

Open data maturity

2025 country factsheet

State of play at a glance

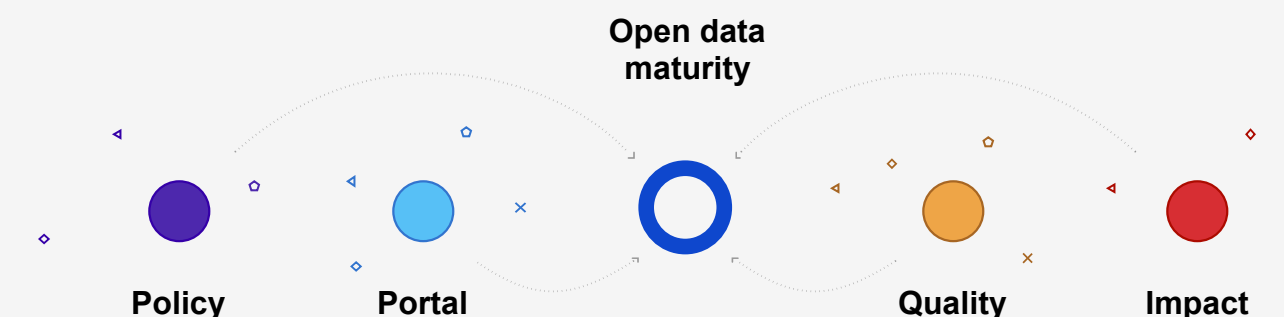
Bulgaria advanced its open data framework through the adoption of the National Digital Transformation Roadmap (2024–2030), which prioritises the release of high-value datasets and alignment with DCAT-AP 2.0. The national portal data.egov.bg was upgraded with a new API gateway, single sign-on for publishers and public dashboards displaying usage statistics, while the total number of published datasets exceeded 10 000. A national datathon and the launch of new geospatial data services further supported reuse.

In parallel, Bulgaria fulfilled commitments under the Fourth National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership (2022–2024) and initiated the drafting of a new plan with input from public institutions and civil society. Technical specifications for a portal upgrade were submitted to the e-Government Agency, including the introduction of a thematic category for high-value datasets in line with Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138. These specifications also cover the transition to a metadata structure compliant with Bulgarian DCAT-AP.



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<https://data.europa.eu/en/open-data-maturity/2025>



Assessment methodology

Open data maturity is measured on four thematic dimensions: policy, portal, quality and impact. Each dimension contributes an equal 25 % towards the overall maturity score.



Policy
Investigates the open data policies and strategies in place in the countries, the national governance models for managing open data and the measures applied to implement those policies and strategies.



Portal
Investigates the functionality of national open data portals, the extent to which users’ needs and behaviour are examined to improve the portal, the availability of open data across different domains and the approach to ensuring the portal’s sustainability.

