

OpenData in France

A fight for transparency

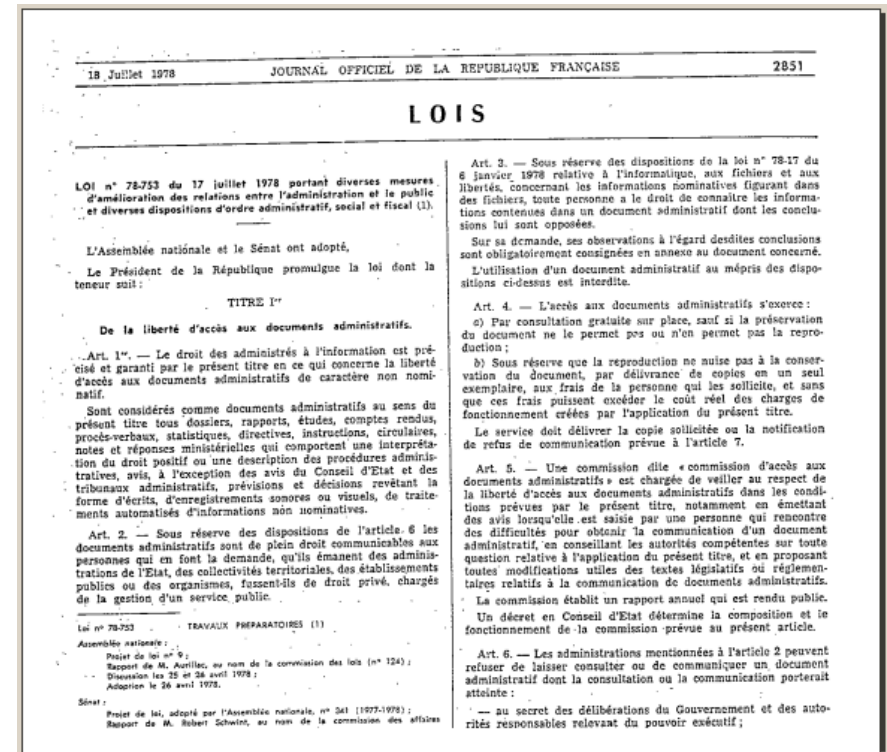


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1978 CADA Law : early start...

- A democratic and pro-transparency law
- One of the first right to access public documents in Europe
- An independant authority created to help citizens (on the juridic side and institutionnal one)





... but a limited one (1978)

- Need to improve the CADA law:
 - No existing list: citizens need to identify the documents
 - No investigation power for the CADA
 - No coercive power (yet...)
 - No re-use recognition (yet...)



The 80's data gold rush

- Public institutions start closing their data:
 - IGN (the french ordnance survey)
 - stops respecting the law: « all material paid by public should be freely available » they're not
 - private fundings more and more important in their budget
 - Legal information
 - owned by Reuters or book publishers



Early 2000's: the legal battle

- Access to law should be a public service
 - LegiFrance.gouv.fr
- Strong opposition from editors & publishers
 - Inside job to confront with the situation
- A compromise :
 - Open access to law
 - Data Re-use to be paid





2005: Creation of the APIE

- Promotion of the State's Immaterial Property
- Make the country a trademark
- Sell data as often as they can:
 - Gas prices database (originally created to make prices more transparent to the consumers) 38k€
 - Cities budgets 46k€





2005: PSI Directive transposition

- Better recognition of re-use
- Cultural data excluded, thanks France!...
- Does not include data from private or semi-public companies exercising public services



Transparency rises back

Civil society pushing for Open Data



First initiatives : national level

- Transparency projects
- 1st national OpenDataCamp in Paris (12/2009)
- Data Catalogs
 - Citizen project based on CKAN
<http://www.NosDonnees.fr>
 - Commercial project
<http://Data-Publica.fr>
- First experiences of data-journalism





Local civil initiatives

- Petitions / Open Letters:
 - LiberTIC Nantes
 - Toulouse citizens
- Barcamps
 - Bourgogne citizens
- Grassroot lobbying (Twitter, blog articles, ...)
 - Paris





