WEBINAR

'Unlocking data interoperability: exploring ways of standardisation with real use cases'



25 April 2025

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Agenda

10.00 – 10.05	Opening and introduction – Inmaculada Farfan Velasco
10.05 – 10.25	DCAT-AP: creating interoperable profiles – Bert van Nuffelen
10.25 – 10.45	Czechia's approach to metadata quality – <i>Lenka Kováčová</i>
10:45 – 11:05	France's approach to data quality – Pierlou Ramade
11:05 – 11:25	Panel Q&A discussion
11:25 – 11:30	Closing remarks



Today's speakers



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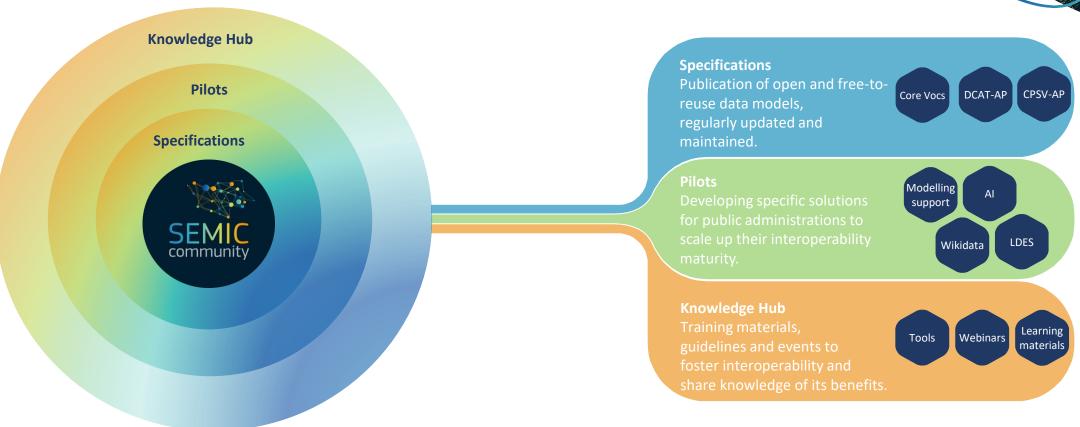




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SEMIC's mission is to promote Semantic Interoperability amongst the EU Member States and deliver pragmatic support to help build an Interoperable Europe.









Specifications

SEMIC specifications enable interoperability:

- They make data transparent and available
- They support the coherent implementation of laws and policies
- They help implement cost efficiencies
- They help **digitalisation** and **harmonising** processes

Core Vocabularies

Core Vocabularies are a cornerstone element of semantic interoperability. They provide a standardised approach for describing key concepts such as locations, businesses, organisations and natural persons.

Application Profiles

Application Profiles make use of vocabularies for a detailed set of use cases to define mandatory relations, constraints and relationships.





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Welcome

Enabling Interoperable Europe

The SEMIC Support Centre is the first step on a journey to become an interoperable European administration. In line with the Interoperable Europe Act, the SEMIC community stands for co-creation and sharing best practices. The Support Center is also home to a community of adopters that share tooling, standards and good practices to promote semantic interoperability.

Who is it for?

Are you a policy officer or a technical expert working on data sharing and reuse? SEMIC and its support centre offers several services that aim to help public administrations share their experience with each other and help each other out in making the single

In the spotlight: DCAT-AP for Data Spaces!

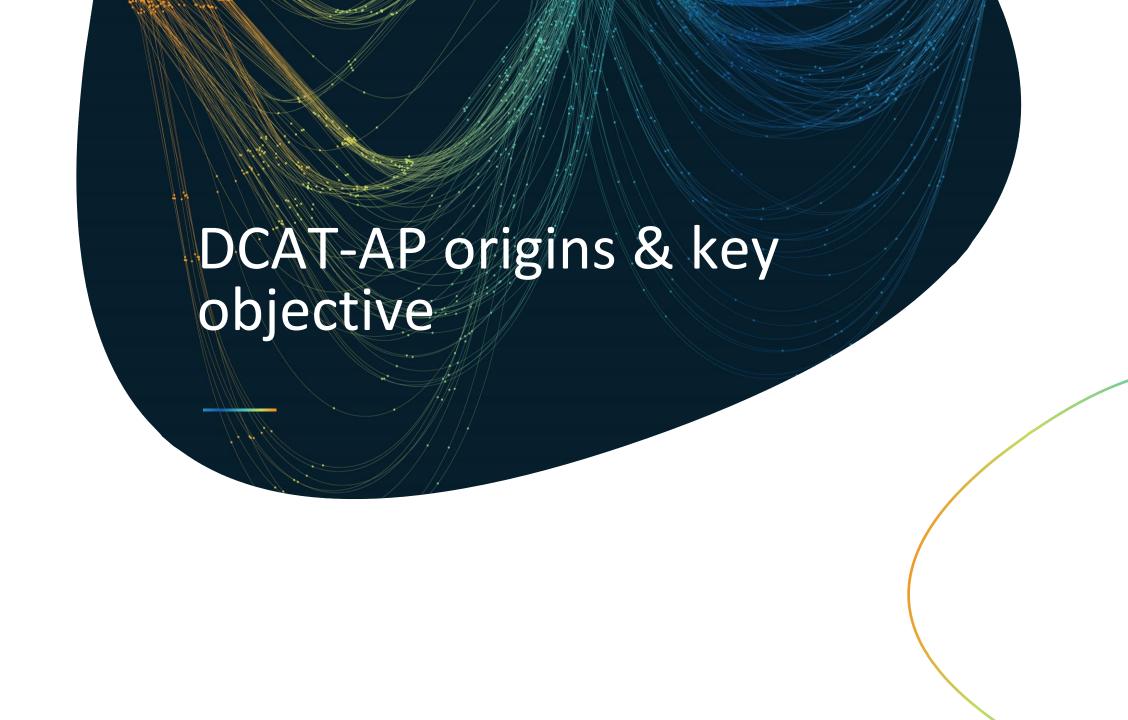
Discover how DCAT-AP is revolutionising data interoperability across European Data Spaces. Learn how this harmonised semantic specification facilitates data findability, accessibility, and sharing, driving collaborative innovation and breaking down data silos.

Explore real-world applications in health, mobility, and geospatial data, showcasing the versatility and impact of DCAT-AP in uniting data infrastructures for a competitive European market.