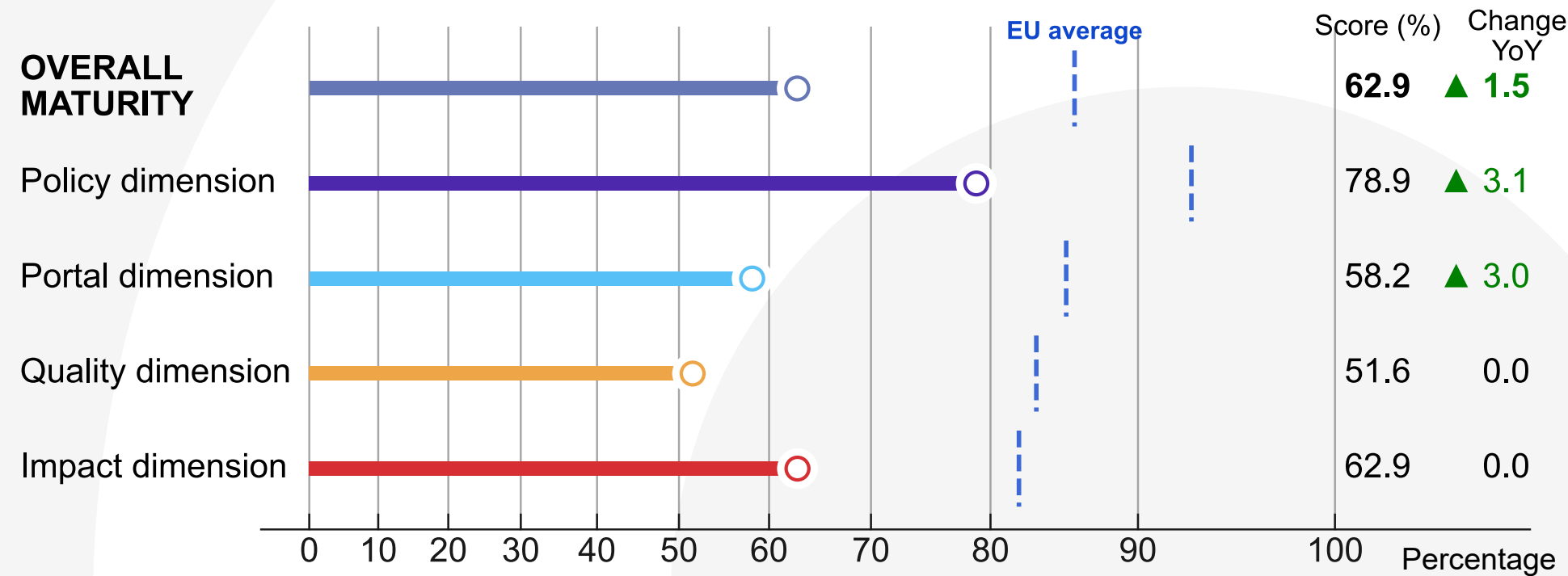


Quality
Investigates the measures adopted by portal managers to ensure the systematic harvesting of metadata, the monitoring of metadata quality and compliance with the DCAT-AP metadata standard and the quality of the deployment of the published data on the national portal.

