Engaging and motivating citizens to contribute:

A Wiki for Progress Statistics

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Presentation overview

- Context
 - Why engage citizens? Why Web 2.0?
- 2. Presenting Wikiprogress
 - What is Wikiprogress?
- 3. Web-COSI activities
 - OECD deliverables





The role of 'citizens' in the Beyond GDP movement

- Going "Beyond GDP" is not just about changing <u>what</u> we measure (content), it's about changing <u>how</u> we measure (process)
- By democratising the statistical process to include a broader range of society, our measures (and the policies based on those measures) can achieve greater
 - Legitimacy
 - Relevance
 - Efficacy
 - Accountability





Wikiprogress: democratising data through Web 2.0

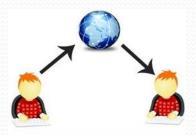
- Wikiprogress is an online platform, hosted by the OECD, and open to all
- Why the OECD? Long history of 'progress'/Beyond GDP measurement
- What's a Wiki?
 - Wikis are online meeting places for the shared creation of knowledge
 - Can be very simple and small-scale (e.g. GoogleDocs) or the product of massive crowd-sourcing (e.g. Wikipedia)
 - Web 2.0 not Web 1.0





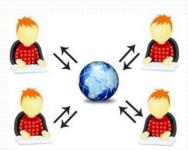
Web 1.0

- Top-down
- Read-only
- Passive



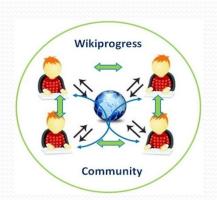
Web 2.0

- Collaborative
- Interactive
- Crowdsourcing



Wikiprogress

Emphasises
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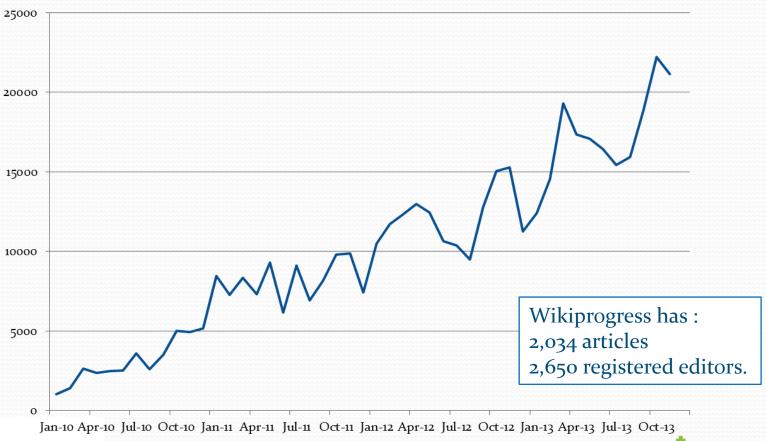
Purpose: to involve citizens, policy actors & civil society in the measuring progress debate







Since its launch, Wikiprogress has shown steady growth, reaching over 20,000 monthly visitors at the end of 2013, and totalling 174,000 unique visitors across the year





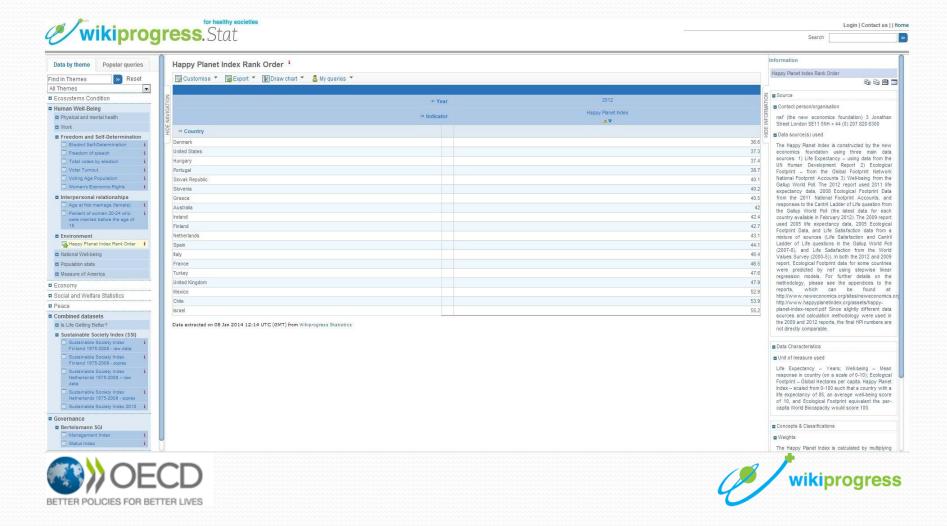
Wikiprogress and WebCOSI: engaging citizens with data

