

Open data maturity

2020



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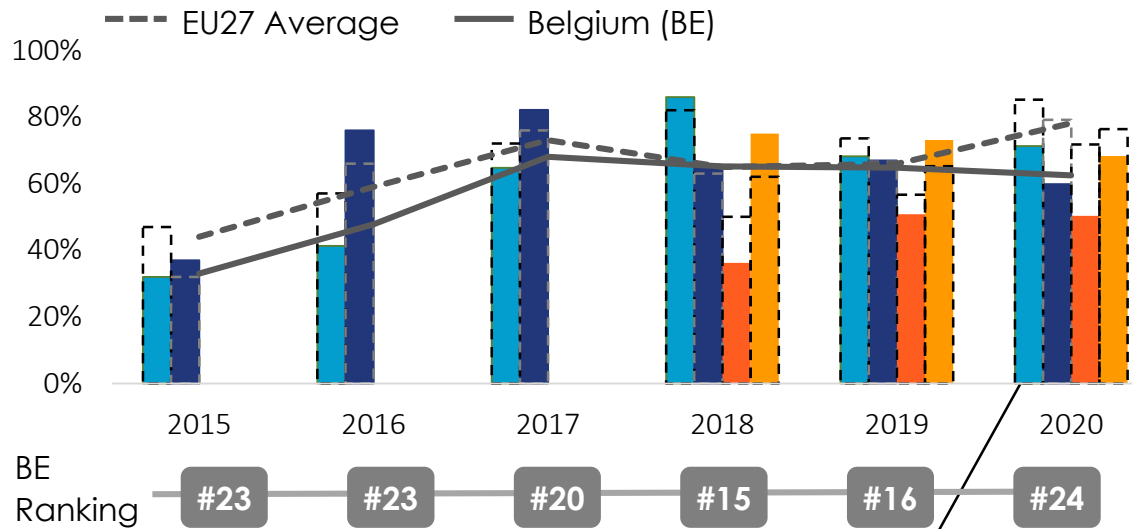


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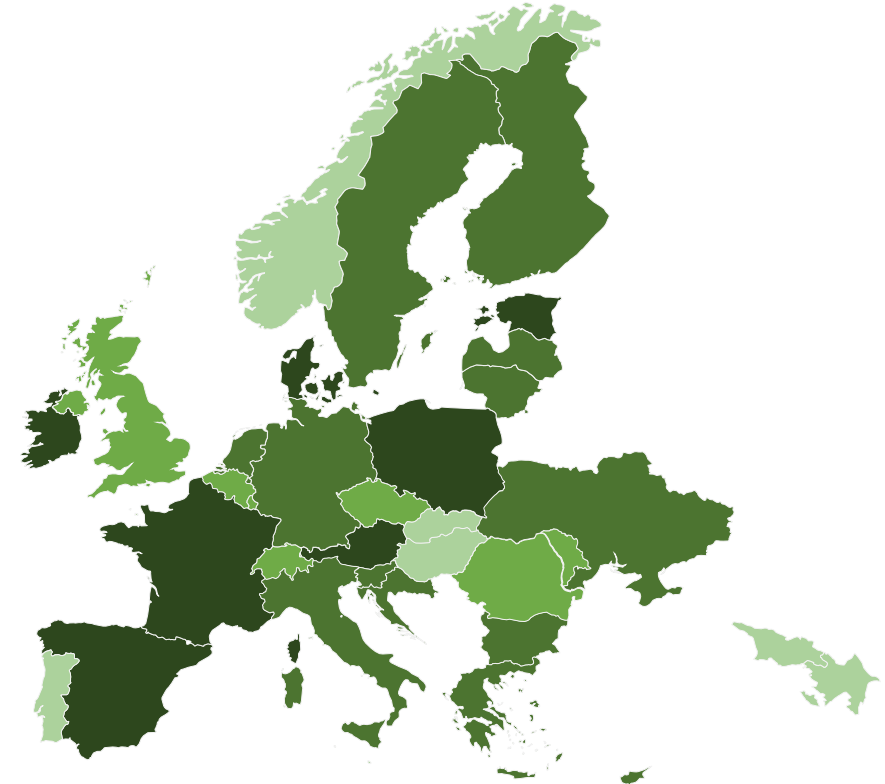
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MATURITY LEVEL RATING