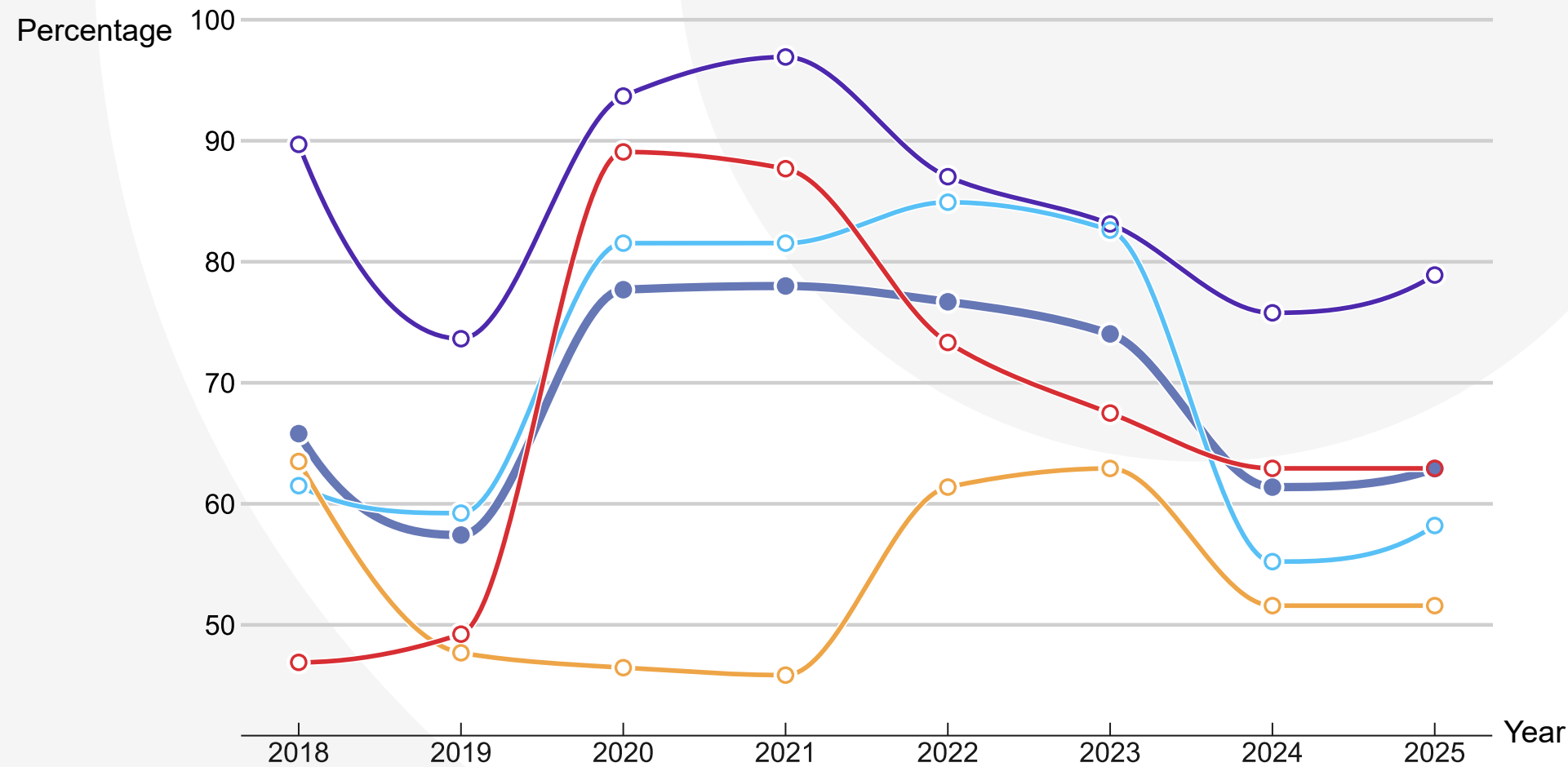


Impact
Investigates how well countries define and measure data reuse, the steps taken to assess reuse and user needs and the presence of reuse examples in the domains of government, society, the environment and the economy.

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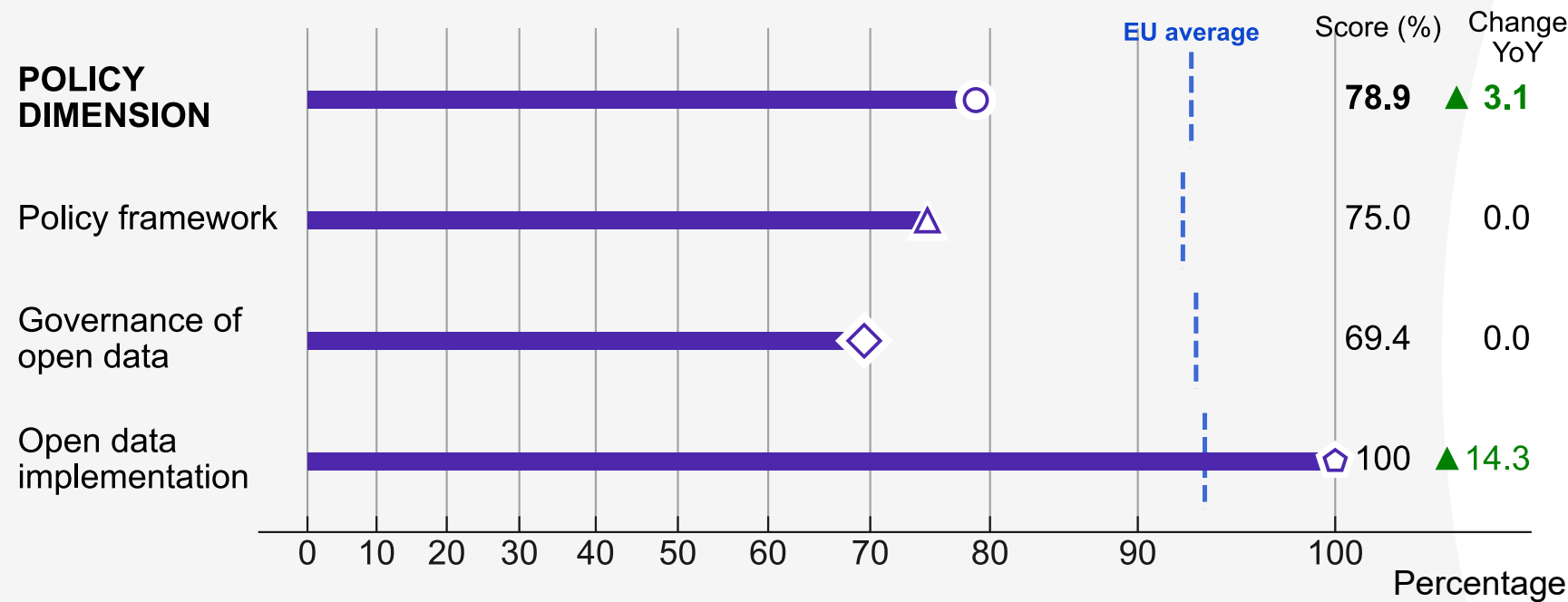


