







# THE RISE OF LINKED ORGANISATIONS IN FLANDERS

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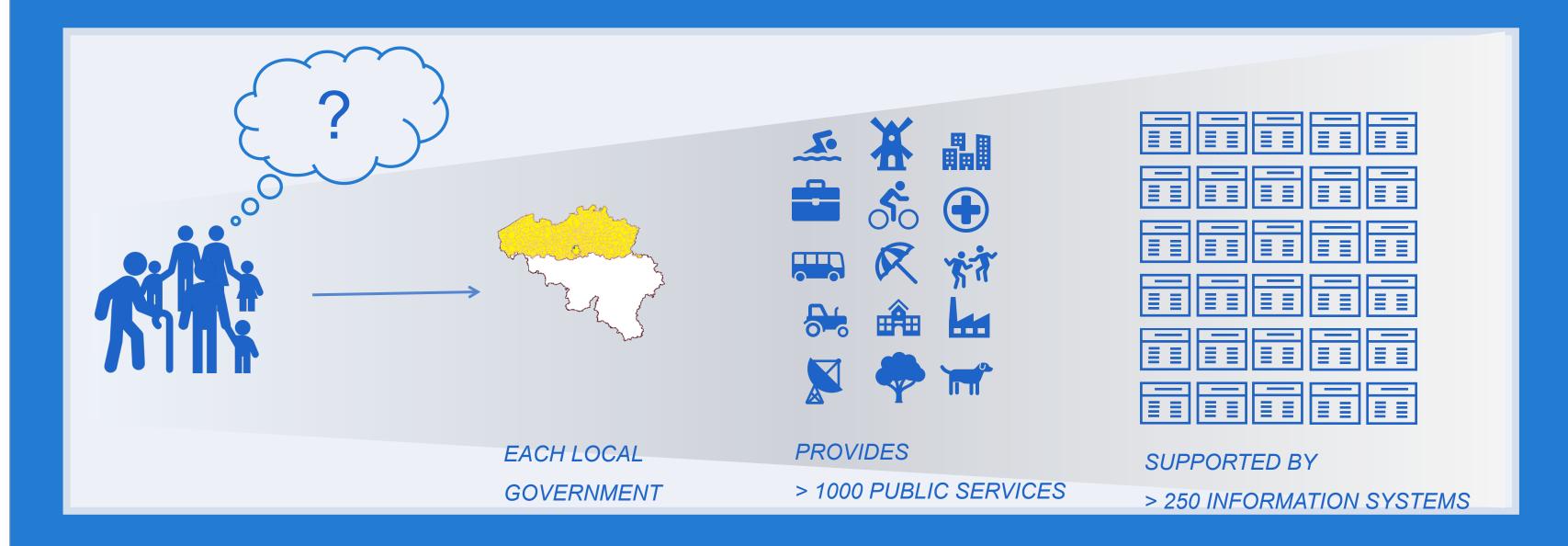