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"Data in the new Oil" – Neelie Kroes (2012)

Foster Open Data and ensure access to (public sector) data.

(Open) Data Catalogues emerged everywhere (in the public sector).





HOW?

How to make data **more** "accessible"?



Applies to making data more "findable"?



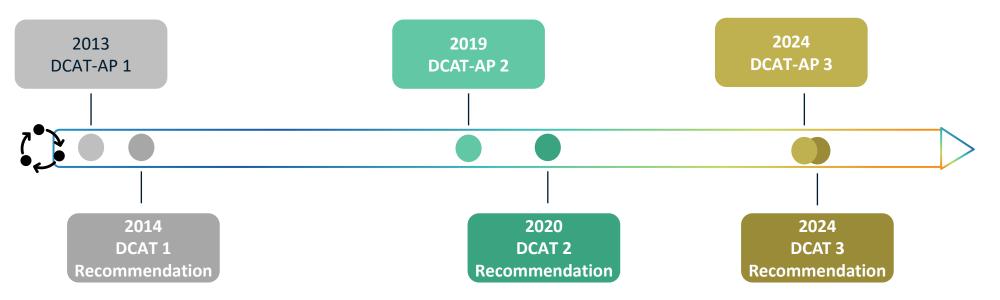
Data Catalogues make data findable, ...





DCAT (W3C) and DCAT-AP (EU)

https://semiceu.github.io/DCAT-AP/releases/3.0.0/

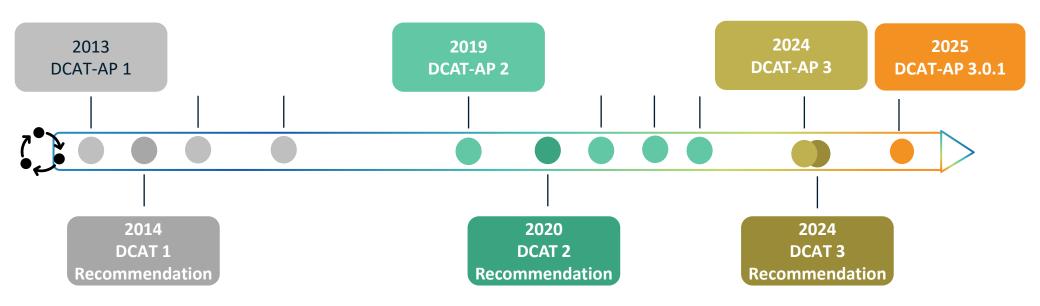


https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat-3/



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Increasing importance for multi-domain collaboration

DCAT

DCAT-AP

Dataset d1

Health DCAT-AP

DCAT-AP HVD

Key aspects

 (target = publishers) Once-only effort for publishers of datasets

 (target = editors) Concise, easiness to read, minimal editorial effort



Domains of application

- (Open) data portals with an extension for statistics and geospatial data.
 - DCAT-AP HVD
 - GeoDCAT-AP
 - StatDCAT-AP

National, regional and local (Open) data portals

(too many to list)

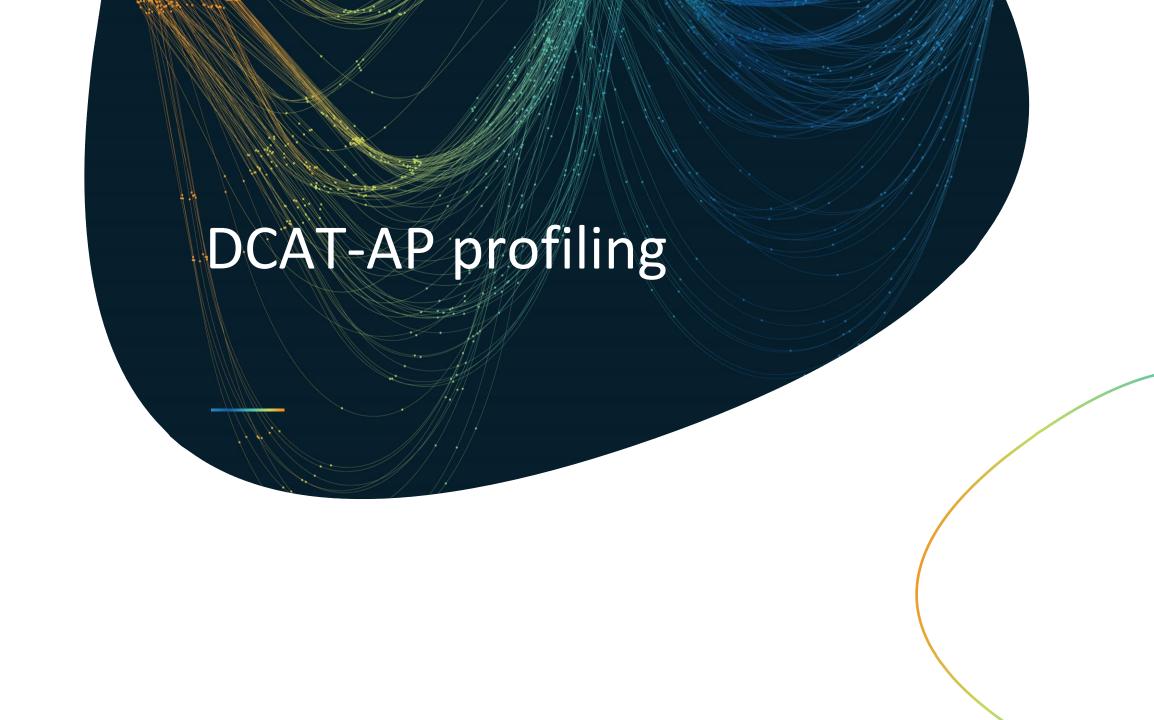


- Mobility DCAT-AP (NapCore)
- Health DCAT-AP
- Language Data Space
- ...

