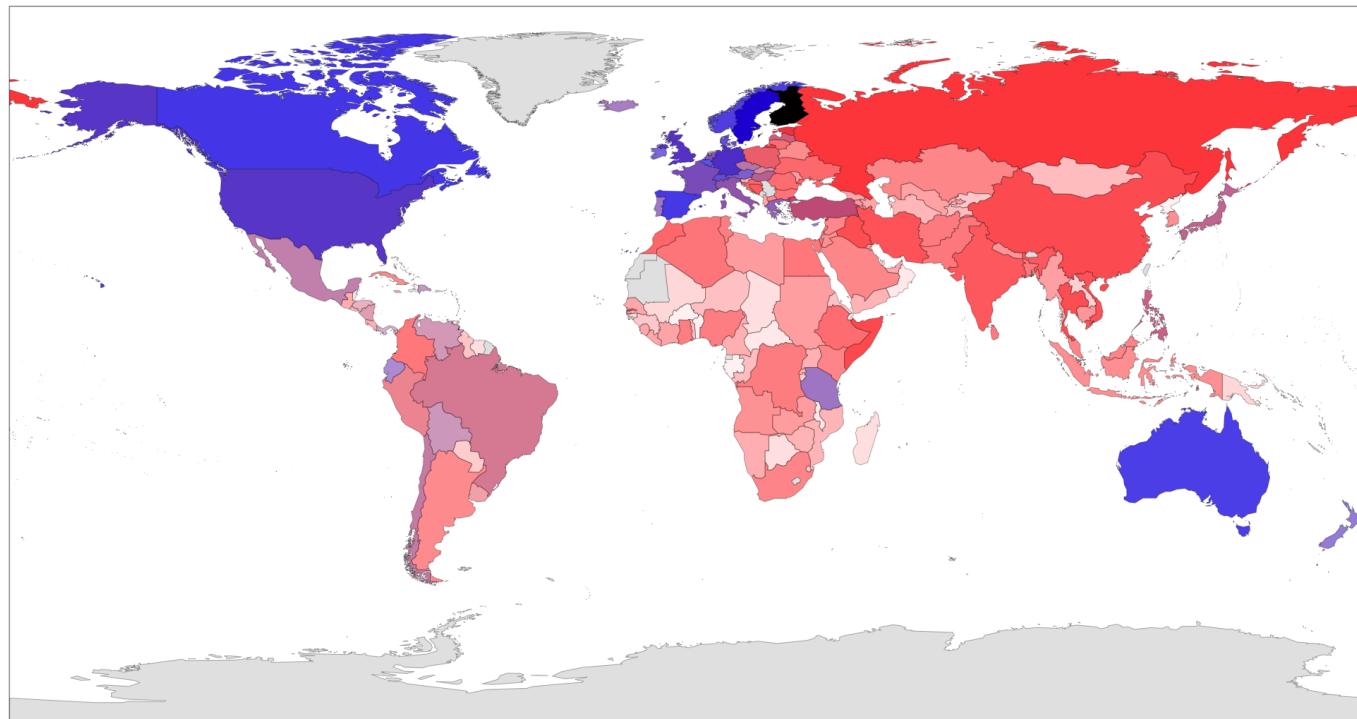




community project for open government data



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Mission

Connect like-minded developers & users to

- foster tight community & collaboration
- feed curiosity & creativity



individual
packages &
users

The logo for rOpenGov features the word "rOpenGov" in a sans-serif font. The "r" is orange and has a white "S" shape through it. Below the logo is a photograph of two men sitting at a table, looking at laptops. One man is wearing a white t-shirt with "OK" printed on it. The background is a green rounded rectangle.

