

OpenBudgets.eu is an EU-funded project, aiming to support journalists, civil society organisations, NGOs, citizens and public administrations, by providing an overview of public budget and spending data as well as related tools and stories, thus serving advocacy and fiscal transparency objectives.

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.eu 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.

Tool: LinkedPipes ETL

Behind the scenes of budget analyses, raw data needs to be handled, and to achieve transparency, data needs to be published on the web. Recently, standards for publishing various kinds of data on the web have been developed.

[LinkedPipes ETL](#) is a tool for handling and publishing web data primarily in RDF according to the Linked Open Data principles. It focuses on recent web standards and ease of use for data wranglers.

A library of reusable data transformation components is available, including [documentation](#), [examples on the web](#), and a [screencast](#).

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Screenshot of LinkedPipes ETL