Maturity scores of Bulgaria over time






Policy dimension

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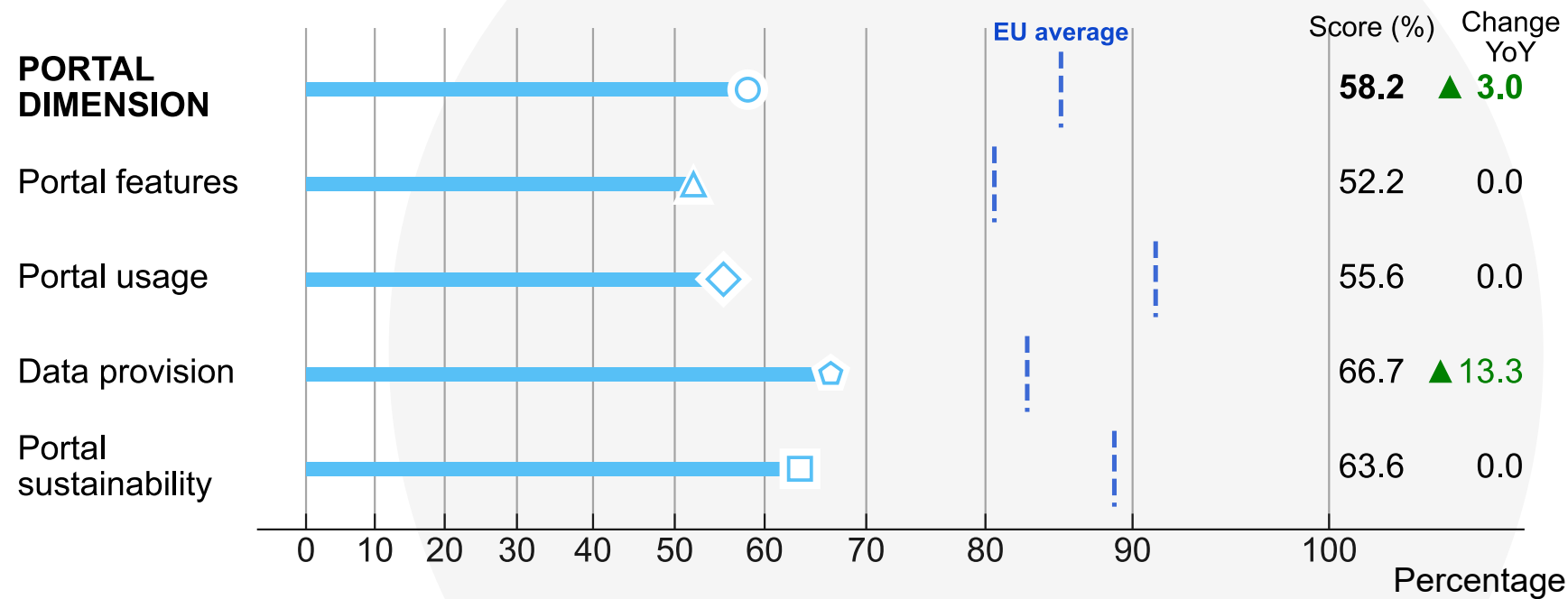


