OpenBudgets.eu

OpenBudgets is an EU funded project, aiming at supporting journalists, civil society organisations, NGOs, citizens and public administrations, by providing an overview of public spending, as well as tools and appropriate data and stories to advocate and fight for fiscal transparency.

Openness and transparency can act as a disincentive to corruption. The current lack of open budget and open transaction data makes it very hard for citizens and other stakeholders to get an overview on public spending. The comparison of budgets between administrative regions and other government levels proves even more difficult.

The OpenBudgets platform is designed for public administrations, citizens, NGOs, media organisations, public service companies, and stakeholders working with fiscal data. The key challenge is to provide a scalable platform that is easy-to-use, flexible, and attractive for all these different types of users.

Open Spending

OpenSpending is a platform that offers a set of components for working with fiscal data.
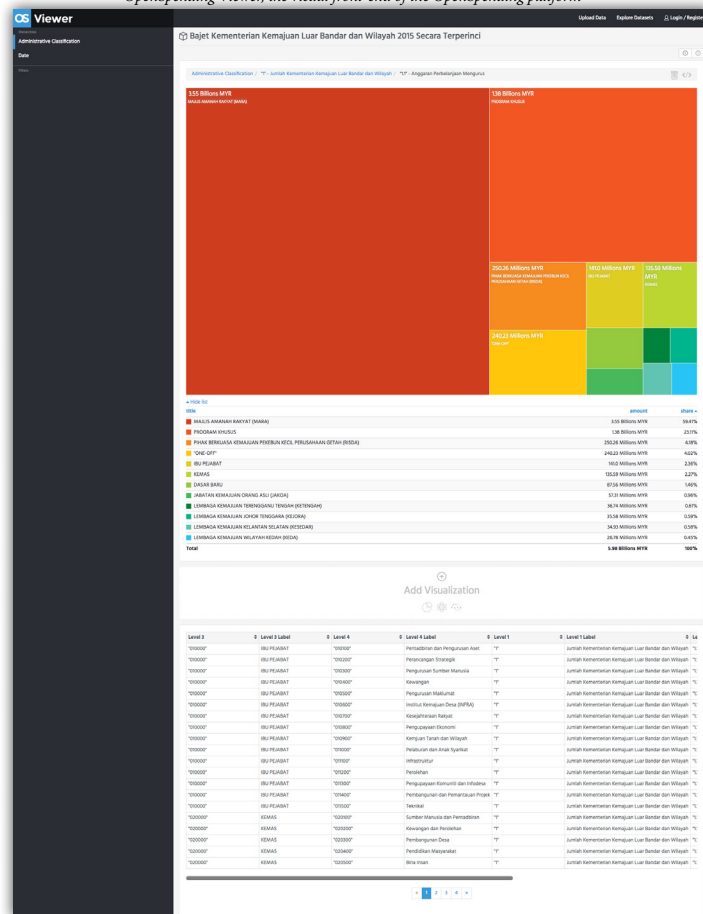
While OpenBudgets.eu as a whole is a set of extensions on and around the core OpenSpending platform, mostly around serialising data as RDF and doing specialised data analysis, the OpenSpending core has been developed and extended as part of the project.

Key components include:

- OS Packager, an interactive data modeller that enables annotation of raw fiscal data into a semantic model that is serialised as Fiscal Data Package.
  http://next.openspending.org/packager/

- OS Viewer, a powerful application for the visualisation of fiscal data in a variety of formats
  http://next.openspending.org/viewer/

- OS API, a rich API for querying fiscal data, used directly in the OBEU microsite, and used for developing the API-compatible tools in the RDF components of the OpenBudgets.eu platform, Rudolf and Indigo

- OS Explorer, an app to search and discover datasets loaded into the OpenSpending platform
  http://next.openspending.org/explorer/

OpenSpending is a tool that has been developed by **Open Knowledge International**. *Several features developed on behalf of the Horizon 2020 funded research project* **OpenBudgets.eu** *will be integrated into* **OpenSpending** *and vice versa. Contact: Diana Krebs - diana.krebs@okfn.org*

OpenSpending Viewer, the visual front-end of the OpenSpending platform