#### PUBLIC SERVICE FRAGMENTATION









#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

WHAT PROCESSES AND

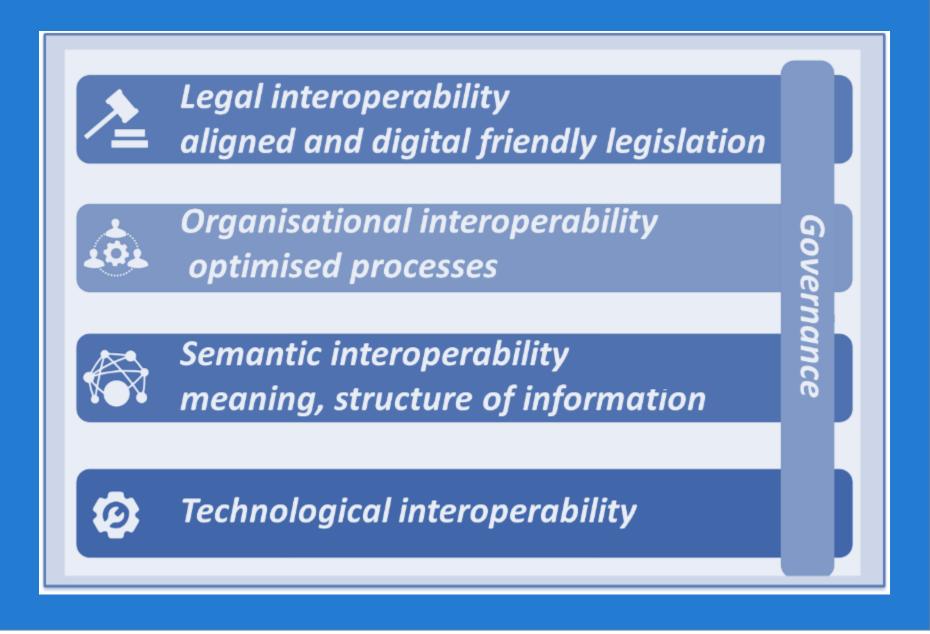
METHODS ARE SUITED FOR

RAISING SEMANTIC AND

TECHNICAL INTEROPERABILITY

WITHIN AN OPERATIONAL PUBLIC

SECTOR CONTEXT?