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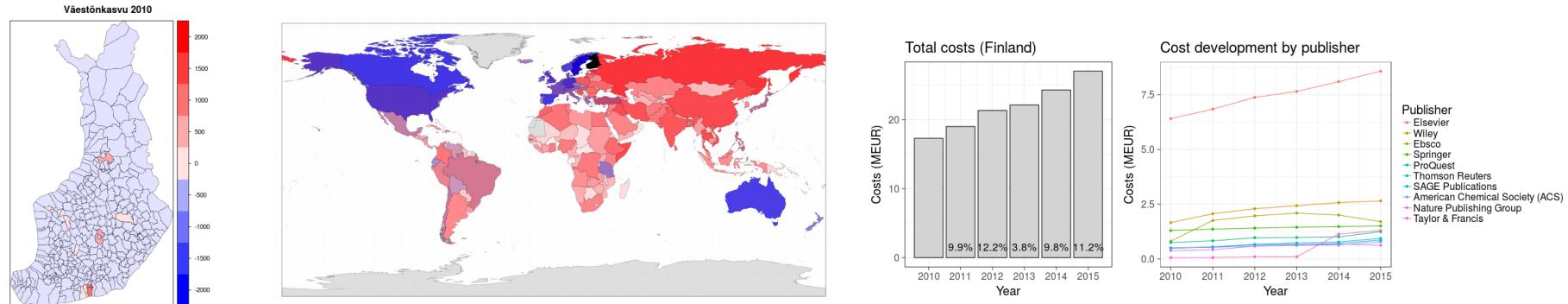
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Bioconductor
OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR BIOINFORMATICS

infrastructure
projects

Timeline: from open data to open analytics



Finnish open data movement

International networking

Package collection grows

Visibility; Workload; ambiguity

Diversification & self-organization

2010

Birth
IRC chats
Apps4Finland
R packages for Finnish context

2012

Seed funding
Datademo
Open data awards
Sitra
Data Elections Finland

2014

Conferences & Hackathons
NIPS/MLOSS, Nevada
SHARE conference, Belgrade
Open Legislative Data conference, Paris
Helsinki OKFest
Berlin OKFest
Geneve OKFest

2016

Activities
FOI case
Consultation
Education
Publications
Use cases

2017

Maturing
Thousands of downloads/mo
20+ pkgs

eurostat R package

<http://ropengov.github.io/eurostat/>

R Journal, 2017. Lahti & Kainu & Huovari & Biecek

- Useful & clearly defined
- Spontaneous & self-organizing
- Multiple contributors; regular user feedback
- R websites, cheatsheets and other resources well utilized

