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Positioning Paper for Participation and Presentation:

Using Open Data: policy modeling, citizen empowerment, data journalism 19 - 20 June 2012, European Commission Headquarters, Brussels

Introduction

The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP) [1] located in Vienna, Austria as a) is a non-profit, specialist change agent aiming to catalyze the market for renewable energy and energy efficiency, with a primary focus on emerging markets and developing countries. REEEP initiates and funds projects, develops and supports policy-maker networks and has a focus in information dissemination and knowledge sharing in the field of clean energy.

Since more than 5 years, REEEP runs the clean energy information portal <http://www.reegle.info> [2], focusing on providing easy access to high quality information on clean energy. This aim is achieved by intensively taking advantage of using (linked) open data sources and publishing all data in open and machine readable formats.

Positioning for Participation

As REEEP is an active player in the Open Data and Linked Open Data scene we are very interested to participate in the workshop on: Using Open Data on 19-20 June 2012 in Brussels!

As reegle is a good, existing use-case for showing the advantages of Linked Open Data we suggest a joint presentation with Semantic Web Company [3] on: 'Linked Open Data in Use: How (linked open) controlled vocabularies can provide a basis for Linked Open Data driven applications'. Reegle uses controlled vocabularies and Linked Open Data mechanisms to built clean energy country profiles and smart glossary services on renewable energy and energy efficiency using several different open data sources as UN data, World Bank data or OpenEI and Eurostat data as well as open data sources as e.g. DBpedia or GEMET. Reegle's thesaurus is powered by Poolparty – a Thesaurus management software developed by Semantic Web Company.

In this talk we would focus on highlighting the benefits of using Open Data and showcasing some existing integrations with other Open Data portals. In addition an



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introduction on “why open data is essential to accelerate the clean energy marketplace” will be given.

With participating this Workshop we hope to get in touch with other interested data providers and also establish some new co-operations for data sharing.

For REEEP the Operations & IT Director Florian Bauer [4] would like to participate and speak. Florian Bauer is a co-author of the book “Linked Open Data: The Essentials” [5] which is available as free download at <http://www.reeep.org/LOD-the-Essentials.pdf>

Thank you very much for considering inviting REEEP to this workshop

With best regards

Florian Bauer

[1] <http://www.reeep.org>

[2] <http://www.reegle.info>

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[5] <http://www.reegle.info/conference-partner/6073/new-book-released.html>