

# Exploring the Openness of Public Sector Data: Enablers and Inhibitors in Slovenian Public Administration

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## Abstract

Public authorities are among the biggest creators and collectors of data in many different areas. Open data represents a change in the way governments shape their relations with citizens in order to build a more open, progressive and democratic way of working. With pressure on public organisations to publish their raw data, the availability of open data has increased significantly, but the number of truly open public sector data is still low. The aim of this paper is to identify the drivers and inhibitors of data openness in the Slovenian administrative environment. Using an online survey questionnaire, we have analysed the drivers and inhibitors, which we have classified into five groups: economic, technical, cultural, normative and environmental factors. The results show that the strongest drivers come from the environment - especially in the form of user pressure, media control and data sharing. Cultural, technical and normative factors are mostly perceived as mild inhibitors or neutral, suggesting the need to remove institutional barriers and increase the clarity of the normative framework. The results confirm that external expectations and change act as the main lever for opening up, while internal factors often hold back faster progress.

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