Key questions




- Does the national open data policy/strategy include an action plan?  Yes
- To what degree do local/regional public bodies conduct open data initiatives?  Few
- Are there processes to ensure that the open data policies/strategy are implemented?  Yes

Portal dimension

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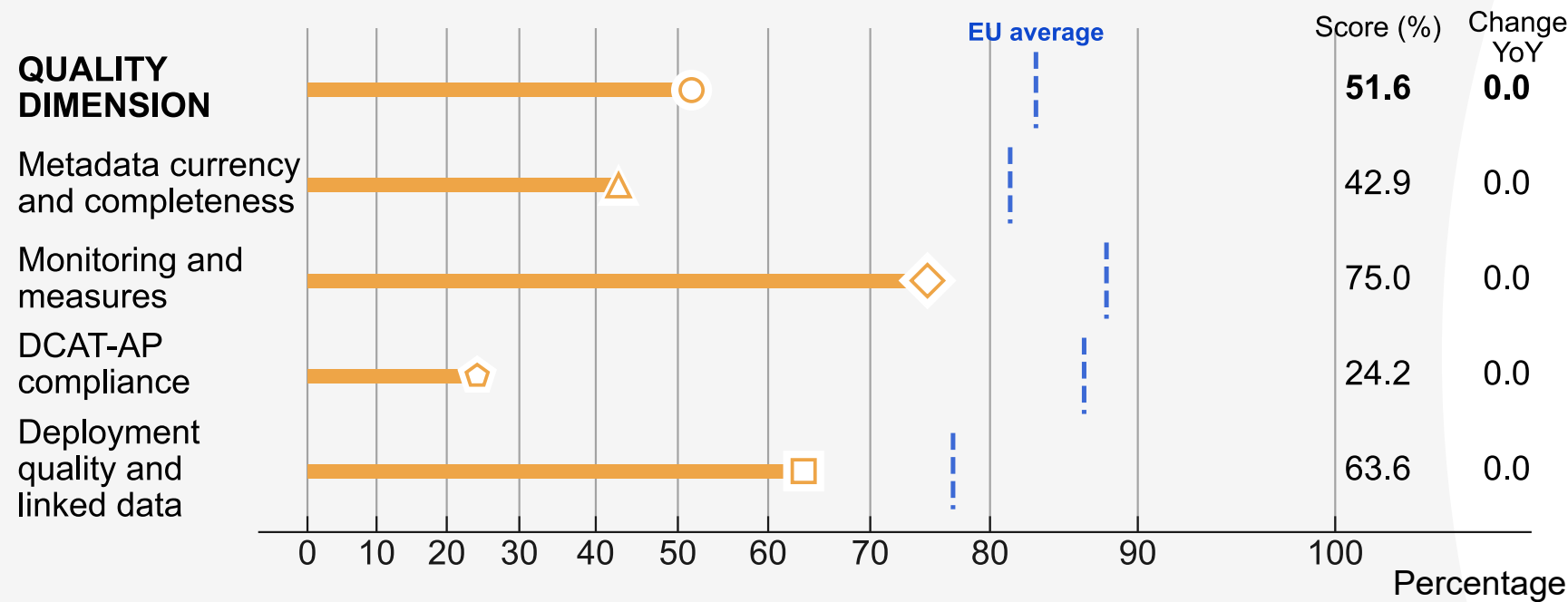


