



# Govdirectory

The easiest way to contact  
your government.

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# Problem

Which were the countries Norway exported war materials to in 2019?



# Problem

Who are the largest CO2 emitters in Sweden?



Those are important questions

**But who do you ask  
these questions and  
where?**

# Get your voice heard

The easiest way to contact your government.

# Target group

## **The active citizen (a.k.a. activist)**

As a representative for the general public, the activist is the “early adaptor” for policy change and wants to engage to make the society better. But not all people with that aspiration have the time to engage in traditional ways.

“I want to engage, but cannot go to town hall meetings.”





# Solution.

How Govdirectory makes it easier to engage with government

**A crowdsourced and fact  
checked directory of official  
governmental online  
accounts and services.**

**Built on Wikidata and co-curated with the Wikimedia community**

# Solution

## Govdirectory - your place to start conversations

Take the first step to start a conversation

Find the government agency responsible for your issue

Make your concerns public, and put pressure on the people responsible



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## Vision

**“A world where people are empowered to engage with their government to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.”**

## Netherlands

Nederland

Current content includes ministries, courts, provinces and municipalities.

Type of government: parliamentary monarchy  
 Head of state: Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands  
 Head of government: Mark Rutte  
 Official website: [www.rijksoverheid.nl/](http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/)

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Agencies

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## Features

- **Basic information for context**
- **Online accounts and services**
- **Search by topic / country**
- **Give feedback / suggest improvements**
- **Community curated data in Wikidata / anyone can edit**

Govdirectory

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# Live demo

[Govdirectory.org](https://govdirectory.org)

Please put questions on the Etherpad

# Team



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Open knowledge enthusiasts with roots in the Wikimedia movement, both working or having worked with public organizations on national and EU-level.

# Documentation

## GitHub (code):

[README](#)

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*[#good first issue](#)*

## On-wiki (data & collaboration):

[Wikidata:WikiProject Govdirectory](#)

[Wikidata:WikiProject Govdirectory/Queries](#)



**Govdirectory.org**

## **Contact us**

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# Our community in numbers



1724

Edits

153

Code edits

152

Contributors

# Outlook / vision for the future

We want to keep it open  
source and free to use

Community driven

# Target groups



**Journalists**



**Activists**



**Data Journalists**

# Competition

**We wish there wouldn't be a need for Govdirectory!**

**We wish governments did what we do.**

**But until they do, we will be here for the people.**

# Community and Open Source

## **As open code and data as possible**

Open source under CC0

Open data under CC0

## **As open community as possible**

Anyone can join and edit

