

Better infrastructure
Better science
Better society



ODISSEI

Open Data Infrastructure for Social Science and Economic Innovations



A national infrastructure for Social Science

ODISSEI creates a federated data infrastructure for the social and economic sciences in the Netherlands, on behalf of more than 40 member organisations.



Research question:
“How do we fight polarisation?”

- Wicked problem
- Needs many researchers – fast
- Needs scalable, interconnected infrastructure
- Machine-readable FAIR



CBS Microdata

Large source of government registrations:

- Vaccination (GGD)
- Income (Belastingdienst)
- Diploma's (DUO)

Via the
ODISSEI Portal,
researchers perform
advanced
variable-level queries

FAIR metadata

Find
appropriate
data

Person# (pseud.)	Sex	Age	Marital Status	Vacci nated	...
1002020	M	28	Married	0	...
1002021	F	32	Married	1	...
1002022	M	61	Widowed	3	...



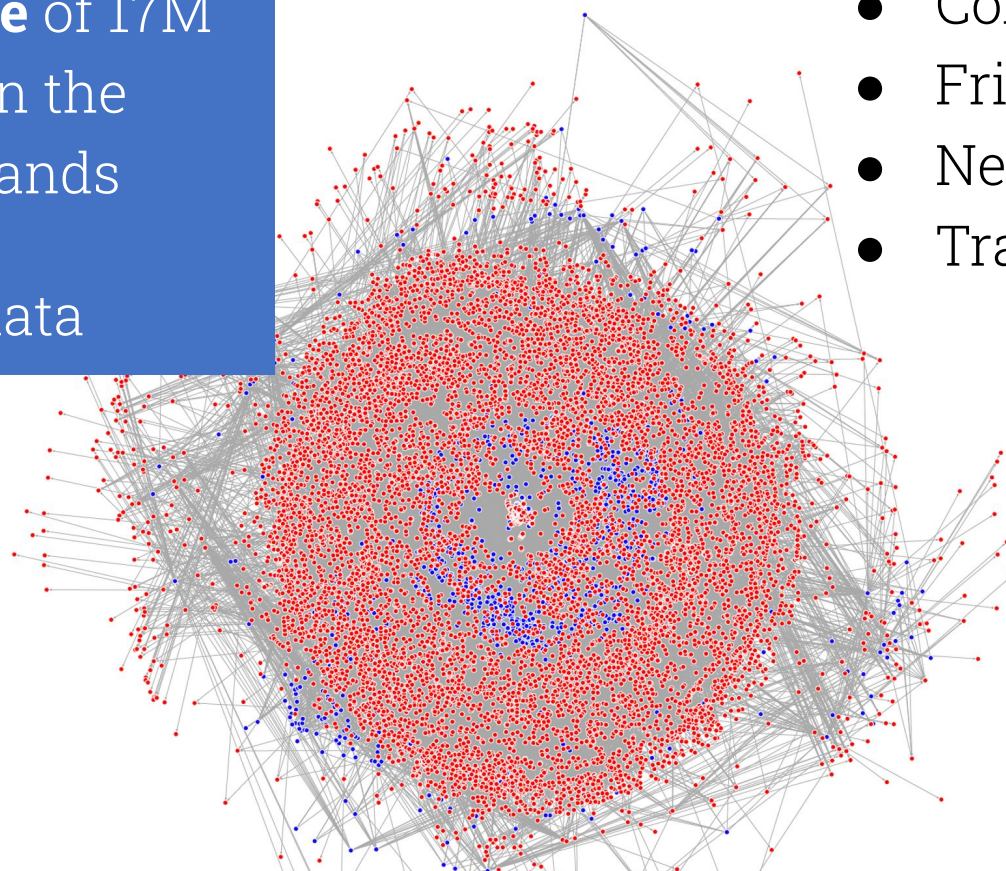
CBS Microdata - nD

People and groups are related to each other in lots of ways

- Families
- Colleagues
- Friends
- Neighbourhoods
- Trading

Via ODISSEI, **CBS** constructed a **network file** of 17M people in the Netherlands
FAIR data

Use **interoperability** between datasets



LISS panel

No attitudes in CBS → LISS panel:

Periodic survey among ~7,500 people.

