A Transparent City

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http://www.w3.org/2013/share-psi/workshop/samos/agenda

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Open public data from Helsinki region for everyone easily to use without cost
Our Dream:
A transparent and open, participatory, functional and lively city
Make it easier for citizens, politicians and civil servants to have a dialogue via social media

A: Today we are handling new bicycle-road case xx-yy-zz
Q: Could you tell me more about this case?
A: Sure!

Realtime access to local and relevant decision topics:

"What is being decided in my neighborhood?"

Encouraging citizen participation:

"City is building a new library here in 2016. I could tell them my ideas on how to spend the budget"
Helsinki’s electronic document management system - Ahjo

- System for preparing public agendas for decision making
- City Council, City Board, City Departments and their steering committees (over 5,000 users)
Ahjo is now Open!
Since March 2013

• Helsinki’s public agenda and decision documents as open data = Open Ahjo
  • dev.hel.fi/openahjo/
  • www.hri.fi/fi/data/helsingin-kaupungin- asianhallintajarjestelma-ahjon-rajapinta/
  • Enables new applications and services that bring decision making closer to citizens

See also: City council meetings video API http://open.helsinkikanava.fi/
Helsingin avoin päätöksenteko

Löydä juuri sinua kiinnostavat Helsingin kaupungin poliittiset päätökset. Mitä naapurustossasi tapahtuu? Kuka päätää, mitä päätetään ja millä perusteella?

http://dev.hel.fi/openahjo/
What else are we doing right now?

• Open more data and **develop interoperability** of the **different datasets** to match with Open Ahjo
• **Work with** various **users** to pilot **real-life use cases** with the data
• Encourage the **creation of prototype applications** and **visualizations** that showcase the usage of the data
• Disseminate learnings & **working together on standardization** around "decisions API's"

Examples of datasets to match with Open Ahjo:

• Population statistics and estimates
• Administrative boundaries
• City financial data
• City service point data
• Real estate and land use data
• Environmental data
• City issue reporting data
Some challenges

• Citizen’s unawareness of public decision making processes
• The culture of involving citizens more in the process could be improved
• Problems with interoperability of different datasets to create context for visualizations and applications
• Lack of standardization of “decision API’s” for scaling
• Difficulties of easily enabling integrations and great apps for use by public on a larger scale in everyday life
Looking forward to a collaboration on this topic!

All Greek government institutions are obliged to upload their decisions on the Transparency Portal with special attention to issues of national security and sensitive personal data. Each document is assigned a unique Internet Uploading Number (IUN) and decisions can not be implemented if they are not uploaded. The program introduces unprecedented levels of transparency within all levels of the Greek public administration and establishes a new “social contract” between the citizen and the state. All published metadata information is integrated into an “open service”, allowing re-use and further processing. All data acquired from the system are available through an open data API (http://opendata.diavgia.gov.gr/?lang=en) under a Creative Commons License.

Transparency - Opendata API

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THANK YOU!

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