- What kind of engagement?
- We can think in terms of three broad groups
 - Data providers
 e.g. NGOs, universities, community groups
 - 2. Data userse.g. students, researchers, interested members of the public
 - Data communicators
 e.g. data journalists, data visualisers, bloggers, campaigners, policy advocates

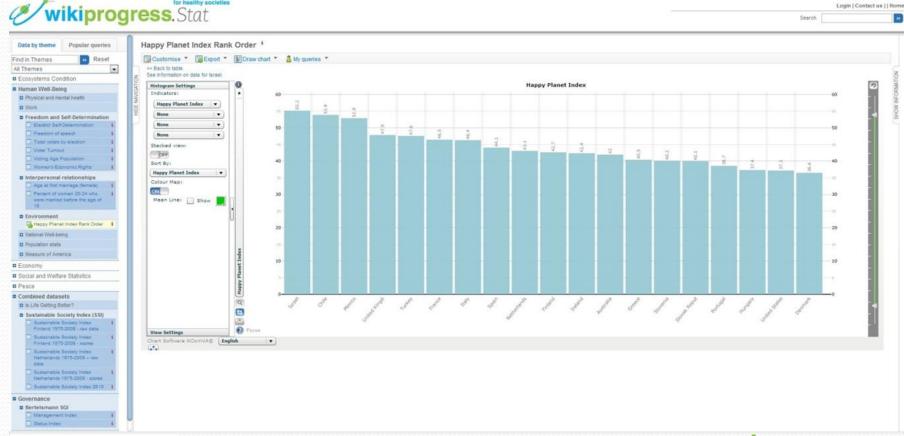




Wikiprogress.Stat: the platform's open data warehouse



Wikiprogress. Stat allows people to upload and consult data, and perform simple visualisations







But for a successful Wiki for progress statistics, improvements are needed to

- Make the interface more accessible and user-friendly
- Enable the participation of data providers
- Strengthen the coverage and quality of content
- Maximise the potential for visualisation and storytelling
- Reach a wider audience to increase usage
- We also need to better understand the needs of citizen data providers, users and communicators





Web-COSI activities

- The OECD will be coordinating 2 work packages:
 - WP2, Mapping and Exploiting Well-being and Societal Progress Initiatives
 - WP3, The Integration of Official and non-Official Statistics
- All OECD activities will be undertaken during 2014





WP2, Mapping and exploiting well-being and societal progress initiatives

- Aim: to take stock of existing projects (both grassroots and NSI-led) in Europe and around the world and highlight best practices
- OECD deliverables:
 - An interactive, crowd-sourced map of grassroots measuring progress initiatives
 - A webinar on good practice for well-being and societal progress initiatives in Europe
 - A report on the mapping of initiatives, best practice, and the results of citizen dialogue on well-being and progress





WP3, The integration of official and non-official statistics

- Aim: To develop the Wiki of Progress Statistics, and maximise the use of both official and non-official data by citizens, policy actors, and social entrepreneurs.
- OECD deliverables:
 - Re-design of Wikiprogress.Stat
 - Webinar on making data more accessible for society
 - Workshop on the involvement of communities (with ISTAT)
 - European Wikiprogress University Programme
 - Targeted campaign to engage citizens
 - Report on Engaging Citizens in Web 2.0





WP4, Dissemination and Communication

• The OECD will contribute to this package, specifically with the deliverable:

- Workshop on well-being and societal progress initiatives to highlight the experiences, best practices and the results of citizen dialogue.





Thank you!

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