

The Public Sector DNA on the web: semantically marking up government portals

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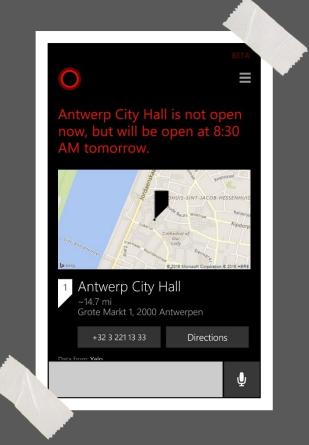




WHY

Public services should be centered around citizens and businesses.

Asking your mobile "funding for roof insulation", should provide qualitative personalized information



HOW

we need an appropriate distribution model for government base registries

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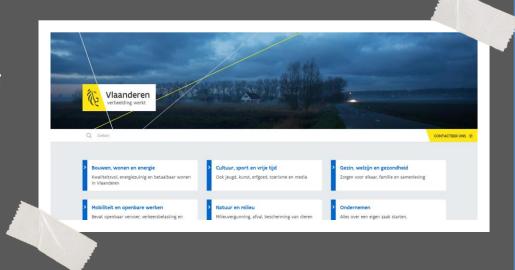


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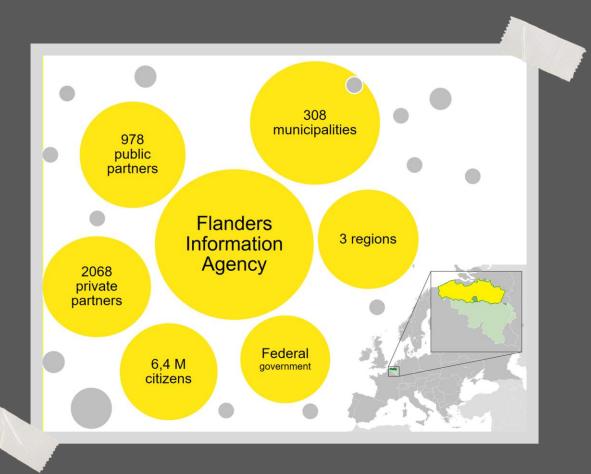
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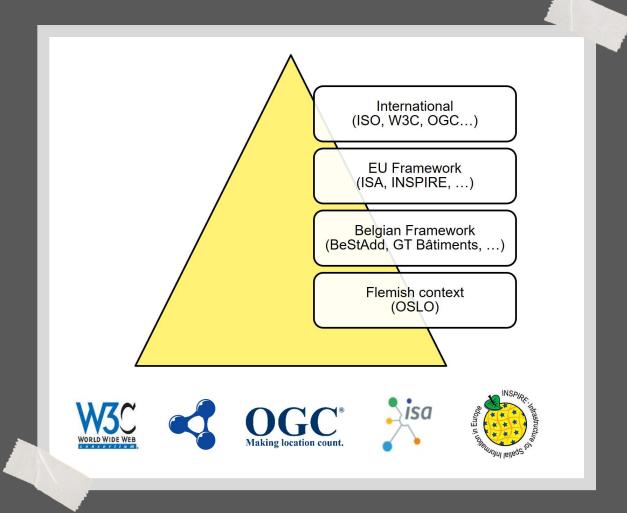
Flemish Government is working on a strategy to add markup to government portals to promote information about their public services on third-party platforms, using both schema.org and the ISA CORE vocabularies.



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Open Standards for Linked Organizations



Interoperability Levels

Legal interoperability

aligned and digital friendly legislation

Organisational interoperability

optimised processes by/for optimised data exchange

Semantic interoperability

meaning, structure and appropriate use of information

Technological interoperability

technical issues involved in linking computer systems

Political Context

Political, cultural and structural conditions

For the public sector, Base Registries are a fundamental footprint like DNA for living organisms.

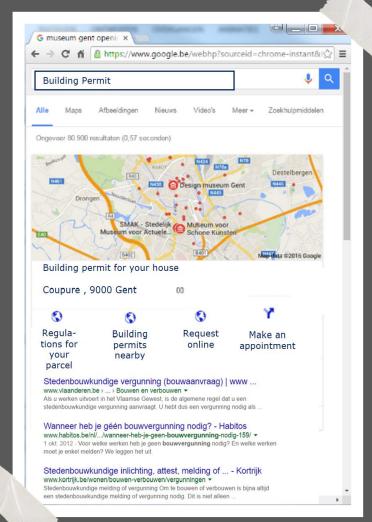
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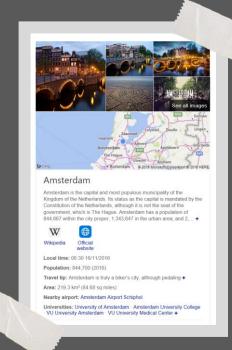
IMAGINE...