OVERALL MATURITY LEVEL SEGMENTATION

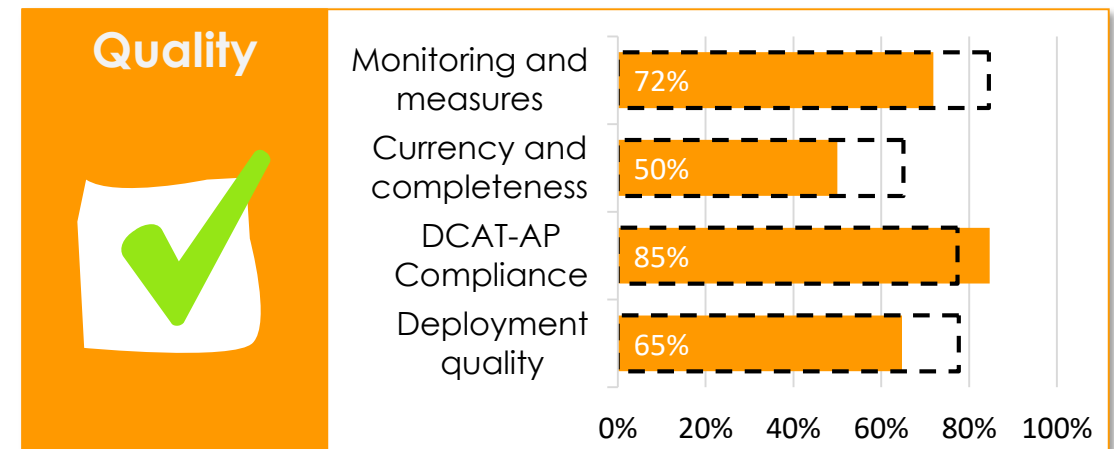
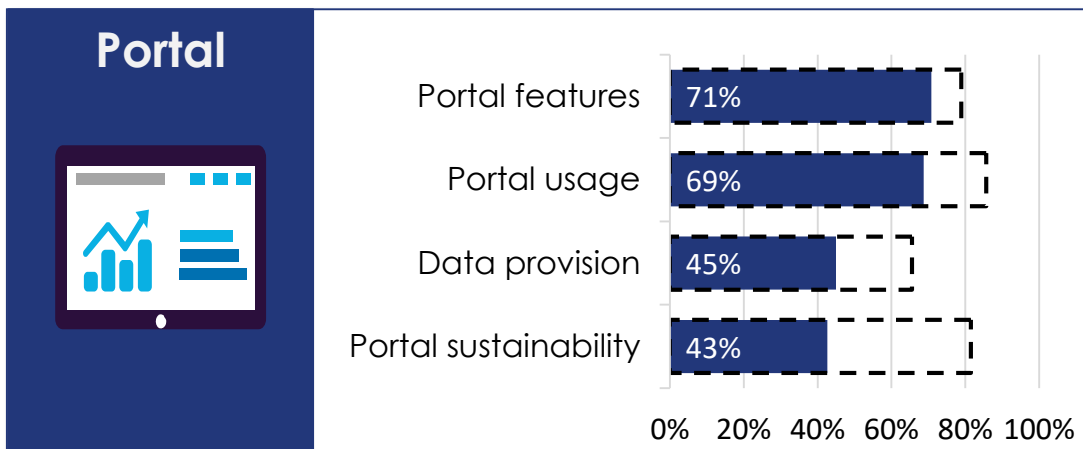
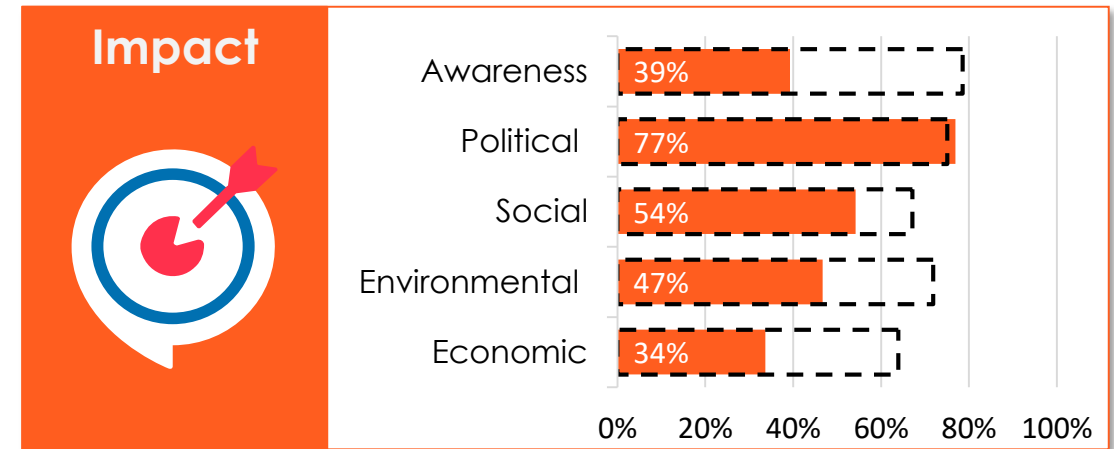
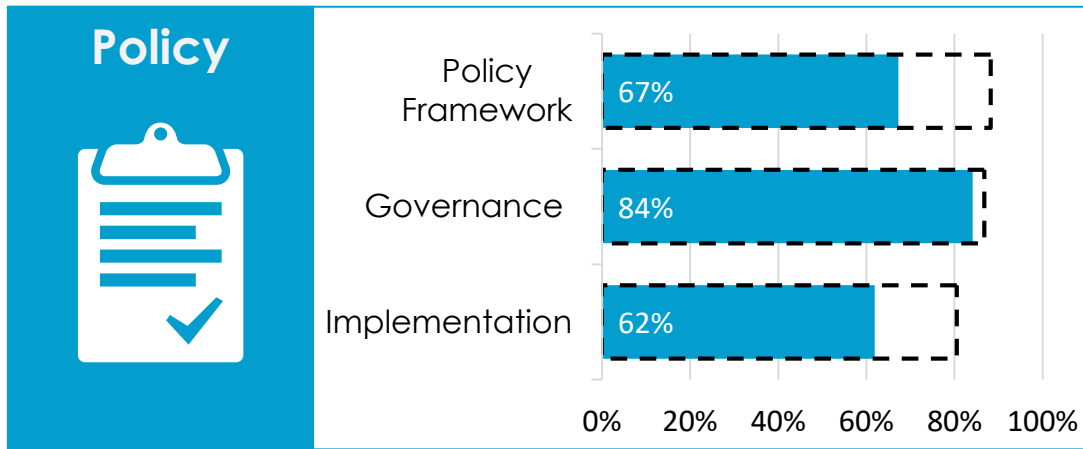


