Germany ranks 7th in open data

Washington, DC, March 1, 2019. Open Data Watch has announced the release of the 2018/19 Open Data Inventory (ODIN)- a global index that assesses countries on the openness of official statistics. Their latest report assessed 178 countries around the world. This year, Germany was one of the top ten ranked countries, a huge achievement.

Global scores show progress
The global median ODIN country score for 2018 is 41, indicating that fewer than half the countries satisfy more than 41 percent of the ODIN criteria. Overall scores are aggregate scores that indicate the how much data governments publish (coverage), as well as how open that data are. The median coverage score across all countries is 42 and for openness, 41. Overall, most countries have made steady progress in both openness and data coverage since 2017, but openness improvements are more common.

This year a new open data champion took the number one spot, Singapore, followed closely by Denmark. Germany entered the top ten for the first time and several other countries made considerable progress, including Jamaica, Morocco, Romania, and Tunisia.

Open data in Western Europe
The eight countries in the region assessed in ODIN have a median overall score of 62, compared to the global median of 41. The region’s median coverage score is 55 and their median openness score is 72. Between ODIN 2017 and 2018, the median coverage score increased by 9 points and their median openness score increased by 12 points. In 2018, the highest scoring country in the region is the Netherlands, with an overall score of 82. The most improved country in the region between 2016 and 2018 is France.

Want more information?
Read the full, interactive report online here. You can also visit the ODIN website to compare scores across countries, regions, and income groups, read recommendations, and download data.