E.g. “What is your trust in the government?”

Use
**interop-
erability**
between
datasets

All CBS
pseudonymised
persons can be
connected to the

LISS panel

FAIR data



Dutch Parliamentary Election Study (NKO)

Survey about voting behaviour and background information, every parliamentary election.

E.g. “What is your trust in the government?”

Robustness

Semantic mapping
between questions in
different surveys in

ODISSEI Portal

FAIR constructs,
measurements,
survey questions

Use
**interop-
erability**
between
questions



Royal Library (KB), Netherlands Institute for Sound & Vision (B&G)

Via the
ODISSEI Portal,
researchers perform
semantic queries

FAIR metadata

- Find historical newspaper trends about the topic (not word) “polarisation”
 - E.g. “trust”, “distrust”
- Talk show video performances:
 - how many experts vs. regular people?
 - how many man vs. women?

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Secure ANalysis Environment (SANE)

KB & NISV have copyrighted material –
can only be analysed under specific
conditions

Metadata about license + researcher

Harmonisation of access conditions

Data access broker in
the **ODISSEI Portal**

FAIR licences &
FAIR researchers

Automatic
accessibility
procedures



Machine-readable & understandable code

Jupyter / Stata script

- Which assumptions were made?
- Which methodology was followed?
- How were the data pre-processed?
- What was the outcome of my regression analysis?
- What was the standard deviation?
- ...

ODISSEI **GitHub,**
Zenodo, User policy

FAIR code & models

Machine-readable

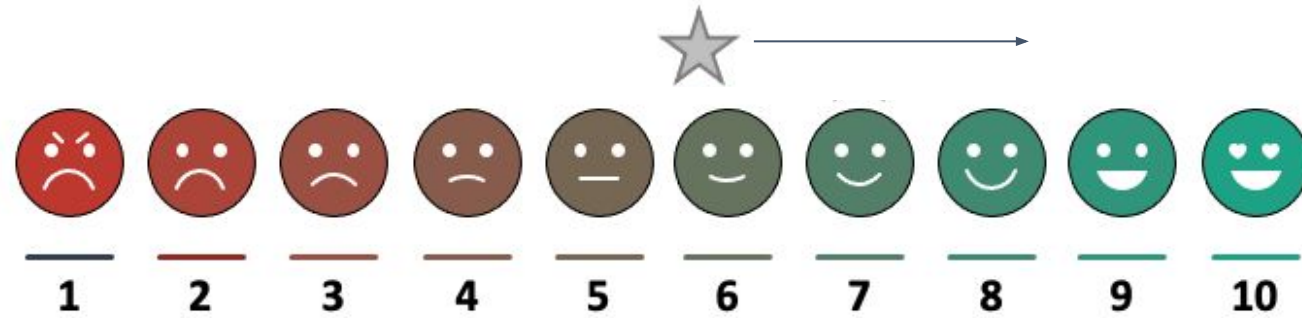
Reusability
of code &
models



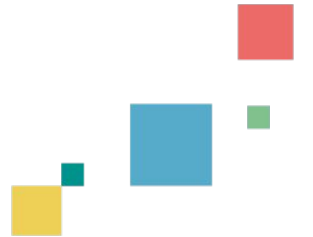
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An infrastructure is more than the sum of its parts



FAIR is not just about data

- **Metadata** of datasets (findability)
- **Measurements** of questions in a panel (interoperability)
- **Researcher** properties (accessibility)
- **License** conditions (accessibility)
- **Code** (reusability)



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- Data sensitivity
 - Access restrictions
 - Public perception (e.g. of using CBS microdata)
- Diversity of data types and stakeholders
 - Lack of standards & interoperability
 - Incentives & motivation
 - Machine-understandability of models





Thank you

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