Category	BE Ranking	BE %	EU27 %
Policy	#26	71%	85%
Portal	#28	60%	79%
Impact	#24	50%	72%
Quality	#24	68%	76%

Overall	BE %	EU27 %
	62%	78%



DIMENSION PERFORMANCE



EU27 Average
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ADDRESSING BARRIERS



Governance

A challenge that Belgium is facing, is the diversity of open data publication on federal and regional level. Due to differences in the political landscape, there are differences in the way that open data is being published, the formats that are being used, and the frequency of the data being updated. To address this issue, Belgium launched a test project in which address data from three regions has been published in the same format on the federal website. Belgium also organised meetings on cross-government levels to highlight the importance of aligning open data publication.



Feedback re-users

Another challenge in Belgium is the limited feedback from re-users. Because open data portals do not want to enforce registration, it is difficult to track the re-use of open data, although that is important for higher management and politicians. To gain insights into open data re-use, Belgium asks the community of open data re-users at events and on Social Media to voluntarily report on their re-use.



OPEN DATA RE-USE

The national open data portal of Belgium provides a [designated area for open data use cases](#) to provide further insight and inspiration into how open data can be used to create services, applications, and products. Currently, the page shows already 76 applications that have been developed using open data.

An example of open data re-use is [covidata.be](#). Covidata is a website showing various statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as: number of cases, deaths, hospitalisations, and the overall impact of lockdown measures. The website provides visualisations and dissects data on multiple levels, for instance by municipality, age group, or epidemic indicators.

Covidata publishes all source code through a Github repository. The visualisations and data are distributed under a CC0 licence which makes it possible for everyone to access, alter, and publish the data.

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