

Metadata for business and open data

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Metadata for Business

RVO.nl wants to use their data internally (and externally) in a more integrated way. To achieve this, the data which is mostly locked in applications, has to be opened and published. One of the first steps is to describe the data to make it suitable for use. With the use of the right meta-vocabularies this step can be taken. Most meta-vocabularies however are focused on quality aspects and less on other aspects of the dataset like its potency for re-use, the legal framework and the purpose for which the data was created. The challenge is to choose the right metadata models and also make it possible to connect these models with the outside world (other agencies and e-government initiatives in the Netherlands and Europe). In this workshop we want to discuss how to use meta-models like DCAT, INSPIRE and PROV for this goal and what the gaps are in the meta-models for an organisation connected with the outside world.

Open data

In addition, RVO.nl and the whole government has strong goals to publish open data (both alpha numeric and spatial) externally, with the goal of stimulating the data driven economy. The data has to be fit for purpose, fit for purchase (the right quality) and fit for use (the right form). All these aspects have to be described in the metadata. Again, we want to discuss which metadata models are fit for use and how they are connected with other e-government programs and standards (http://ec.europa.eu/isa/ready-to-use-solutions/core-vocabularies_en.htm).