

Zaragoza's Declaration of Intent on a "Decalogue of Citizen Data Principles"

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY CITIZEN DATA?

Citizen data are personal and non-personal data, directly or indirectly generated in the public sphere (physical plus digital), using digital technologies and collected through different infrastructures (IoT, telecom networks, payment systems, cameras, social networks, etc). Those data are traced, collected, measured, stored, used and managed both by public and private entities.

WHY CITIZEN DATA IS IMPORTANT?

Because it contains a lot potential value, yet to be unveiled, to use data-generated knowledge to improve our cities through scientific, civic, economic and democratic progress.

And, equally important, because we, as city halls, care for the digital rights of our citizens as an essential part of their citizenship in the 21st century.

GOAL OF THIS DECLARATION

The work started today aims at influencing policy makers at the local, national and European levels.

WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS OF CITIZEN DATA

We consider the following dimensions: Citizens as Data owners and data curators, Citizens in control, Data protection, Citizen's Privacy, Transparency, Public Value, Data sharing and / or knowledge sharing between business and government, Interoperability, Quality, Data Ethics, and the Role of Citizen Data Connectors (Urban Labs)

ROADMAP

In spring 2018, the KSF Steering Committee, during his meeting in Ghent (Belgium), approved the convenience to work towards a Declaration of Citizen Data Principles that could reflect the growing need to consider data generated by citizens as a public valuable asset, while preserving (and reinforcing) citizen's rights on them. The Data Working group, under Ghent's leadership, worked on a first draft of these principles through the summer, with valuable inputs from Eindhoven, Amsterdam, Edimburgh, Barcelona and Zaragoza.

On 23rd, October 2018, the Data Working Group, meeting in Zaragoza, agrees on developing this initial draft and issues this "Declaration of Intent on a Decalogue for Citizen Data".

Subsequent milestones are Barcelona and Edimburgh, in November, thanks to the Smart City Expo and Eurocities' General Assembly, where the work can be further enriched through the participation of the business sector and policy makers.

The Data Working Group, co-chaired from now on by Edinburgh and Zaragoza, sets as one of his priorities, to develop this "Declaration of Intention" further into a full "Declaration on Citizen Data Principles" that, reflecting an agreement on its members on its common principles, could shape future European policies on the matter.

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