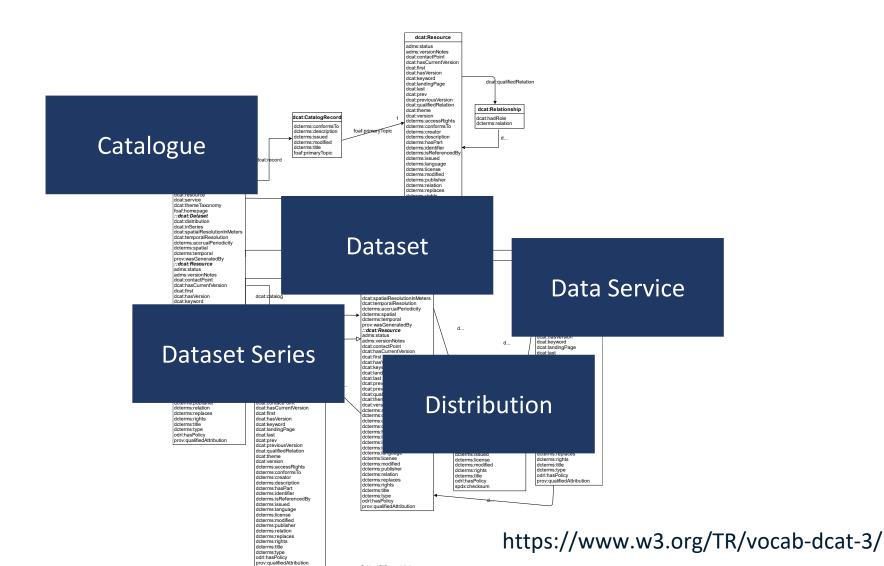
Base registries metadata descriptions



Machine Learning with MLDCAT-AP

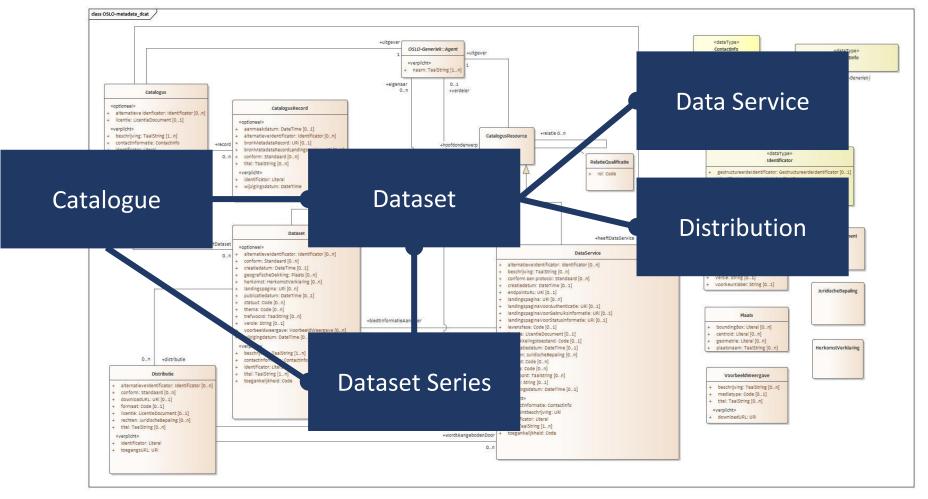


From DCAT vocabulary to ...





DCAT-AP application profile



https://github.com/SEMICeu/DCAT-AP/



Profiling DCAT-AP

= The process of making the usage of DCAT-AP more precise for the **intended scope** (i.e. Health data).

Based on **use cases** (scope, motivation, support) to decide property (re)use, cardinalities, codelists, etc.

Key consideration: why creating a DCAT-AP profile?

Never forget: the profile becomes part of this multi-domain ecosystem.

Modeling decisions Application Profile

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repeated for parallel

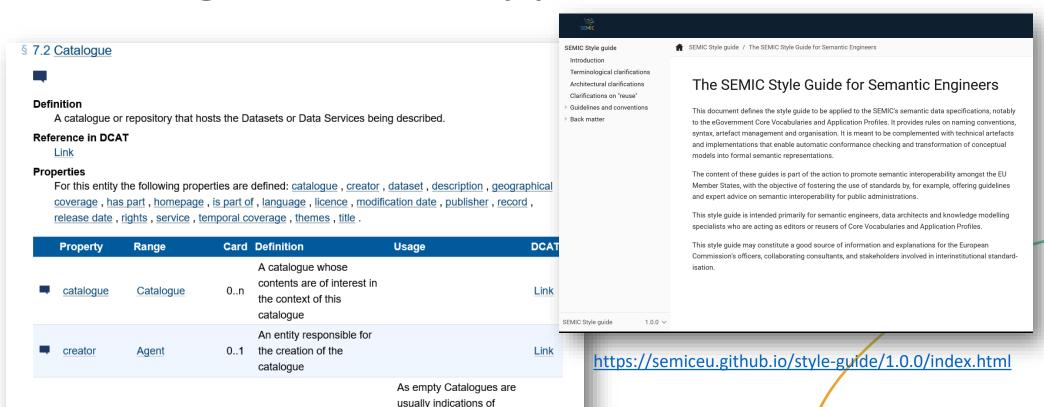
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should be combined with the next property service to implement an empty Catalogue check. This property can be

A Dataset that is part of

A free-text account of the



Link

DCAT-AP Profile Alignment principles

Recurring Questions

- Q1: How to indicate that the properties (constraints) of one class apply to another class?
- Q2: How to reuse a property with conflicting constraints?
- Q3: Is profile A coherent/consistent with profile B and what are the changes?

Proposed principles

- P1: DCAT-AP is master profile
- P2: use subproperties to avoid conflicts
- P3: diagram subclass arrows means adopt all constraints of superclass
- P4: indicate reuse with extra column
- P5: expressing local scopes as additional classes is allowed
- P6: use the codelist usage qualifiers as defined in DCAT-AP



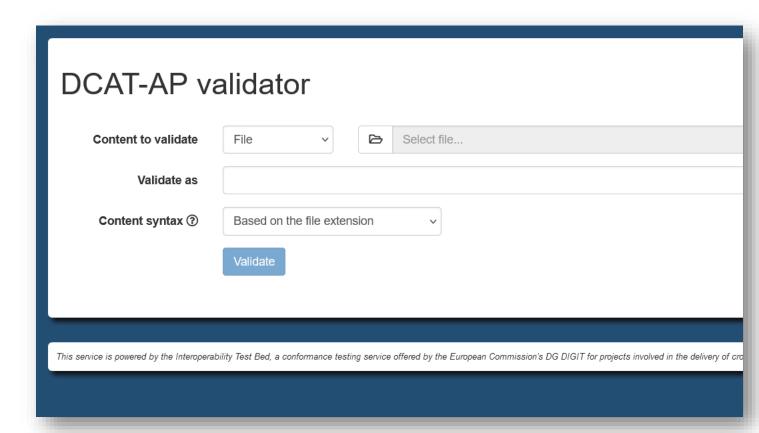
DCAT-AP validator

Question

How can publishers validate their efforts?

