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<http://cynaxis.org/#/>

### Quick facts

 Company:	Openpatata-data
 Sector:	Government & Public sector
 Product / service:	Service
 Type of data:	Government data
 Origin:	Cyprus



### Description

Openpatata-data is an informal initiative aiming to increase access to both publicly- and privately-held information with parliamentary information. This includes election candidate data, such as tenure or topics of interest, as well as parliamentary plenary session statistics and the questions that have been posed to members of parliament.

### Benefits

Openpatata-data provides users with unencumbered and equal access to civic information. This significantly increases transparency of the public sector and sheds light on the operations of Cypriot parliament, which remained relatively inaccessible until now.



### cynaxis

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cynaxis is an informal Cyprus-based initiative with a focus on improving civic access to publicly- and privately-held information. We *hold* that every person should have unencumbered and equal access to the information that shapes their life and their community. We *act* by amassing data and building civic applications, and by carrying out research in this area.

cynaxis has its roots in the parliament monitor *openpatata*. *openpatata* sprang in August 2014 of a desire to shed light on the business of the Cypriot parliament—what is very much inaccessible to the uninitiated—and preceded *neavouli*, a crowdsourced candidate database, and continuing inquiry into open data in Cyprus.

### work

#### OPENPATATA-DATA

Machine-readable parliament data  
The data are harvested from plenary transcript PDFs and the official parliament website and are made available as a data package in the Popolo standard. They include plenary sittings, questions and MPs.



#### SOMEONE HAS TO DO THIS: ON OPEN DATA DISCOURSE

Research project taking off from discourse analysis around open data in Cyprus  
The work was initially presented as part of NaMe.org's nEUROsis (Limassol, November 2016). It uses local case studies to critically examine the notion of the state as a hoarder of information that is impeding economic

### How open data is used

The data is harvested by means of open-source code available on GitHub. The obtained data is subsequently made available under a Creative Commons 4.0 License.

