

## OPEN DATA – OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

### PROFILE

Donors: World Bank(WB), The UK Good Governance Fund (UK GGF)

Budget: \$626,129; \$305,340 (WB), \$320,789 (UK GGF)

Main Partner: Government of Serbia’s Office for IT and e-Government

Duration: October 2017- March 2020

### GOAL

To support the development of an open data ecosystem in Serbia, that will improve public services for citizens and stimulate economic growth of the country.

### CONTEXT

Opening of the data owned by public institutions for their reuse is a strategic commitment of the Government of the Republic of Serbia and it is reflected in the Strategy for e-governance development 2015-2018 and in the Action plan for the implementation of the international initiative “Open Government Partnership” in the Republic of Serbia for 2016 and 2017. The Project follows the recommendations set out in the Open Data Readiness Assessment, conducted by UNDP and The World Bank in 2015.

Open Data ecosystem encompasses three levels:

- 1) Creation of policy and regulations;
- 2) Supply by individual agencies and institutions;
- 3) Demand for open data and its innovative reuse.

The Project supports and creates linkages between actors at all levels, to ensure sustainability of the Open Data ecosystem.

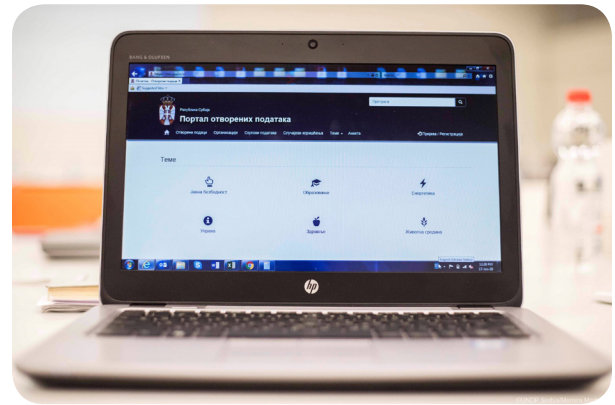
### FOCUS

- Support for development of an open data ecosystem in Serbia;
- Support for functioning of the Open Data Working Group comprised of public institutions that champion the open data initiative;
- Opening and publication of data sets and their reuse for public good;
- Introduction of open data into Serbian Legislative Framework;
- Upgrade of the National Open Data portal;
- Enable development of data-driven solutions in private, public and civil sector;
- Increasing the data literacy among the public through trainings, knowledge sharing, study visits, workshops and mentoring;
- Support to open data community building.



## RESULTS TO DATE

- ✓ Increased number of available data sets on National Open Data Portal from 145 (baseline) to 1847 (December 2019);
- ✓ Established Open Data Working Group, comprising 63 members;
- ✓ Open Data Readiness Assessment, conducted by UNDP and World Bank, used as a starting point for development of Open Data policy in Serbia;
- ✓ National Parliament of Serbia adopted the Law on e-governance, which in part regulates Open Data framework in the Republic of Serbia;
- ✓ The draft Law on change of Freedom of Information Act stipulates that state institutions should disclose information of public importance through Digital Information Directories (Open Data);
- ✓ Two Open Data weeks organized in Serbia, with 19 events and over 800 participants;
- ✓ 6 data-driven solutions developed through Innovation Award (Open Data Challenge);
- ✓ 5 cities in Serbia joined Google Transit programme;
- ✓ Open Data Guide published.



National Open Data Portal

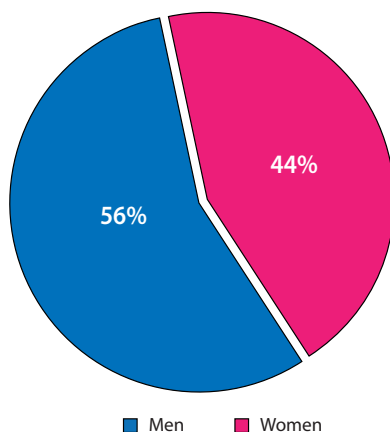
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Contributing to Sustainable Development Goal:



Open Data Week participants  
(by gender)



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