DCAT-AP provides <u>SHACL shapes</u> which are activated in the DCAT-AP validator.

Based Interoperability Test Bed (https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/)





https://www.itb.ec.europa.eu/shacl/dcat-ap/upload

SEMIC DCAT-AP feeds specification

Question

How to share DCAT-AP in a harvesting network?

Linked Data Event Streams

- https://semiceu.github.io/LinkedDataEve ntStreams/
- A protocol to share a collection of immutable objects in Linked Data native format

Pilot with OpenData Portal Sweden

The DCAT-AP Feed specification

Living Standard, 26 April 2024

This version:

https://semiceu.github.io/LDES-DCAT-AP-feeds/index.html

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Abstract

Publishing a full data dump repetitevely will delegate change detection -- a fault-prone process -- to data consumers. With DCAT-AP Feeds we propose that DCAT-AP catalog maintainers publish an event source API that can help to replicate the catalog towards a harvester, and always keep it in-sync in the way that is intended by the publisher. Therefore, this spec describes how to publish your DCAT-AP entity changes using the Activity Streams vocabulary and LDES. It also provides a specification for harvesters to provide transparency into their harvesting progress.



https://semiceu.github.io/LDES-DCAT-AP-feeds/index.html

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WHY_WHAT_HOW_

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Czech Digital and Information Agency

CONTENT_

- Who are we
- Metadata interoperability
- DCAT-AP-CZ
- Metadata quality metrics
- Data interoperability

WHAT_OUR_TEAM_DOES?



- Digital and Information Agency Data Cataloging and Sharing Unit
- Coordination of the data cataloging and sharing in public administration
 - vision and strategy for data
 - methodological, technical and legal support to public authorities
 - management of open data portal/national catalog
 - leading of public sector data working groups

data.gov.cz

WHAT_DO_WE_WANT_TO_ACHIEVE?



- 1. To have high-quality data about data metadata
- 2. To ensure easy data findability and interoperability
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WHEN_IT_COMES_TO_METADATA_... ONE_TO_RULE_THEM_ALL_...



ONE catalog

legally binding to register open data in the National Open Data Catalog

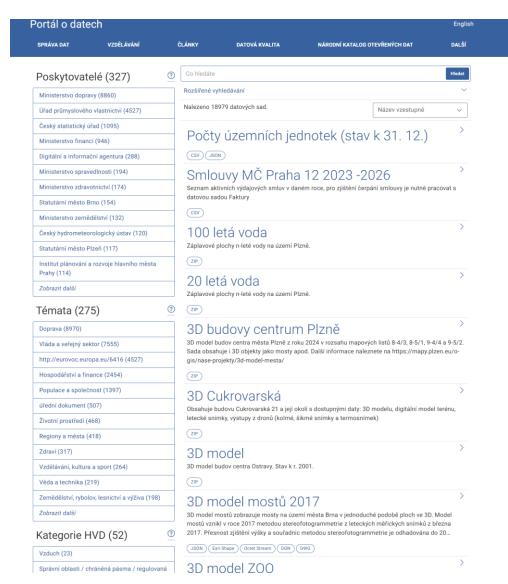
ONE standard – DCAT-AP-CZ

- open formal standard (ODD)
- every open formal standard is according to law legally binding for public administration bodies – metadata standards included

NATIONAL_OPEN_DATA_CATALOG_



- It aggregates metadata
 about open datasets
 across the entire Czechia
- It allows to search and filter datasets, e.g., by providers, keywords, formats, etc.



Královéhradecký kraj

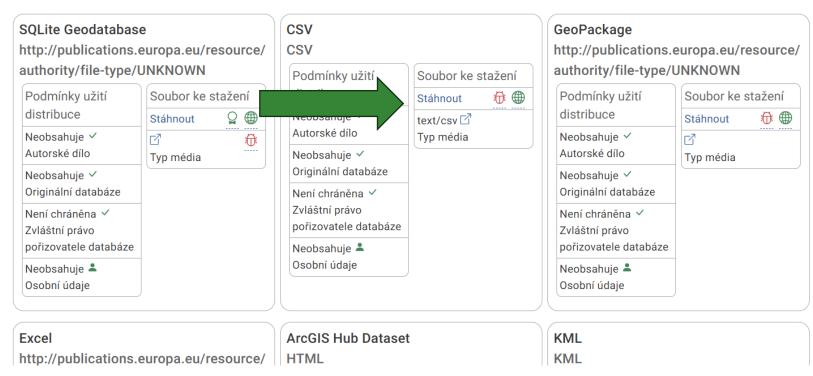


Datová sada s prostorovou lokalizací absolventů vysokých škol podle oborů za rok 2022. Zdrojem dat je Agentura pro podporu podnikání a investic Czechlnvest.

TémaSouvisející geografické územíPeriodicita aktualizaceVzdělávání, kultura a sportKrálovéhradecký krajroční



Věda a technika





HOW_TO_GET_YOUR_DATA_ TO_THE_NATIONAL_CATALOG?

