Open Data in Challenging Environments

Based on previous papers by Silvana Fumega and Fabrizio Scrollini and research by Fabrizio Scrollini

Access to Information and Open DATA

- Access to Information and Open Government DATA are related

- A bit of the problem is how?

- Proactive disclosure generally established in all laws

Open Data Policies

Early Development

Cities level: Montevideo, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, lima

National Level: Uruguay, Chile, Brazil.

But some challenges

Informal Administration

General Concerns

Uneven field

Initiatives differ according to institutional and legal constraints

Role of archives?

Role of civil servants

Linkage with civil society?

Muddling through vs. rational planning?

Developers and Hackers

Can I really use this data?

Focusing on Parliament

Parliaments and their ways

Parliaments most of the time not covered by FOI laws request mechanism

Information available does depend not only on the Parliament but on the Chambers (Senate and Representatives)

Vote information about MP sometimes not available

Digitalisation issues (material not available)

Internal processes not clear (and not much will of sharing them with you)

Early movers in Law service provision charge for services getting information from the Parliament.

We are all in this together behaviour

How can we help?

Increase demand for information

Exploit cracks on the wall

Easy visualization

Target users of Parliamentary information (niche market)

Target wider audience combining it with an appropiate communication message (citizen language)