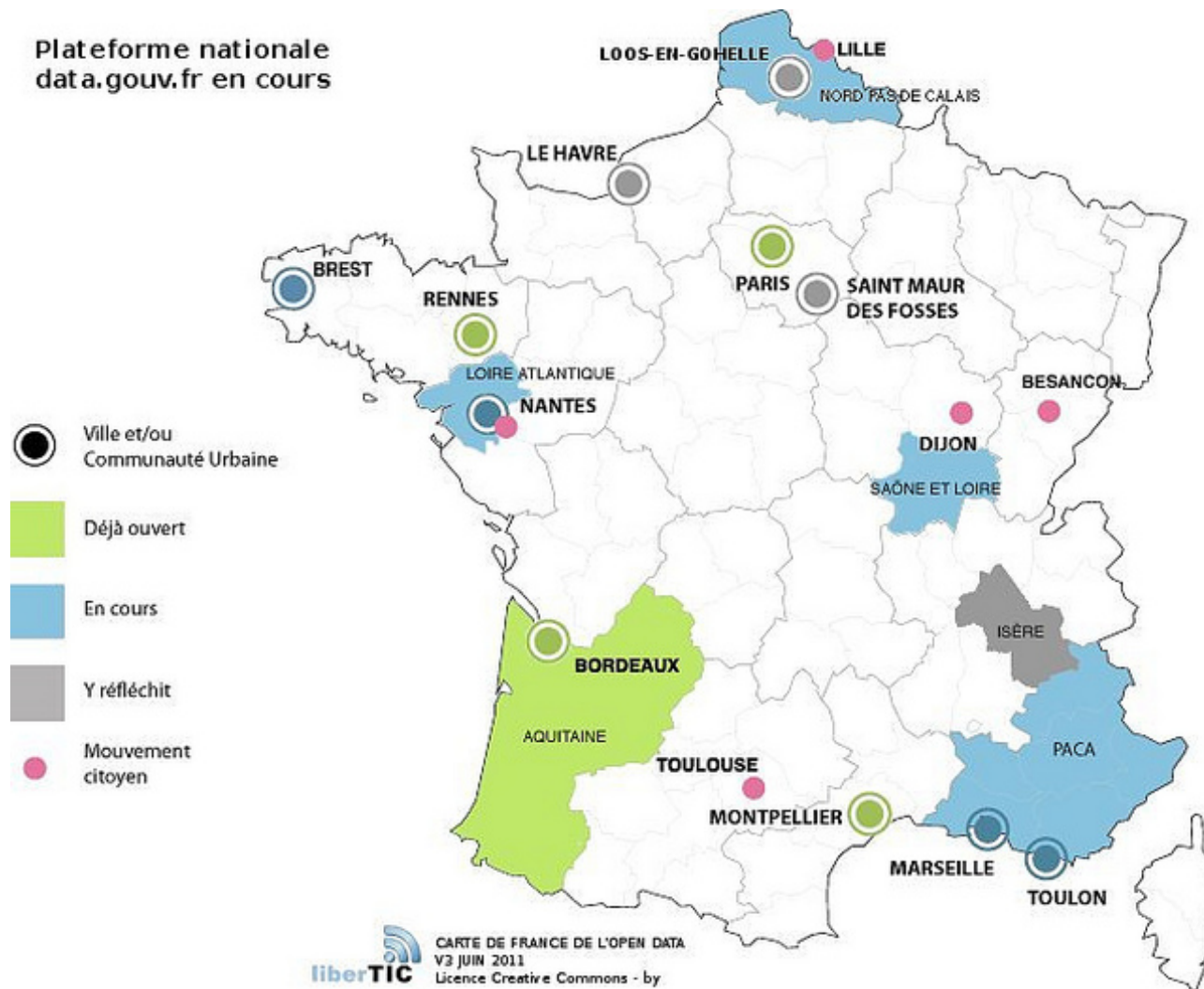
Local official initiatives

- Pioneer: Rennes
 - Non-commercial licence at first
 - Opening its licence but still not OpenData licence
- Paris
 - in ODbL after discussion with the community
- Montpellier, Bordeaux currently under NC...
 - ongoing discussion to be continued...



Current situation over France

Plateforme nationale
data.gouv.fr en cours





On the national level: EtaLab

- Governmental initiative for data.gouv.fr
 - An open data team created on january 2011
 - Preparation of a public OpenData platform
 - New legal framework limiting paying data
 - General hearings about an OpenData licence
 - Draft of the future chosen licence by the summer
 - Beta platform by the end of the year



EtaLab for data.gouv.fr

Lots of news (mostly good...)

**... but no gov dataset published
as OpenData yet**

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DÉCLARATION SUR L'OPEN DATA EN FRANCE

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