Concrete proposal for an Open Data Exchange Program in Europe

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Increased awareness on open data around Europe has highlighted technical challenges, gaps in common understanding and a missing evidence base in the form of case studies. Different levels of maturity in open data practice can be observed due to local and national context. At present there are only few opportunities for development of cross-border projects and knowledge sharing, that would harmonize practices, avoid duplication of effort, create more efficient development and reduce the cost of open data projects across the European Union.

There is a need to develop new mechanisms for meeting and work across borders and languages in Europe. To develop and use skills in the field of open data creating more impactful open data projects

For a European Open Data Exchange Program in 2016-2017

Specific Challenge:

The activities supported under this topic are designed to facilitate a practice-based exchange of knowledge, skills, and ideas among all open data stakeholders in the EU. It aims to create opportunities to build and share resources, to exchange experience for individuals and organisations, contributing to more effective open data knowledge distribution within the EU while facilitating the development of European projects. The aim is enabling cross border collaboration in Europe both virtually and physically through a coordinated and coherent exchange environment for open data projects and initiatives.

Scope:

Innovation Action and CSA combined (in FP7 this instrument existed as CP/CSA): one collaborative project, working under a CSA scheme, establishing and managing a European Open Data Exchange. Proposals are expected to :

- Provide an online collaboration platform to enable sharing and exchange of skills and opportunities.

- Define showcase gallery that allows the discovery of European projects through online exposure as well as showing details of the authors, enabling direct communication among stakeholders.

- Define a directory that allows individuals to promote their individual skills, organisations to showcase their work and request help.

- Define, create and open calls for proposals to execute the European exchange among different organisations in Europe. The new selected project partners will be integrated into the consortium via amendment to execute the exchange under the Innovation Action instrument.

- Attract, contact and increase cooperation among different kinds of organisations interested in

the promotion of open data.

- Organise an Annual Exchange Event where projects selected via open calls are promoted and open data networks are enhanced across Europe.

The action involves financial support to third parties in line with the conditions set out in Part K of the Genneral Annexes. The consortium will define the process of organisations selection for which financial support, as an Innovation Action, will be granted. Minimum 75% of the EU funding requested by the proposal should be allocated to this purpose. Each exchange will be granted with a quantity among 50k-150k

The other part of the funds will follow a Coordination and Support Action scheme for the consortium managing the whole Open Data Exchange.

Expected impact:

- Dozens of organisations are exchanging their personnel in Europe to promote and learn from other open data projects.

- Thousands of organisations are aware of the existence of an exchange of professional on open data.

- Hundreds of participants involved in the request of funds for the open data exchange as well as the Annual Exchange Event.

Funds

4 million: 1 million for the organising consortium – 3 million for exchanges - 20-60 exchanges

8 million: 2 million for the organising consortium – 6 million for exchanges - 40-120 exchanges

A community based action plan

A dozen of members of the european open data community met in Nantes (France) in september 2014 during "Erasmus Open Data" event, to imagine and design the following action plan.

Support

This program is supported by the following 9 cities and 22 organizations from 11 european countries.

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- City of Nantes, France
- City of Trafford, UK
- City of Pamplona, Spain
- City of Brocas, France
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- City of Limassol Amathus, Cyprus

Businesses and non-profits

- Open Data Manchester (UK)
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- Spaghetti Open Data (Italy)
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Request

We, co-writers of this Open Data Exchange Program, sollicitate the European Commission to examine this program and express its intentions concerning the strengthening of a european open data community.