

What Publishing Open Government Data Really Looks Like – Challenges and Sustainable Solutions

27.6.2017, Luzern

J.P. Lovato, Swiss Federal Archives

The Swiss Federal Archives and Open Data

- Managing opendata.swiss for 2 years
- Managing handbook.opendata.swiss for 2 years
- Coordinating the 2nd round of the “federal data inventory”
- ...

Publishing OGD

Our role



Identify Prepare Publish Support opendata.swiss

Ready to publish open data?

handbook.opendata.swiss provides support for individuals and organizations wishing to publish open government data. It is currently available in a beta version. We welcome suggestions for improvements as well as error reports.



Library



Identify

data for opening

What is Open Government Data (OGD)?

What data does my organization hold?

Compiling a data inventory



Prepare

legal foundations

Preliminary legal checks

Choosing terms of use



Publish

as open data

Harvester

Selecting your publication option

Publication

User guide to opendata.swiss

Data hosting



Support

and promote usage

Publishing OGD

Current missions

0. More data



1. Ensuring “Open Data Quality”

2. Data-Publishers and -Users: (still) 2 distant worlds

1. Ensuring “Open Data Quality”

“Open Data Quality”

«It is unlikely that people will be able to engage with data to derive insights and demonstrate benefits unless it is usable.»

«Open data becomes usable when a human can understand it, machines can manipulate it and it is made available under an open licence.»

(www.europeandataportal.eu/elearning)



The mark of quality and trust for open data

We verify publisher best practice, so you can use data with confidence.

It's free and open.

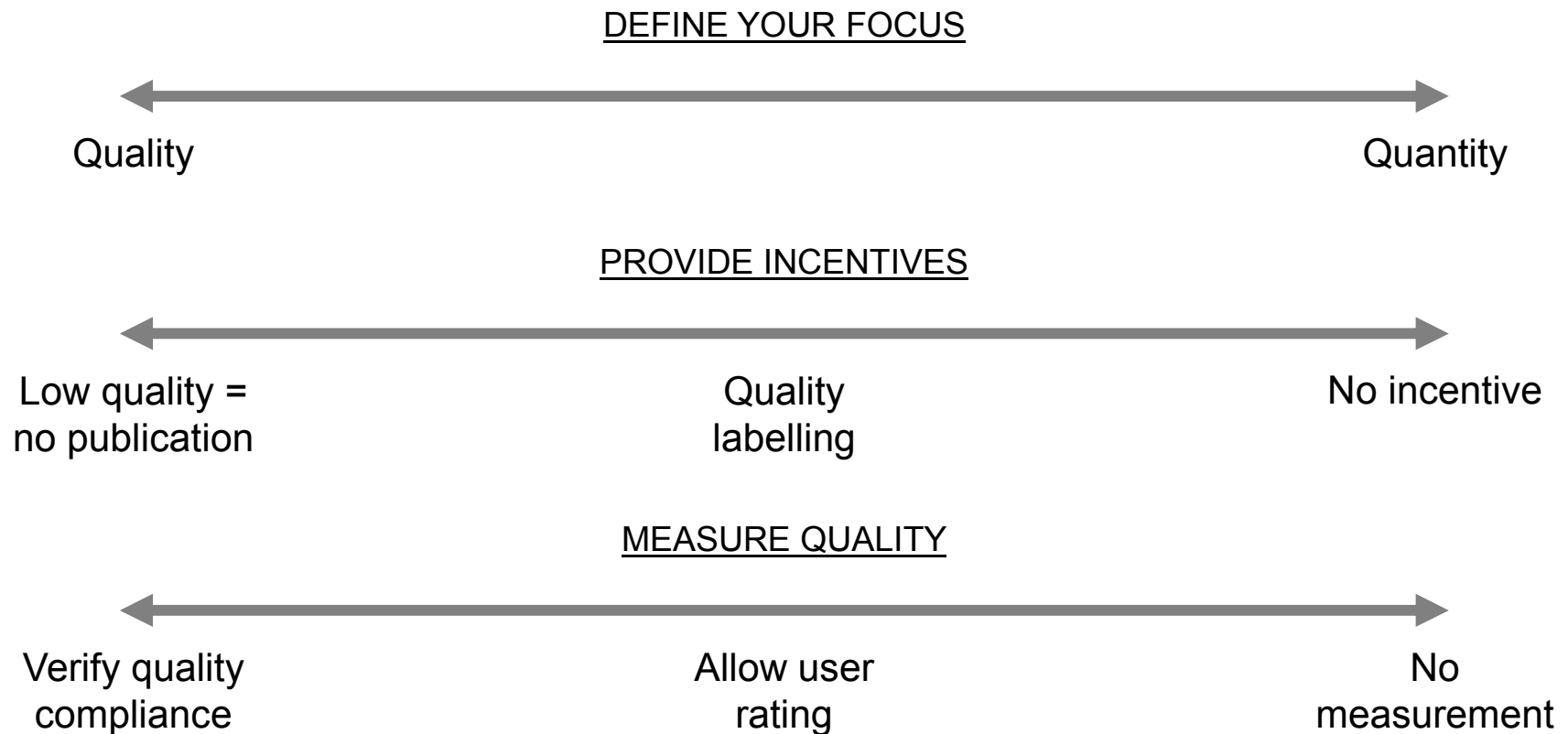
[Check if you have a certificate](#)

