



# Open Data in Belgium

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# Governments and open data

- **Relationship status: “Complicated”**
- **“Open by default”, but...**
  - Cold feet: quality, liability, ...
  - Same discussions as first websites, open source ...
  - => Explain, challenge (and be patient)
- **Local / regional / national / EU portals**
  - DCAT-AP metadata exchange to the rescue
  - Communication across administrations is key

# What do businesses want ?

- **Availability + Updates + Continuity**
  - Publishing data only once (see: hackathons) doesn't help
  - Will it still be there next year(s) ?
- **Hard to keep track who is using open data**
  - By definition: access control  $\neq$  open data
  - Data-centric companies existed before “open data”
  - Remember: administrations are (re)users as well

# A few links

## ■ Community

- <http://www.openknowledge.be>

## ■ Government

- <http://data.gov.be>
- <http://www.digitalbelgium.be/en>



# Thank you !

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