Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelations

AN APPRECIATION OF SUNSHINE LAWS

Why an Open Government?

- Core value of democratic constitutional state
- Generating economic and public value
- Societal changes ask for a responsive and involved government
- Societal challenges ask for shared solutions

Open government in the Netherlands

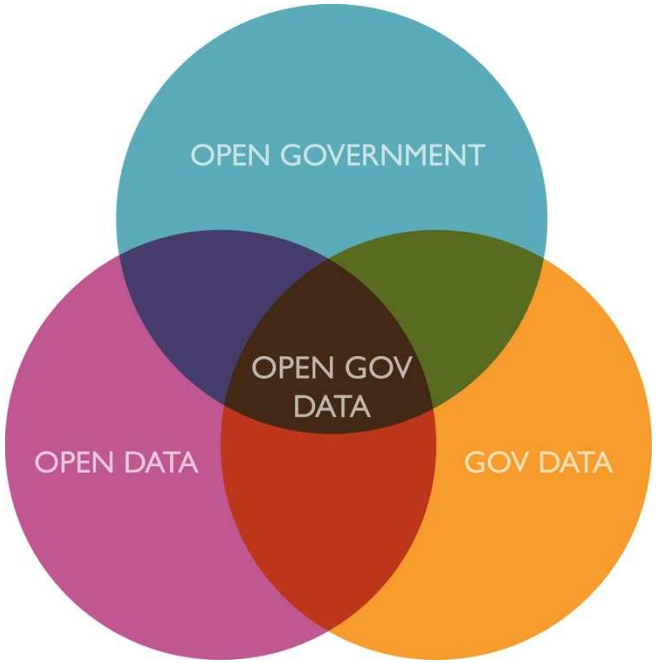
Focus on:

- Open government information linked with civic participation
- Accountability and integrity
- Technological developments and innovation

Open data as the cement in our focus

- Transparency
  - Strengthen good public administration: accountability and integrity
- Re-use of open data
  - Opportunities for societal challenges: unexpected innovative solutions
  - Potential economic growth

Definition of open data



Open data is public government information, which can be re-used without limitations (free of charge, machine readable ect.)

Current status and development Open data in the Netherlands

- 2500 datasets available
- Before the end of 2014 approximately 6000 datasets available
- Working on more concrete open data policy
- Working on solving legal aspects

Netherlands in an international perspective

Challenges

- Technological challenges
  - Creating standards for open data
  - Developing applications
  - …
- Legal challenges
  - Mainly focussing on privacy and public safety
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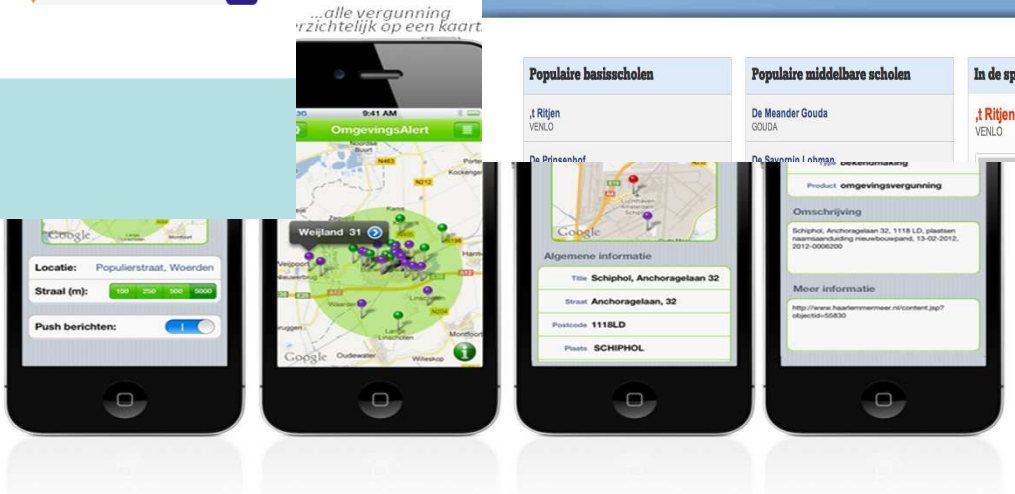
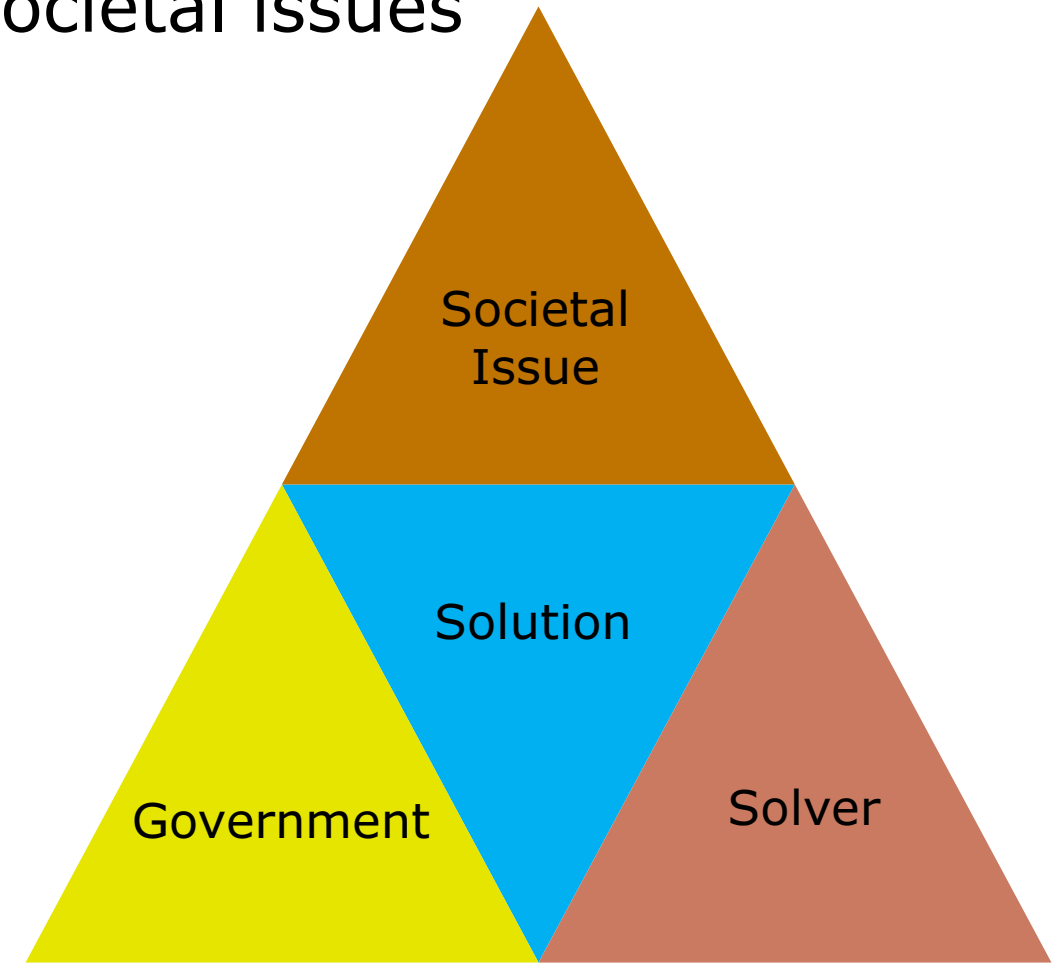
- Cultural challenges
  - Fear of misuse
  - Fear of influence data on policy and politics
  - …

How to deal with those challenges



Solving societal issues



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