Key questions




- Do you monitor the portal's traffic?  Yes
- To what degree do public sector data providers contribute data to the portal?  All
- Does the national portal allow users to see what data exists but cannot be made available as open data?  No

Quality dimension

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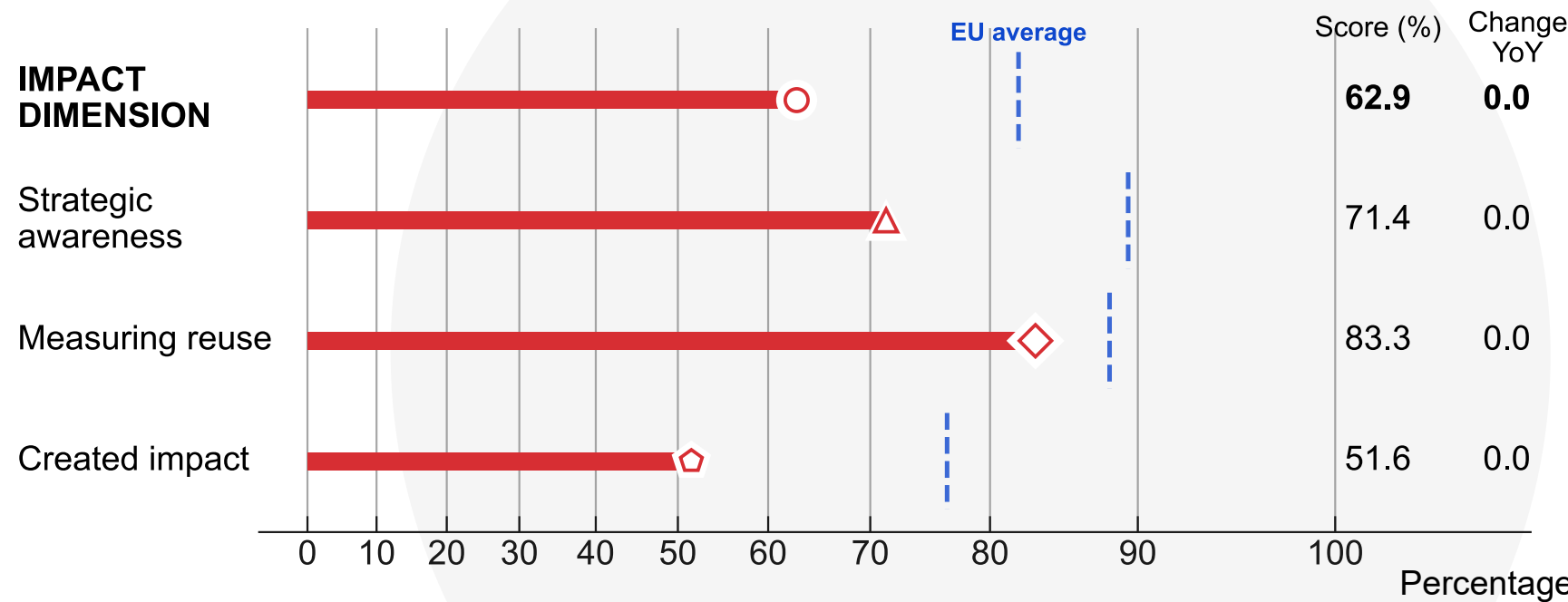


Key questions




- Do you monitor the quality of the metadata available on your portal?  Yes
- Do you set any standards on metadata quality that data providers must abide by?  Yes
- Do you use a model to assess the quality of deployment of data in your country?  No

Impact dimension

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Key questions

- Do you have a definition of open data reuse in your country?  Yes
- Are there any processes in place to monitor the level of reuse of your country's open data?  Yes
- Do you have a methodology in place to measure the impact of open data?  No