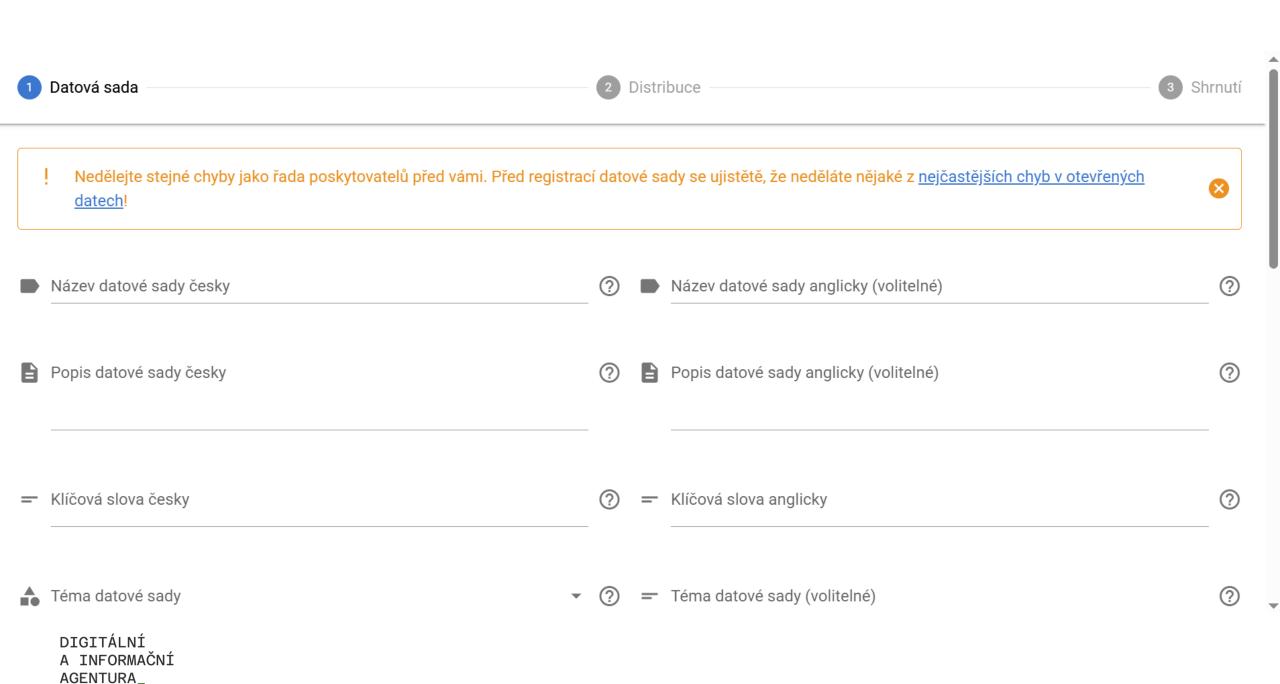
Simple form

- Recommended for providers with few datasets
- The provider registers the chosen dataset; thanks to the form, the metadata record complies with the standard

Local OD catalogue

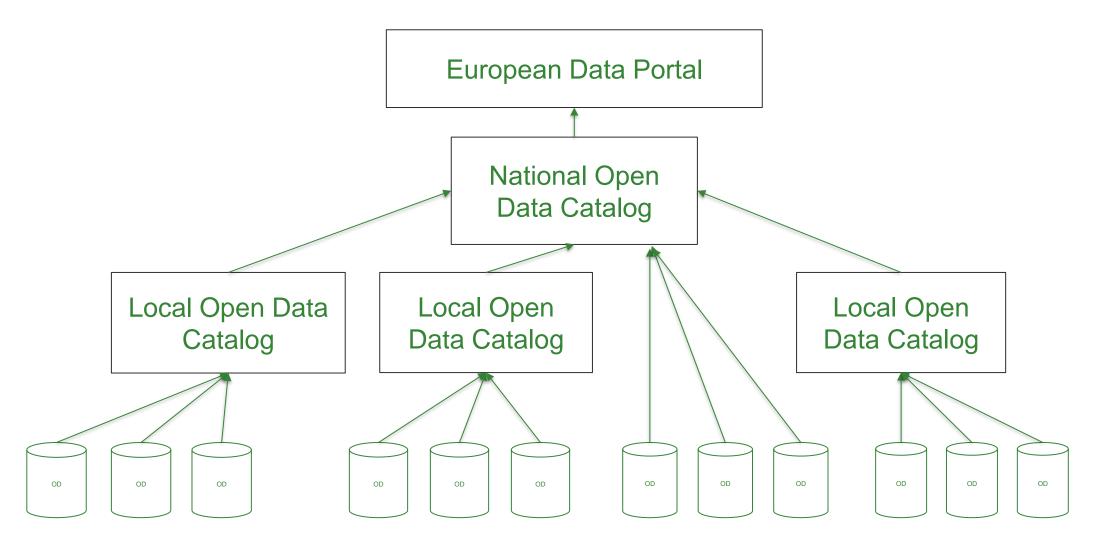
- A systematic approach to cataloging open data
- Simple app for managing metadata of data providers
- The provider registers the local catalog that must follow the standard

DCAT-AP-CZ



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DATA_CATALOG_SYSTEM_



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DCAT-AP-CZ_



- Basic model for data catalogs of the Czech application profile of the European DCAT-AP standard for data cataloging
- Czech specificities
 - more detailed way of representing the terms of use for dataset distribution
 - a national way of representing the territorial coverage of dataset using Czech territorial base register (LOD)
 - an identification of public administration bodies according to the Czech base registries (LOD)
 - the possibility of annotating the topic of a dateset using the EuroVoc thesaurus
 - some of the metadata entities (e.g., keywords, periodicity) are obligatory
- Metadata according to standard uploaded into an RDF database and made accessible via a so-called SPARQL Endpoint

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DCAT-AP-CZ: Rozhraní katalogů otevřených dat

Doporučení 28. května 2024

Tato verze:

https://ofn.gov.cz/dcat-ap-cz-rozhraní-katalogů-otevřených-dat/2024-05-28/

Nejnovější verze:

https://ofn.gov.cz/dcat-ap-cz-rozhraní-katalogů-otevřených-dat/

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Historie změn

Pull requesty

Odkazy:

Validátor lokálních katalogů

Portál otevřených dat

Kontaktní e-mail

Abstrakt

Cílem tohoto dokumentu je specifikovat rozhraní lokálních katalogů otevřených dat (LKOD) pro jejich harvestování Národním katalogem otevřených dat (NKOD). Dokument je založen na základním datovém modelu

MANDATORY_DCAT-AP-CZ_ADVANTAGES_

- Responsibility for metadata lies with the provider, not with central integrator
- A harvesting catalog could be done by anyone (anti vendor lock-in)
- To pre-fill registration for the provider
- To validate compliance with the standard
- Easier adaptation to changes from the European level Data Spaces (HealthDCAT-AP, mobilityDCAT-AP), National Single Access Point (DGA)

Validátor lokálního katalogu

Tento validátor na základě URL rozhraní Lokálního katalogu otevřených dat (LKOD) zvaliduje jeho správnost vůči <u>otevřené formální normě</u>. Lze tedy použít během vývoje LKOD, před jeho registrací do NKOD, nebo po registraci, pokud je <u>lokální katalog vidět v NKOD</u>, ale nenačtou se z něj žádné datové sady. Rozhraní LKOD musí implementovat <u>techniku CORS</u>.

