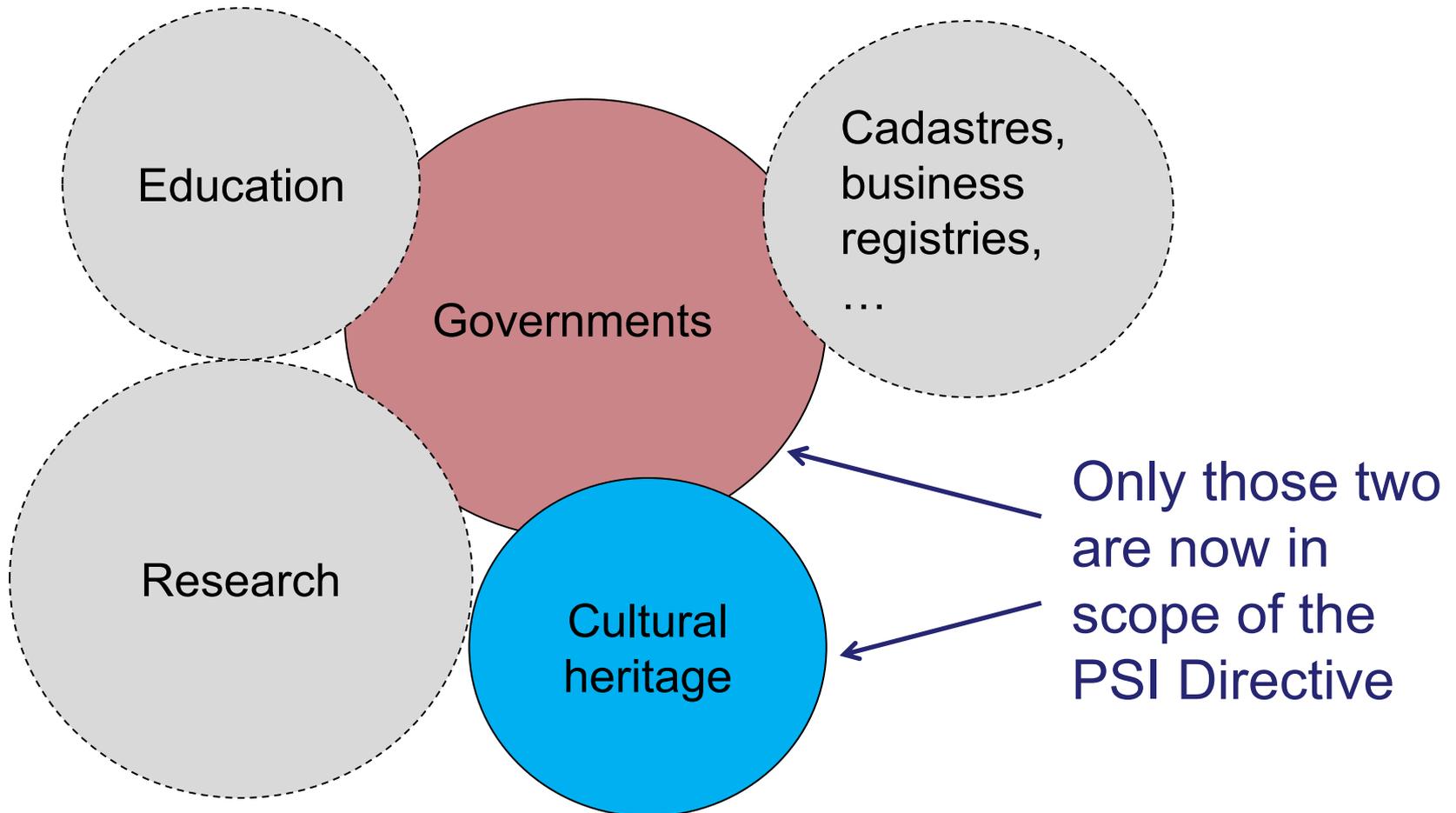


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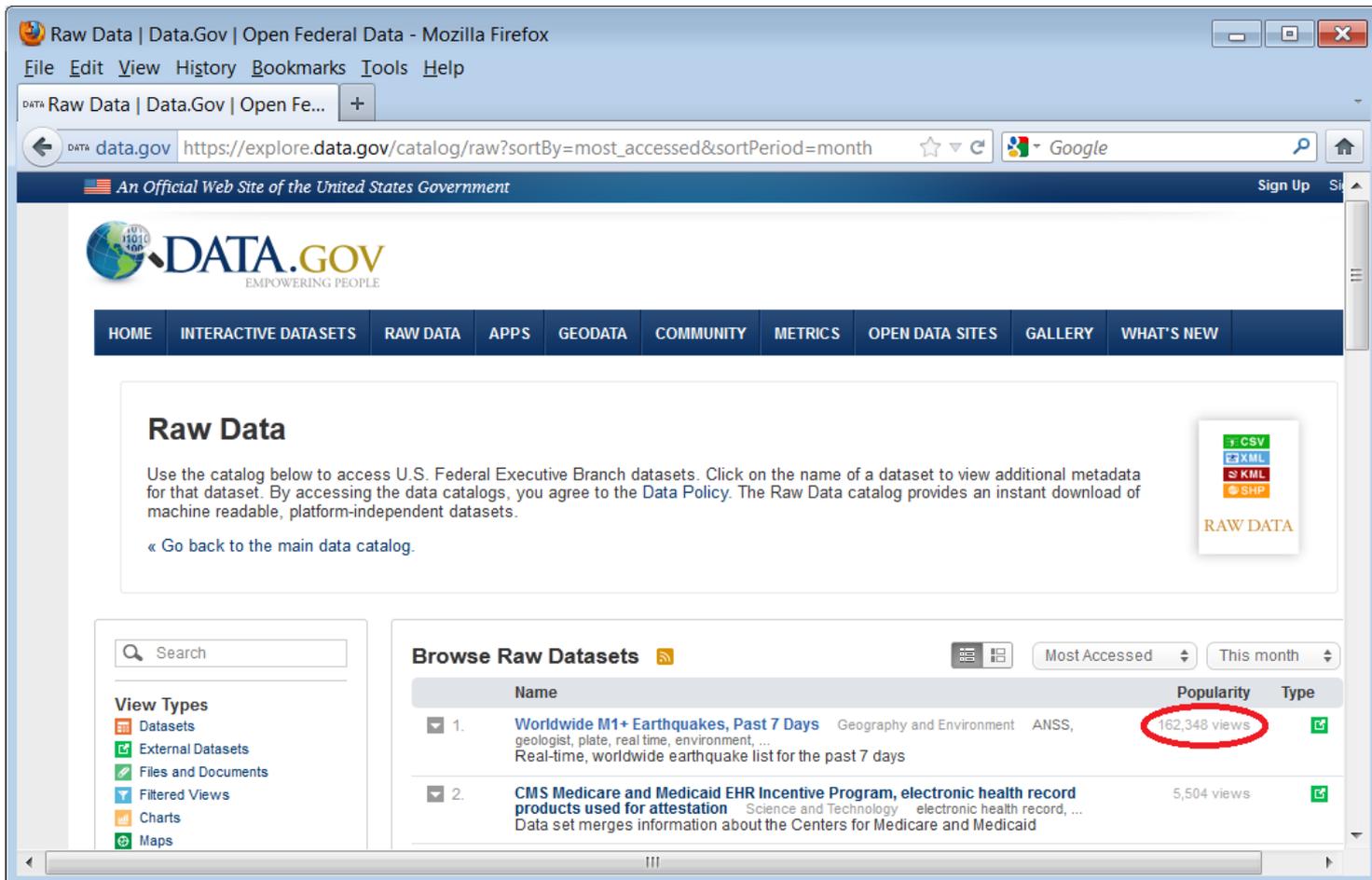




Public Sector: not governments only



Example: Is environmental data of public interest?



