

ZAGREB CITY¹ OPEN DATA FUNDS



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Context:
Croatia is the
EU open data
bottom feeder

According to EU Open Data Maturity 2024 data, Croatia is among the worst (or the absolute worst) EU country in 3 out of 4 open data categories.

The task: turn this trend around on a small budget and within a year.

Obviously, innovative methods will have to be used.

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Open Data Portals

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Open Data Quality

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Open Data Impact

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Open Data Policy

Solution: FUNDING AND CROWDSOURCING OPEN DATA USAGE

- Open a call for crowdsourcing open data usage
- Fund the best applicants with 100% of costs
- Have a large PR campaign to drive applications
- Hire the best open data experts to the grant jury
- Condition applicants to focus on a short timeline



Timeline of project



12/2023

2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATE ONE MILLION EURO IN 2 YEARS FOR IMPROVING OPEN DATA USAGE AND QUALITY



5/2024

ZAGREB ENACTS A MULTI-YEAR POLICY DOCUMENT FOR FUNDING PROJECTS THAT USE OPEN-DATA USING THE ALLOCATED BUDGET



10/2024

OPEN CALL FOR FULLY (100% OF COSTS) FUNDING PROJECTS THAT USE OR IMPROVE ON EXISTING DATASETS, OR CREATE NEW DATASETS, BENEFICIARIES RANGE FROM LOCAL WIKIPEDIA VOLUNTEERS TO SOME OF THE LARGEST NATIONAL NGOS.



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FIRST BATCH OF 14 PROJECTS TO BE FINALISED - OPENING AND USING DATA IN AREAS OF HEALTHCARE, TRAFFIC, WORKERS' RIGHTS, SPELEOLOGY, BIODIVERSITY, CHILD CARE, ETC

THANK YOU

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