URL vstupního bodu k validaci

https://data.mf.gov.cz/lod/sparql

SPUSTIT VALIDACI

Formát vstupního bodu

DCAT-AP SPARQL Endpoint

URL katalogu

https://data.mf.gov.cz/lod/katalog/

https://monitor.statnipokladna.gov.cz/api/opendata/monitor

Název katalogu

Katalog otevřených dat MF

MONITOR Státní pokladny katalog



Nalezeno více, než jeden jeden katalog.

Odkazané záznamy datových sad s chybou

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Celkový počet nalezených datových sad

965

Počet nalezených datových sad s varováním, ale bez chyby

23

Počet nalezených datových sad s chybou

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Počet nalezených HVD

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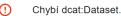
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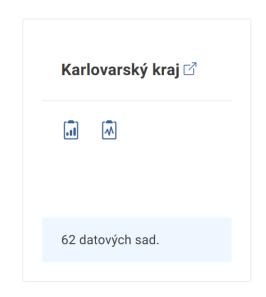


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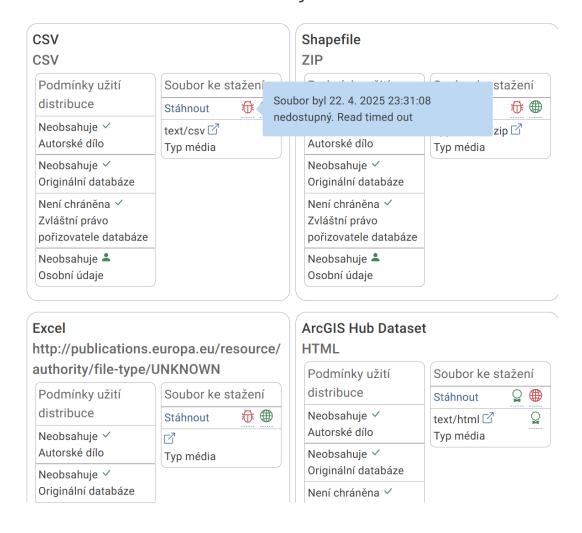
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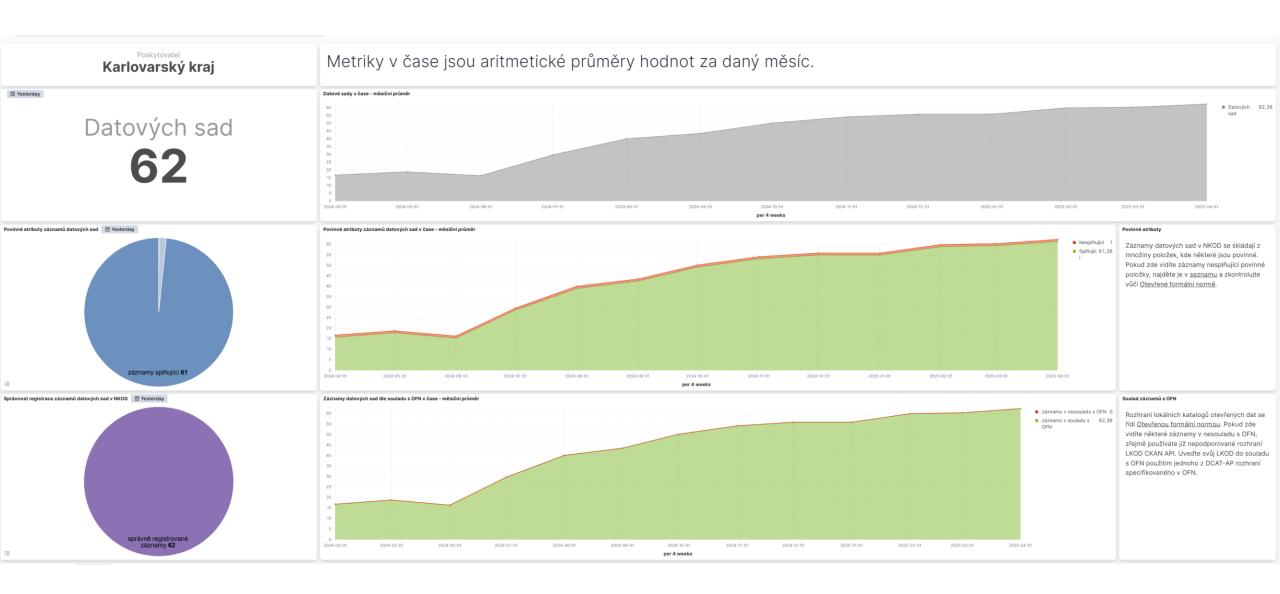
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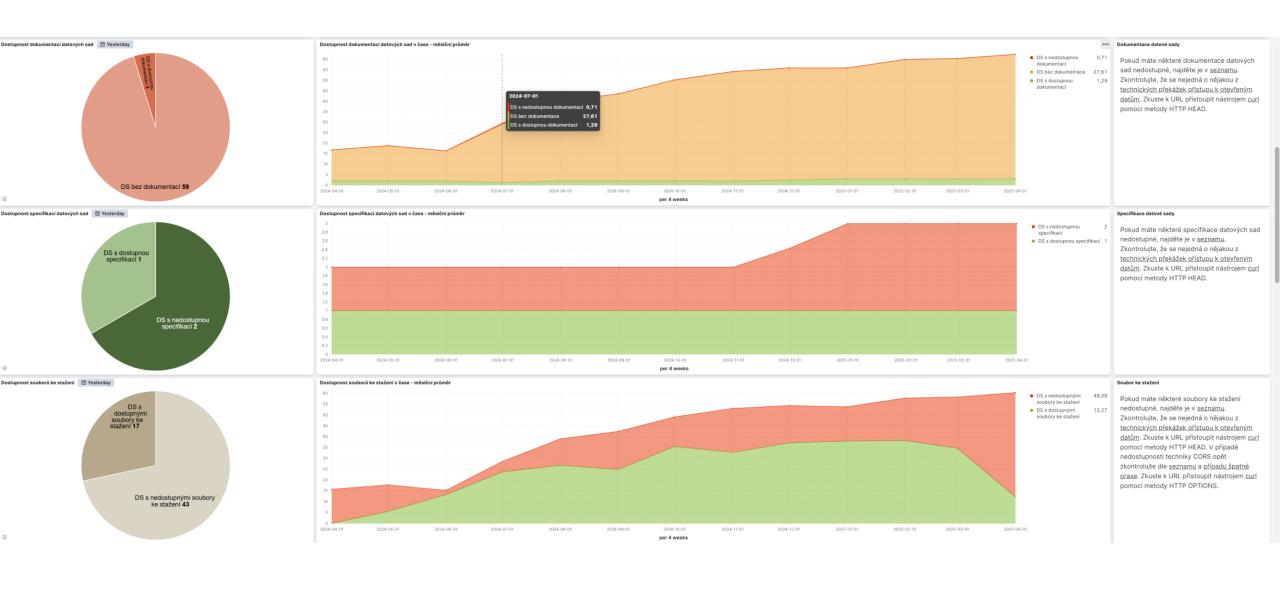
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Distribuce datové sady