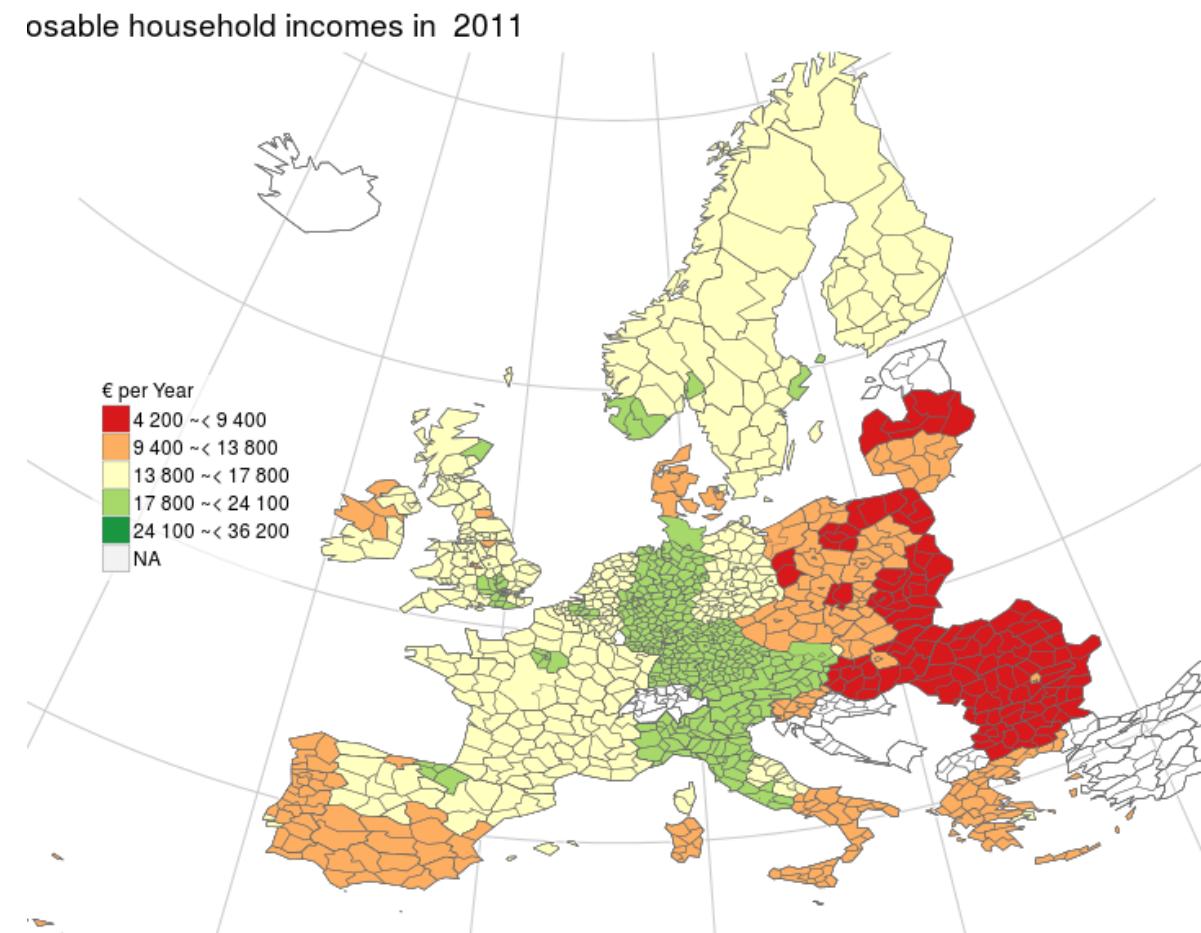


Fig: Markus Kainu

Lessons learned

Communication channels are critical for networking!

- + Small developer communities do add value
- + Creative & non-conventional collaboration modes
- + Not just programming but also group dynamics, collective learning, new application domains & wild ideas..
- Self-organization is a challenge in the long run
- Shifting focus can create tensions
- Keeping old & attracting new contributors can be challenging

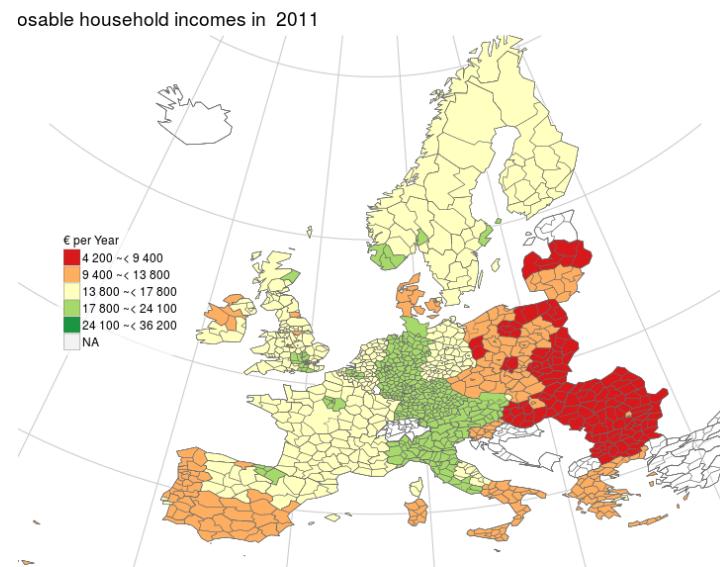
tools ~ applications / academia ~ government ~ industry /
packages ~ infrastructure / fun ~ work ?

Various levels of contributions & participation

ropengov.github.io/contribute

R packages (20+)
Open government data & analytics:
eurostat, pxweb,
osmar, swednumbr,
gisfin, helsinki,
rtimes, PollstR...

Educational resources & Consultation



Networking
Online channels
Consultation & collaboration?

Use cases
Guest blog posts
Research, governmental, & commercial use

Open science & data activism: FOI on journal subscription prices

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Thank You!

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