[Create new certificate](#)

We can auto-draft certificates from data portals, [contact us](#) to get started.

1. Ensuring “Open Data Quality”

Defining an “Open Data Quality” approach



1. Ensuring “Open Data Quality”

Defining an “Open Data Quality” approach

- ⚙ How satisfied are you about the quality of the open data you publish/use?

- ⚙ Which could be the most effective measure to improve OD quality?
 - Open data quality training
 - Develop clearer quality guidelines
 - Make examples of high quality available
 - Enforce open data quality

Publishing OGD

Current missions

0. More data

1. Ensuring “Open Data Quality”

 2. Data-Publishers and -Users: (still) 2 distant worlds

2. Publishers and -Users: (still) distant worlds

Establishing an open-data culture

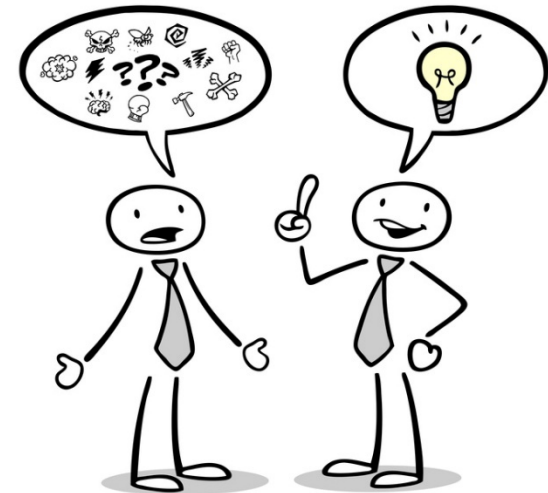
M11 Dialogue with OGD users

Regular dialogue with the users (private sector, academia and civil society) is being fostered to optimise the data on offer, to develop standards and tools and to establish best practice.

(Open Government Data Strategy Switzerland 2014-2018)

Common goals

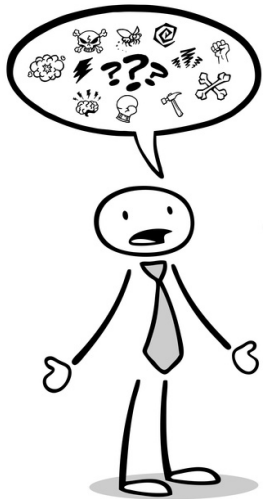
- Ensure high usability of data
- Define effective publication plan
- Highlight relevance of open data
- Continuously improve data/metadata quality
- ...



2. Publishers and -Users: (still) distant worlds

Current state

- Data-Publishers try to understand users through statistics (web, no. of apps,...), count heavily on intermediaries
- Data-Users often prefer “unofficial” channels to request or comment on data, usually don’t involve publishers in their projects



2. Publishers and -Users: (still) distant worlds

Change the situation: allocating resources

Activity	Budget
Hackathon	...
Data Challenges	
Innovation program (e.g. "Data Pitch")	
Regular (classic) meetings	
Data exploration workshops	
Online interaction platforms (e.g. Forum)	
Other	

2. Publishers and -Users: (still) distant worlds

- ⚙️ How important is it to bring users and publishers together?
- ⚙️ Which are the most effective measures or ways to do it?
- ⚙️ What is the role of the government? What is the role of the open data community?

Contact

opendata@bar.admin.ch

<https://opendata.swiss/en/>