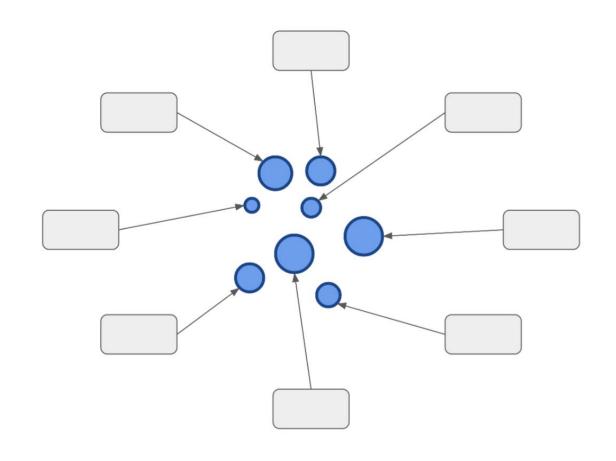


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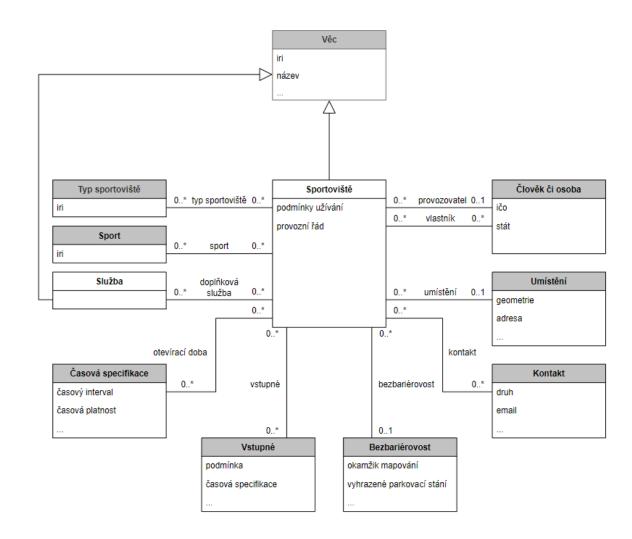
 A key step towards an effective solution is standardization

 Providers publish the same types of data in the same way, which significantly simplifies the processing of their data sources



OPEN_FORMAL_STANDARDS_

- The aim of the standards:
 - Unify the factual content (conceptualization)
 - Unify the structure and format of data
- A conceptual data model in the form of a diagram that describes concepts and the relationships between them is included



OPEN_FORMAL_STANDARDS_

- Official notice board
- Code lists
- News
- Events
- Tourist attractions
- Sports facilities
- Waste collection centers
- Recycling bins

- Mandatory data structure
- Interoperability ensured
- Users can use the data more easily
- Mostly focused in municipalities

Standards - ofn.gov.cz

THANK YOU!

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Data quality enhancement at data.gouv.fr

A quick tour of our tools and methods

Pierlou Ramade

Data engineer at data.gouv.fr

What is data.gouv.fr?

- Open and communautary platform which aims at centralizing and structuring French (open) data
- Raw data that can be freely downloaded and reused by everyone
- 60k datasets, more than 300k files, across many topics and from more than 5k producers, including administrations (ministries, local entities...), private actors and citizens
- An active community of 130k users, interacting through thousands of discussions and publishing their reuses (websites, apps, dashboards...)

Our 3 main goals:

Simplify the discoverability of French public data

Improve open data quality

Foster the reuse of open data

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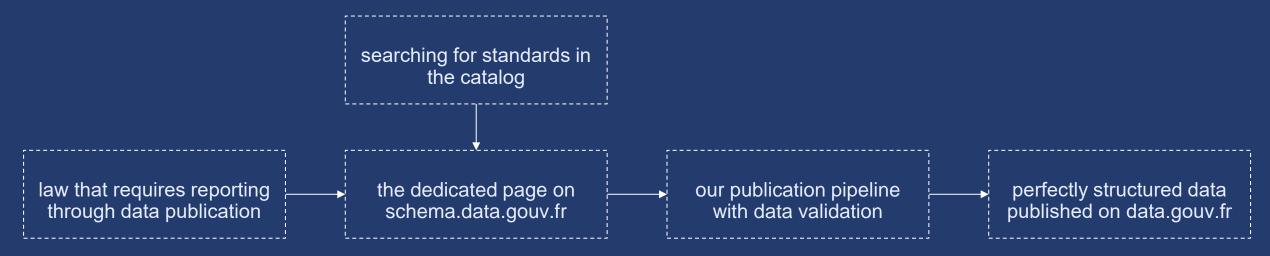
Improving data quality before publication: creating standards

- schema.data.gouv.fr: a catalog of French (public) data standards
- standards ideally follow international guidelines (TableSchema, JSONSchema...)
- standards are created:
 - by entities who have use cases and technical abilities to formalize them
 - by our team following a request for standardization of an entity that doesn't have the technical assets to formalize it
 - always with as many involved actors as possible
- recently, some French laws have been requiring actors to publish their data (repairability index and other kinds of reporting); these laws contain the URLs to the dedicated publication standards

Push producers towards good practices

- 1. Capitalize on standards: data publication tool
- create a clear publication funnel: wherever the producers land, they will eventually end
 up on the right page to validate and publish their data
- have validation tools in the back, with user-friendly layouts that encourage producers to fix the potential errors in their data

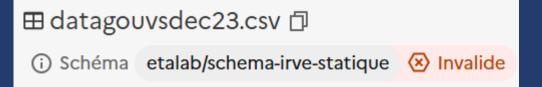
Our funnel looks like this:



Push producers towards good practices

2. People don't like red: a metadata quality score





Reprocess published data

1. When published data do not meet minimal quality standards and are considered of high interest, we proactively process and expose them alongside the original source, to facilitate their reusability

Examples:

A dataset is updated each month with a file that contains the previous month's data

We publish an aggregated file

Files are not properly organized (missing headers, uneven structure across occurrences...)

