

PSI initiatives from Greece and Cyprus will be regularly reported in ePSI Platform

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Successful Open Data and PSI reuse cases and experiences in Greece and Cyprus will be reported by ePSI Platform at least monthly.

The European Public Sector Information Directive defines a general framework for the conditions governing reuse of public sector documents in order to ensure fair, proportionate and non-discriminatory conditions for the re-use of such information. Generally speaking, Greece has a short history of public open data. Following is the Greek legislation regarding PSI and public open data:

- PSI (3448/2006) from EU Directive(2003/98/EC)
- GeoData (3448/2010) From INSPIRE(2007/2/EC)
- E-government (3979/2011)
 - Citizen2Gov
 - Gov2Gov
 - OpenData
- Diavgeia (3861/2010)

The first PSI Initiative was [Geodata](#), a central repository that allows searching, distribution and visualization of geospatial open public information.

Regarding spending and transparency in Greece, [Diavgeia](#) has been the State's initiative to fight corruption. Each public body is obliged to post its decisions and transactions in URL. Following Diavgeia, [HyperDiavgeia](#) has been developed by a third party to enhance its functionality and allow for more intelligent services. [GreekSpending](#), [PublicSpending](#) and [OpenSpending](#) have followed with visualization of the expenses.

During the previous year, the [OpenKnowledge Foundation](#) has coordinated the creation of its [Greek national branch](#). [OKFN Greece](#) is promoting the idea of open data and open knowledge and is always available and capable to participate in public consultation about reuse of data and applications in the Public Sector.

Open Knowledge Foundation Greece [released the Open Data Hub](#) (<http://opendatahub.gr/>) that acts as a central catalog to open data in the country. Open Data Hub is a platform offered by OKFN Greece to be used by the public bodies and citizens that want to publish their data as open data. Moreover, they can request assistance on making [5-star open data](#).

In Greece, despite the related legislation that follows the European one, there is not really any national digital strategy, so that the public bodies open their data. OKFN Greece and other activity groups are trying hard to pave the way and lead the government to publish the great amount of data available, in the way Neelie Kroes suggested:

"Open data is a very powerful lever for both a better economy and society. Open data is fuel for innovation, it is a tool for transparency, for better government and policy. At a time when many Greeks are looking for new sources of inspiration and hope, I am pleased to say that the Open Knowledge Foundation is one of those sources. I encourage all public bodies to support this effort. Whether the task is finding a job or spending tax money wisely, open data can help"

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