

Public hearing on the planned guidelines for the re-use of public sector information

The re-user's perspective on datasets, charging and licenses

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Datasets

Directives 2013/37/EC and 2003/98/EC aim to support the European economy by delivering digital content as an important raw material to companies. The key characteristics for this support are:

EASY TO IMPLEMENT

The best support for SMEs is data that allows proven business models with short lead times and simple structures

- Companies: e.g. company/business register
- Geospatial: e.g. topography, postcodes, national maps, local maps
- Finance and contracts: e.g. calls for tender, future tenders
- Health: e.g. prescription data, performance data
- Transportation: e.g. public transport timetables, access points

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EASY TO OBTAIN

SMEs usually cannot afford long lasting procedures to obtain data- quick wins are necessary

- Member States can support their SMEs by being proactive with the simple cases
- The OGD movement seems to have gained a foothold already.
- Business registers, land registers, tenders are the cornerstones

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OBSTACLES

The Member States often defend „their“ data and revenues.

Austrian examples:

- Register of commerce
- Land Register
- excessive charging for Adress register
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Charging

Exceptions to the marginal cost principle

Nearly *every* PSB claims to be required to generate revenue to cover a substantial part of his costs.

The Austrian Ministry of Justice generates a revenue of €973,000,000 per year consisting mainly of fees. The cost coverage of the judicial system is 76%

If federal ministries are recognised as exceptions according to Article 6.2.(a), the principle of charging marginal costs has no practical impact.

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Data collection costs

If data collection costs are calculated, associated revenues such as registration and announcement fees have to be taken into account.

Example: Wiener Zeitung - Printed newspaper owned by the state has a yearly turnover of €15.000.000 from obligatory announcements