Qualitative, personalized information about public services at your fingertips



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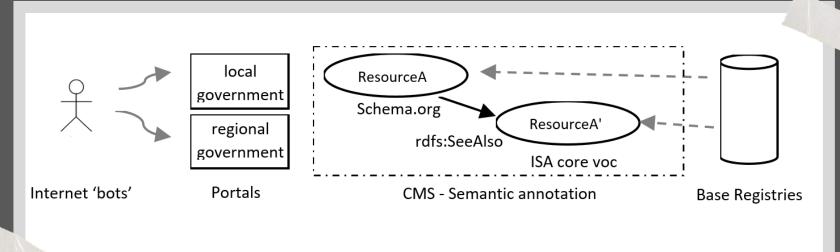
Annotated Data: from the search engine result pages to an important data source





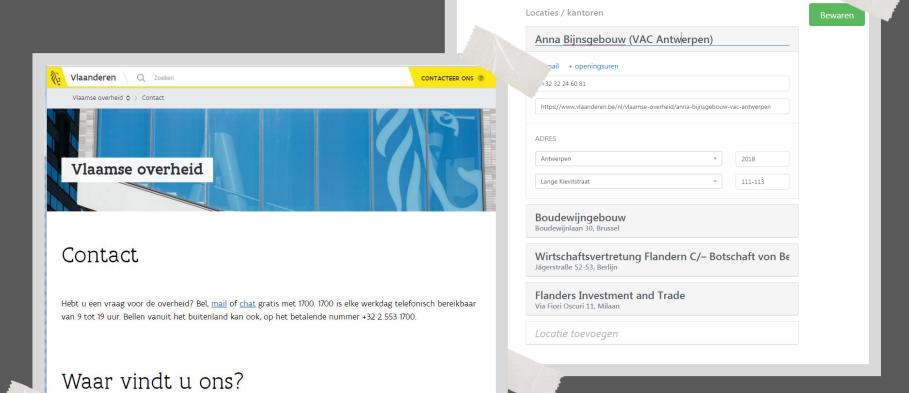
PILOT Annotating must be easy...

- 1. Users can annotate addresses, provisioned by the address base registry, and Opening Hours through a CMS (Proof-Of-concept)
- 2. The data is annotated both in Schema.org and EU ISA core vocabularies. The vocabularies are linked by a 'rdfs:SeeAlso' statement, used to indicate a resource that might provide additional information about the subject resource¹ ('loosely coupled' <> skos²)



Annotating must be easy...

Proof Of Concept: back-end (left) and front-end (right).



Annotating must be useful...

1. We're annotating public services, opening hours and addresses

2. Both on the site of a local government (Ghent) and the regional government (Flemish Governent)

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    kunnen er terecht voor klantgerichte overheidsinformatie en informatie over de status van hun lopende dossiers.",
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Annotating must be useful...

Overview of the vocabularies

Schema.org

GovernmentService GovernmentOrganization

Place

PostalAddress

ISA² Core Vocabularies

cpsv:PublicService

cpov:PublicOrganization, org:FormalOrganization

org:Site, dct:Location

locn:Address

Test scenario

- 1. Create an **annotated webpage** containing:
 Address, Telephone and Opening hours
 https://informatievlaanderen.github.io/OSLO-Annotated-Data-POC/example/
- 2. Annotate the webpage **using schema.org and ISA Core Vocabularies**, linked using the 'rdfs:seeAlso' statement (JSON-LD)
- 3. Publish the testpage containing valid information on the website of a **local government** (Ghent) & **regional government** (Flemish Government)
- 4. **Test the uptake** by major search engines
- 5. Test the uptake in Google & Bing Knowledge Graph
- 6. **Which influences the uptake** of the information, published on both Ghent.be & Vlaanderen.be



FEEDBACK

- 1. Is annotated data the new data portal?
- 2. Will annotations support the uptake of authoritative government information?
- 3. Is it 'wise' to focus on both Schema.org & CORE vocabularies?
- 4. How can we add a built-in feedback loop?
- 5. Can Schema.org & ISA² manage a mapping together?



INFO

1. Position Paper (W3C workshop)

http://www.w3.org/2016/11/sdsvoc/SDSVoc16 paper 1

2. Overview of the vocabularies

http://informatievlaanderen.github.io/OSLO/vocabularia/

3. Annotated page

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Annotated with CORE vocabularies & Schema.org "noindex, nofollow"-version.

HTML version at Gent.be & Vlaanderen.be [expected December 2016]

4. About OSLO²

https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/community/oslo2/home



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