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2. CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, electronic health record products used for attestation Science and Technology electronic health record, ... Data set merges information about the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid	5,504 views	



1st Challenge / Opportunity: Bring more types of PSI data

Good candidates:

- Environmental data
- Social research data
- Computer simulations

Everything that can support
(better) business decisions



2nd Challenge / Opportunity: bottom-up Indicators

How you measure:

- Data size (volume, variety, dynamics)
- Data openness
- Data quality

Having the Commission opinion is all right:
now what Open Data practitioners think?



Along with Indicators, we need considering Facilitators

Examples:

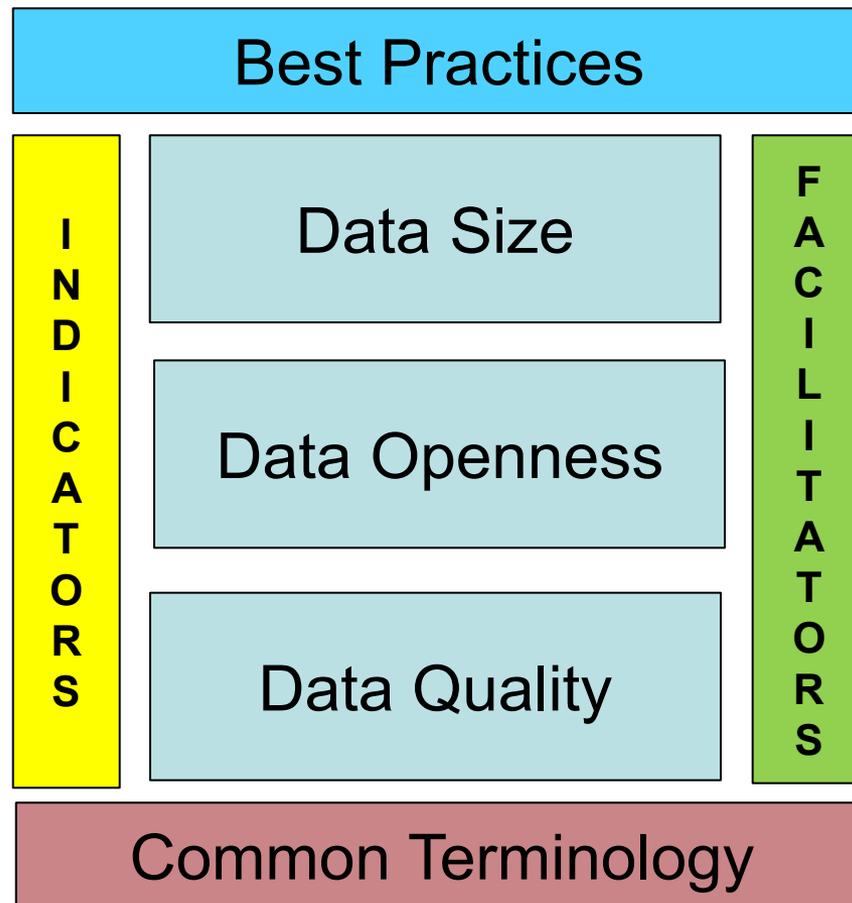
- Data licences, including machine-executable
- Reference information: vocabularies, ontologies, ...
- APIs and best practices of providing them
- Data provenance, workflows
- Persistent Identifiers

**Facilitators should be mapped to the
Quantity/Openness/Quality, and to the Indicators**



Public Sector Open Data

Reference Architecture



It can be a result of cooperative effort only

Cross-national and cross-discipline partnership required



What the heck is “Reference Architecture”?

“A template solution for an architecture for a particular domain” –
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reference_architecture

In our case, it is **a collaboratively created, well-structured, and re-usable corpus of knowledge about Open Data publishing in Public Sector** – across different nations and Public Sector Information providers: public administration, research, ...

