

Notes from data journalism workshop on EU spending

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Organisers:

- European Journalism Centre: www.ejc.net, www.DataDrivenJournalism.net
- Open Knowledge Foundation: www.okfn.org

URL:

http://datadrivenjournalism.net/news_and_analysis/eurohack_one_day_data_journalism_competition_and_workshop_on_eu_spending

DATA SOURCES

You can use these links to go to EU databases:

* http://wiki.openspending.org/EU_Spending

* FTS, Financial Transparency System:

http://ec.europa.eu/beneficiaries/fts/index_en.htm

* Structural Funds:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/country/commu/beneficiaries/index_en.htm

* CAP, Common Agricultural Policy:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/funding/index_en.htm

* CFP, Common Fisheries Policy:

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/contracts_and_funding/the_european_transparency_initiative/index_en.htm

* CORDIS, Community Research and Development Information Service:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=proj.advSearch>

Access through FTS, published 6 months after end of financial year

Interim report published by FP7 group:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/evaluations/pdf/archive/other_reports_studies_and_documents/fp7_interim_evaluation_expert_group_report.pdf

CORDIS project descriptions: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects_en.html

External Action Service also publish spreadsheets of projects which have applied for funding:

* EGF, European Globalisation Adjustment Fund:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=582&langId=en>

* EuropeAid

European Development Funds (EDF) can be found in FTS

EuropeAid <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/funding/beneficiaries/index.cfm?lang=en>

* IPA, Instrument for pre accession funds:

For information and background

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funds/ipa/index_en.htm

For financial info use the FTS:

* EUSF, EU Solidarity Funds:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/solidarity/index_en.cfm#1

* EIB, European Investment Bank: <http://www.eib.org/projects/loans/list/index.htm>

* Lobbyists register: <http://europa.eu/transparency-register/>

* Questions in European parliament:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/QP-WEB/home.jsp?language=en>

* Eurostat: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/eurostat/home/>

* EU Banking and national statistics: <http://www.eabcn.org/european-data-sources>

EU Structural Funds:

Link to FT EU data site in front of pay wall: <http://www.ft.com/eu-funds>

* Bureau link to Structural Funds:

<http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/category/projects/europes-hidden-billions/>

Database is searchable in numerous languages

You need to conduct searches by typing in beneficiary

* Regulations on funds:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/regulation/newregl0713_en.htm

* How the funds are dispersed:

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/regulation/pdf/2007/general/ce_1083\(2006\)_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/official/regulation/pdf/2007/general/ce_1083(2006)_en.pdf)

TOOLS

* Google Refine: <http://code.google.com/p/google-refine/>

- * Using the OpenCorporates Google Refine reconciliation service:
<http://opencorporates.wordpress.com/2011/04/14/more-countries-more-companies-and-what-this-means-for-reconciliation/>
- * See also screencast on OpenCorporates front page: <http://OpenCorporates.com>
- * Google Refine posts by Paul Bradshaw:
<http://onlinejournalismblog.com/tag/google-refine/>
- * Adding additional information to Google Refine data from webservice:
<http://code.google.com/p/google-refine/wiki/FetchingURLsFromWebServices>
- * Google Fusion tables: <http://www.google.com/fusiontables>
- * NICAR-L mailing list: <http://www.ire.org/membership/subscribe/nicar-l.html>