

Making Open Data Great Again

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About

HrOpen – Croatian Association for Open Systems and the Internet
OpenNovations – member, Dutch partner

Also collaborating on DORS/CLUC <https://www.dorscluc.org/>
- might be the oldest EU FLOSS / Linux conference

<https://2022.dorscluc.org> – recordings available

OpenNovations



Croatia seems to care, but ...

All governments have portals!

Linked Open Data!

CKAN is awesome!

- ... and we have other amazing tools!! <http://opendata-tools.org>

Alaveteli is awesome!

- Imamopravoznati.org .. and other tools from <https://www.mysociety.org>

Research is booming!

- <https://icod2022.pravo.hr/programme>

There are a lot of hackathons!

- <https://hackl.zagreb.hr>
- <https://data.gov.hr/en/novosti> ...

People made money!

Still...

Do I really care?

**We do seem to care,
but...**

- Pervasive attribute of open data - usually, it's stale, and static

- Static repositories

- Download CSVs
- Dump and forget

- Fire and forget events (more or less)

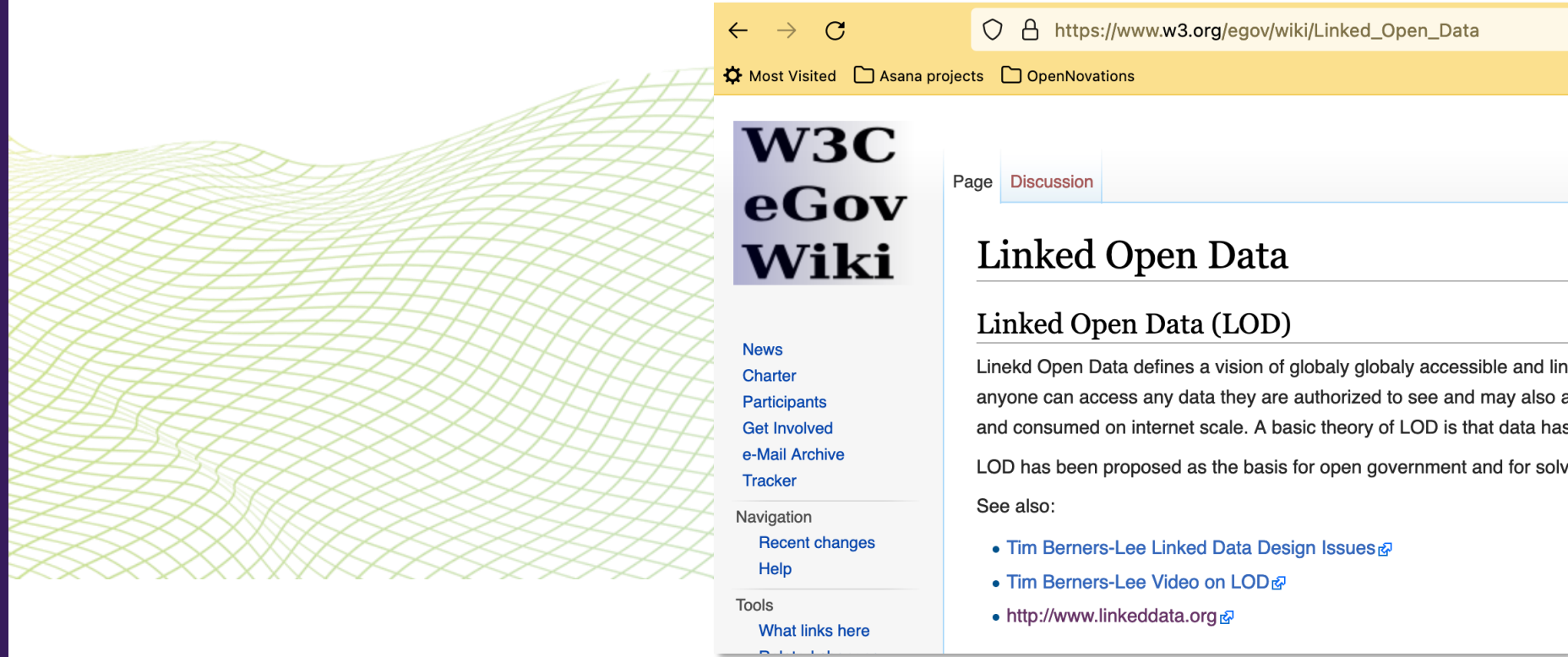
- <https://hackl.zagreb.hr> (2022-02-25)
- Last update on winners on FB (2022-03-01)
- Follow-up and success - ?

- There seems to be a disconnect between research, political points, and creating value, real-world use-cases

- A bit like building roads in the middle of a mountain

W3C seems to care,
but...

- Such a small wiki article on something that is valuable
- Linkeddata.org – empty page loads



We do seem to succeed, but ...

Open Data Initiative (T. Berners Lee) - <https://theodi.org>

- Click around the website a bit, start getting not 404 not found

Linked Open Data

- <https://lod-cloud.net/>, click two times, you get an error

Data.gov.hr

- one app OrdyBee - kindergarten management system
- hackathons are best practices

Data.gov.uk

- Click around, get dead links
- Even the blog is a 404
... although.. they aren't EU anymore...

data.gov.uk | Data publisher

404 Not Found

The requested URL was not found on the server. If you entered th

Croatia seems to care, but ...

data.gov.hr

- Someone is maintaining that
- Few hackathons, no real success stories!
- No linked data

data.zagreb.hr

- Better state, geo data is fresh
- After ~25 datasets, it's stale

W3C – 5 star linked data

- 1 star: data is openly available (**76**)
- 2 star: data is openly available in a structure format (**288**)
- 3 star: .. in a non-prietary structured format (**272**)
- 4 star: RDF, URIs, follows W3C standards
- 5 star: ... links to other Linked Open Data sources

- 0 stars (1032)

Beyond

fire & forget

Beyond fire & forget

Sustainable processes

- Live data, or automatic publishing
- Make open data a strategic continuous effort

Different tools

- ETLs / integrations
- APIs

Better connections between publishers and consumers

- Not just APIs

We need to start talking about this

- Surveys, insight into institutions POV

Inspiration

Blueprints

Follow-up

Look up to <https://data.europa.eu>

- Academy – learning and teaching materials
- Use case examples <https://data.europa.eu/en/publications/use-cases>
 - Some are also Croatian, that aren't found on e.g. data.gov.hr
- Research and studies examples
- Reports and experiences

There's a clear disconnect between EU state-of-art, and local



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