

Join the Erasmus community for Open Data

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European community spirit

There are many local groups in Europe, currently working on promoting open data, planning meetings and launching various projects. But [the weakness](#) is that these communities don't usually work together on a European scale, or for Europe's sake, reusing European data, nor do they get to meet and know each other to facilitate European initiatives. There is a lack of cross-border connections despite many existing actions (international [networks](#), [groups](#), or [competitions](#)).

At [Libertic](#), a French open data community based in [Nantes](#) (France), we believe in pragmatism so we have laid down a gauntlet and we will create a bottom-up opportunity for local open data communities in Europe: First let's meet, get local communities in touch and then figure out how to create our own move toward a possible Erasmus program for Open Data as Alberto Cottica previously suggested.

Invitation to an Erasmus program for Open Data

During the [Nantes Digital Week](#) taking place in September 2014, Libertic will be hosting a European open data community event, together with the support of the [ePSI Platform](#). The City of Nantes has accepted to offer to host the European communities and provide funds which will be 100 % allocated to trips, accommodation and catering to host the event. If you lead a local community within Europe, you may apply via the www.erasmusopendata.eu website to have your travel expenses reimbursed to join the event.

Co-working spaces and conference rooms will be available through our partnerships with the [La Cantine coworking space](#) and European networks that will join.

During the event, participants will brainstorm different means to create a European community, suggest actions for the E.U and create tools to foster community building.

It's not a real Erasmus yet but we have a 4-day event to decide together how to get there! You can discover and contribute to the full program via the event website: www.erasmusopendata.eu.