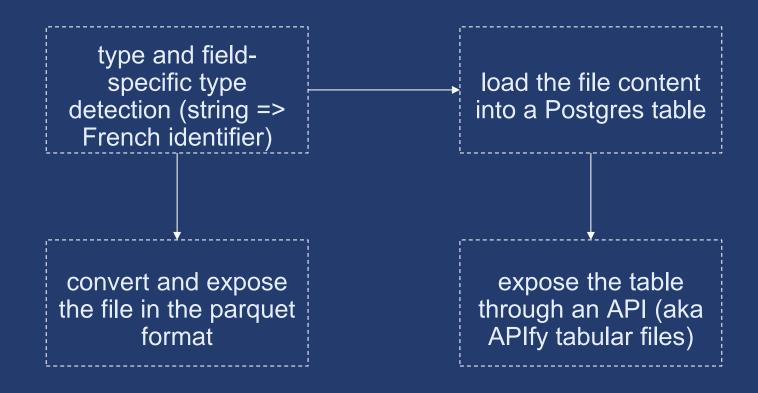
We publish a cleaner version

Our main ETL tool



Reprocess published data

2. For well-structured tabular files (csv, xls-like), we have a automatic processing pipeline that does:



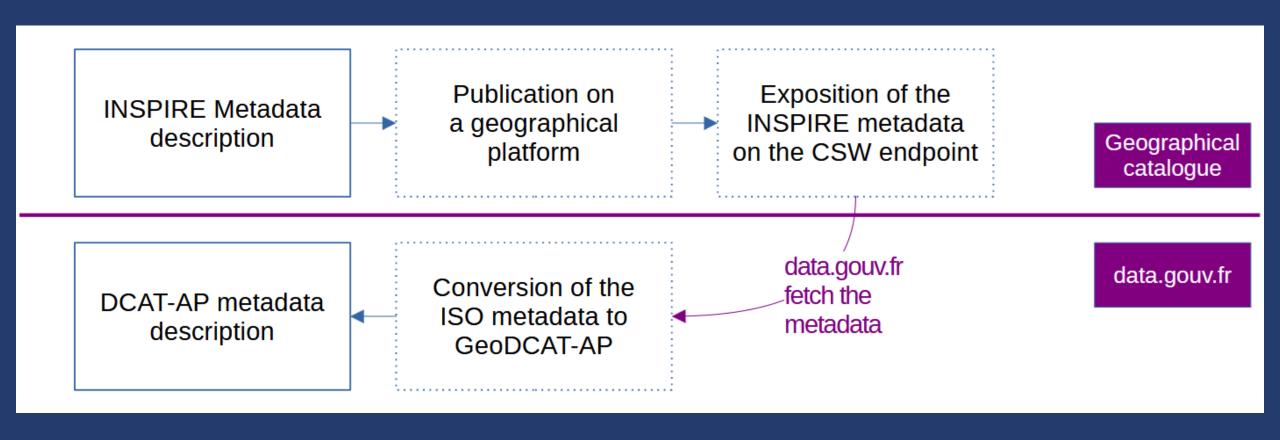
Working towards metadata interoperability

There are many existing open/geographical data platforms in the French ecosystem: by themes, territories, publishers, etc.

- For years, there has been a massification of DCAT as the main interoperable standard used in the open data context
- data.gouv.fr is meant to be the national platform for open AND geographical data: all French open data have to be referenced on it
- Geographical metadata interoperability with open data standards used in France (DCAT) was unsatisfactory at the French level until recently

Working towards metadata interoperability

Usage of the SEMIC ISO INSPIRE → GeoDCAT-AP XSLT:



Working towards metadata interoperability

- Most platforms are now harvested by the french national platform (data.gouv.fr) in (Geo)DCAT-AP
 - Almost ~400 harvested sources
 - The French national platform re-exposes all these metadata description as DCAT-AP
- We are now focusing on:
 - the way licence, access and usage rights are mapped
 - Proper distributions identifications
- Our approach is to base our transformation on the XSLT and to fix metadata upstream
 - by giving clear recommendations
 - adding tooling to use small and specialized XSLT
 - > Isomorphe: https://github.com/ecolabdata/ecospheres-isomorphe
 - >XSLTs:https://github.com/ecolabdata/ecospheres-xslt
- A common place to share these specialized XSLT between member states may be useful

AB**Q**



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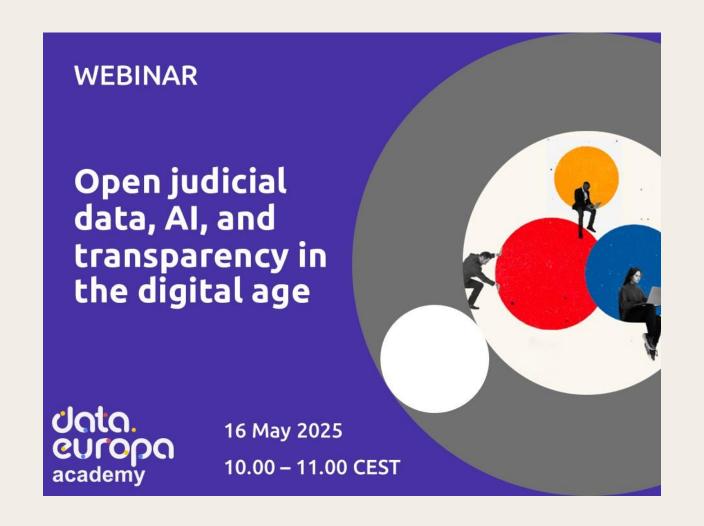
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