

**OpenDataMonitor (ODM)**  
**ODM newsletter 4: May 2015**  
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Since our last newsletter in December 2014, we've proudly launched the alpha version of <http://opendatamonitor.eu>. To date, we've harvested over 70 catalogues on the platform, with iterative developments to follow throughout the year. Our timeline of upcoming platform developments can be viewed [here](#).

At the end of May, the platform will provide users with European and Country dashboards, to allow policy makers to gain a better understanding of the status of open data. We're also refining the platform metrics, to focus on quality and quantity of datasets and will be sharing some of these ideas shortly.

### OpenDataMonitor sponsored publications

Throughout the OpenDataMonitor project, partners have authored a number of research papers. These have explored the open data ecosystem, proposed metrics to assess the timeliness of data and outlined a micro-political arena model of interaction. Our most recent publication is by Sirko Hunnius (IFG.CC) and Bernhard Jager (SYNYO), entitled "[\*Open Data: Versunkene Schätze oder digitaler Datenmüll?\*](#)" (*Open Data: Sunken Treasure or Digital Garbage?*).

Please note, this publication is only available in its local language (German).

All project sponsored publications to date are available on our [project website](#). These include:

- "[Conceptualizing Open Data Ecosystems – A Timeline Analysis of Open Data Development in the UK](#)"
- "[The Tau of Data: A New Metric to Assess the Timeliness of Data in Catalogues](#)"
- "[The Social Shaping of Open Data Through Administrative Processes](#)"
- "[Providing, Guarding, Shielding: Open Government Data in Spain and Germany](#)"

### Latest open data publications

[Miguel García](#) has recently published an ePSI platform topic report, "[New businesses around open data, smart cities and FIWARE](#)" which explores how open data can generate new businesses in the smart cities ecosystem. The report presents the latest facts and findings on smart cities, looking at existing initiatives and the technology driving these developments forwards.



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## European Data Science Academy (EDSA) project

The EDSA project kicked off earlier this year. It is a flagship project created by the EC that aims to bridge the data science skills gap throughout Europe. EDSA will analyse the required sector specific skillsets for data analysts across the main industrial sectors in Europe; develop modular and adaptable data science curricula to meet these needs; and deliver training supported by multiplatform and multilingual learning resources based on their curricula.

You can find out more about the EDSA project by visiting [their website](#).

## Open Data training from the Open Data Institute (ODI)

The ODI offers the most comprehensive open data training in the world, with interactive and practical courses delivered by experts with significant experience working with open data. Upcoming ODI courses include:

**Monday 11th May: Open Data in a Day**

**Tuesday 2nd June: Finding Stories in Open Data**

**Wednesday 3rd June: Open Data in a Day**

**Thursday 4th June: Winning Business with Open Data**

**Monday 22nd June: Open Data in a Day**

The ODI are also running the '[Train the Trainer](#)' course which aims to enable participants to become an ODI Registered Trainer. It's ideal for those who are beginning to teach others about open data, or for those who have been doing it for sometime. The course helps build training skills and develop the way you teach open data in your specialist area. Those who wish to become an ODI Registered Trainer can opt-in to be assessed as part of the course at no extra cost.

The next date (8th-12th June) is sold out, but three of these courses will follow later on in the year. You can register your interest by contacting the [ODI training team](#) and sign up for the ODI's courses [here](#)

## Events

We will soon be updating you on the ODM symposium taking place later in 2015, and other symposia, talks and workshops that the project will be supporting. For now, we would like to highlight these excellent upcoming events:

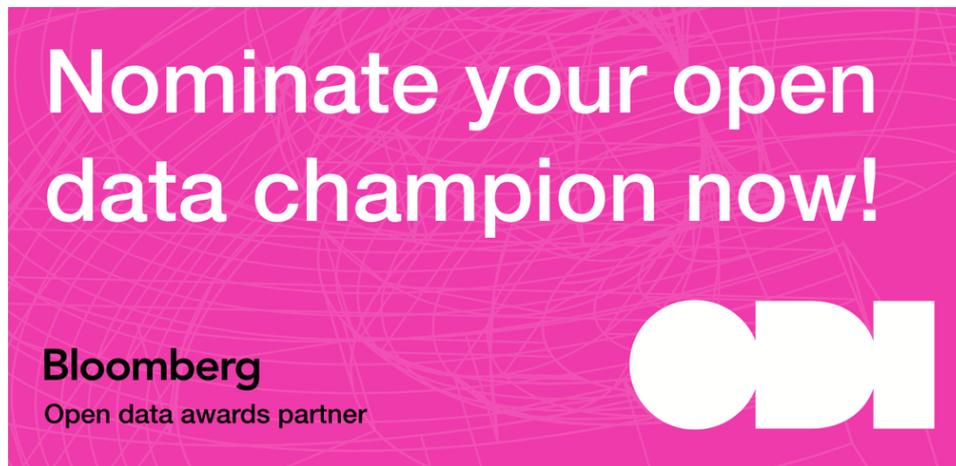
> The [Open Data Incubator for Europe \(ODINE\)](#) project are having their first information day on the 19th May in Florence. ODINE is a 30-month incubator programme for open data entrepreneurs across Europe, with €7.8 million funding from the Horizon 2020 funding program. ODINE will help innovators to grow their open-data idea into a sustainable business through providing: up to €100,000 per company, expert advice from business mentors, peer networking and support, high-quality coverage in the Guardian datablog and brokering introductions to business angels and VCs.

You can sign up for the event [here](#).

> The fourth [Share PSI workshop](#) takes place on the 20 - 21 May. Share PSI is a thematic network of EU partners exchanging experience and ideas around implementing open data policies in the public sector. The May workshop, being held in Krems, Austria (as part of

the annual CeDEM conference), focuses on a *'self sustaining business model for open data'* and further details can be found [here](#).

-> The [DaPaaS project](#) are hosting a 'Data Labs' workshop in Oslo, Norway on the 2nd of July. DaPaaS (Data-and-Platform-as-a-Service) is research project that will deliver tools and services for making publishing, hosting and consuming linked open data easier. DaPaaS will give publishers the tools they need to create high quality linked data, including data cleaning and transforming, and will give developers commercial grade tools, clean and efficient APIs and better documentation so that they can reliably work with large datasets. The interactive, hands-on workshop will give attendees the opportunity to learn about, use and talk to the developers of DaPaaS tools. You can find out more and sign up [here](#).



### Open Data awards

The ODI have just launched the [2015 Open Data Awards](#). The nomination process is now open and everyone is invited to nominate outstanding people, projects, groups, government and businesses. The award categories this year include: Publisher, Social Impact, Innovation, Champion and Business. Nominations close 0900 BST, 8th June. The winners will be announced by Sir Tim Berners-Lee and Sir Nigel Shadbolt at the awards ceremony on the 9th July.

### Jobs in open data

Passionate about open data and looking for a new role? A number of organisations are hiring, including OKFN who are looking for [a Project manager \(London based\)](#) and the ODI who are recruiting a [number of roles](#) across the organisation.



### **Become a member of the ODI**

The ODI have recently launched a new membership tier for [individuals to join the network](#). Individuals can receive discounts on ODI training, access the wider global network of [businesses](#), [startups](#), [universities and public sector organisations](#) and receive priority notification of great discounts for ODI events. Why not [join now](#) for just £90?

### **Get Involved**

We are continuing to make improvements and integrate further data into the OpenDataMonitor platform. We want to know what you think of the website, especially in raising awareness amongst data publishers. We want to ensure that they are aware of their data being on the platform and can see where gaps in metadata lie, in order to make underlying improvements.

Please pass on any feedback to our community engagement manager Amanda at: [amanda.smith@theodi.org](mailto:amanda.smith@theodi.org)