Think about it as a (version 0.1) template for Enterprise Architecture http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enterprise_architecture – only Enterprise here is A) of a specific, loosely coupled nature, and B) specialized in one area: Open Data publishing



Sounds like a Horizon 2020 project

Why is it timely?

Lots of national, regional and domain-specific Open Data initiatives; lack of well-structured shared expertise

Scope of it?

Reference
Architecture for
Public Sector
Open Data

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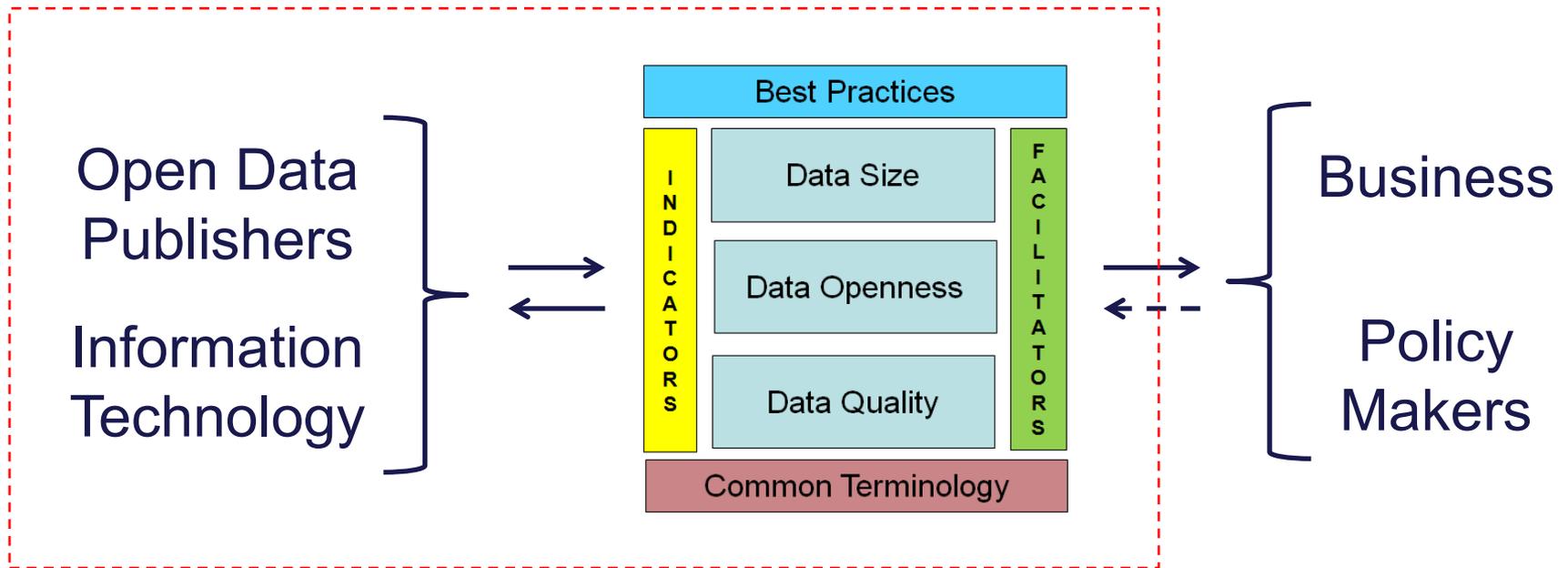
Value of it?

- Common knowledge base
- Instrument for engagement with business
- “Shell” for IT projects
- Input for policy makers

We look for more partners



Two contributors and four beneficiaries



Small and Medium Enterprises may benefit
(relatively) more than Big ones



Where it fits in Horizon 2020?

“Societal challenges” pillar (~ 40% of Horizon 2020 budget)
“Inclusive, Innovative and Secure Societies” challenge

Timeline