### THE RELEVANCE OF TARGETING INTEROPERABILITY

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS HAVE TO DO

MORE WITH LESS: IMPROVED PUBLIC

SERVICE DELIVERY AT A LOWER COST

- LOWER COSTS
- REQUIRES AN INITIAL INVESTMENT
- GOVERNED STANDARD

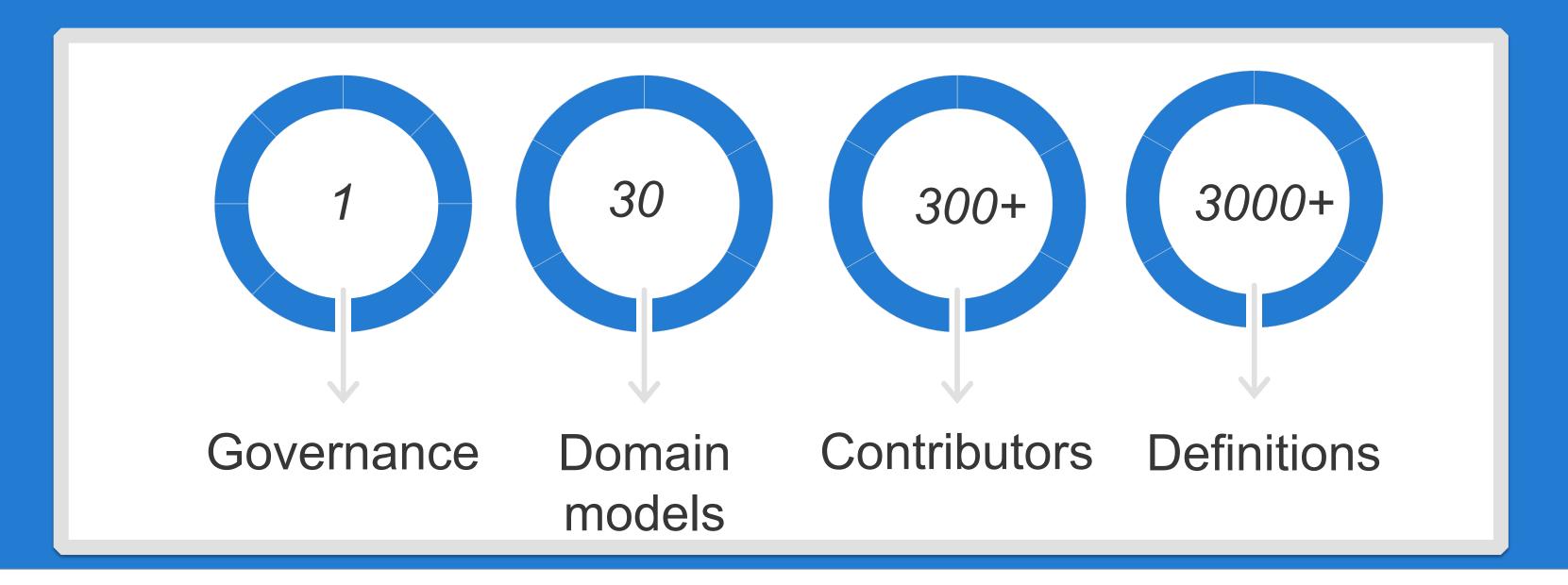








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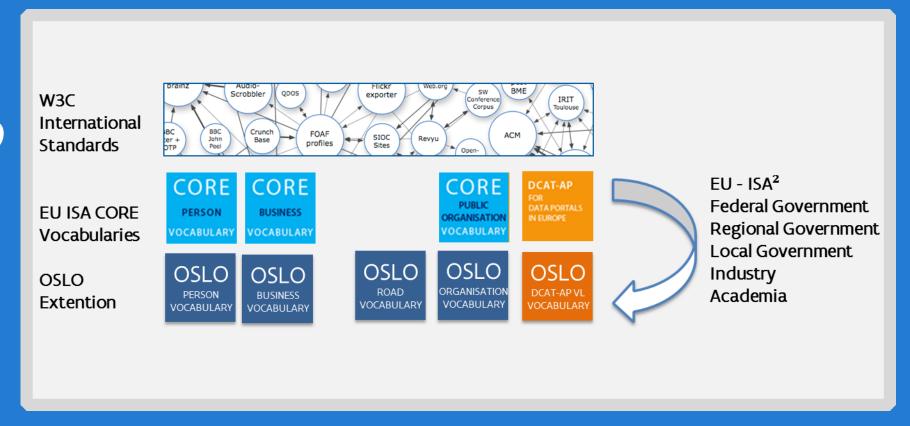






# OPEN STANDARDS FOR LINKED ORGANISATIONS (OSLO)

- OSLO BRINGS TOGETHER
   EXPERTISE FROM THE PUBLIC
   SECTOR, PRIVATE SECTOR AND
   ACADEMIA
- NOT ABOUT 'LINKED', IT'S
   ABOUT 'REUSE' OF CONTEXT
   NEUTRAL VOCABULARIES



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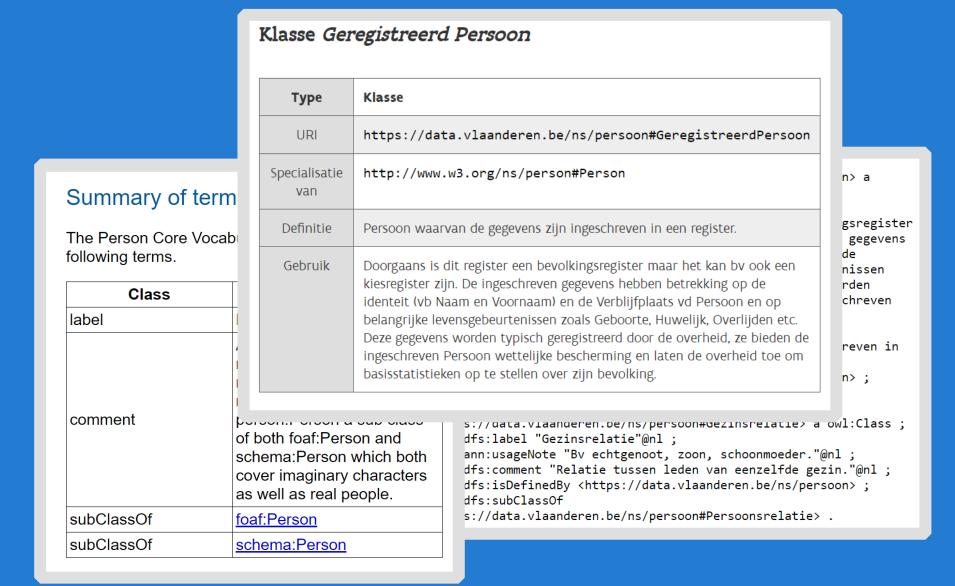






#### DATA.VLAANDEREN.BE

- HUMAN- AND MACHINE
   READABLE
- HUMAN AND MACHINE
   ALIGNMENT
- CONTENT NEGOTIATION
- LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL
  STANDARDS (REUSE FIRST)



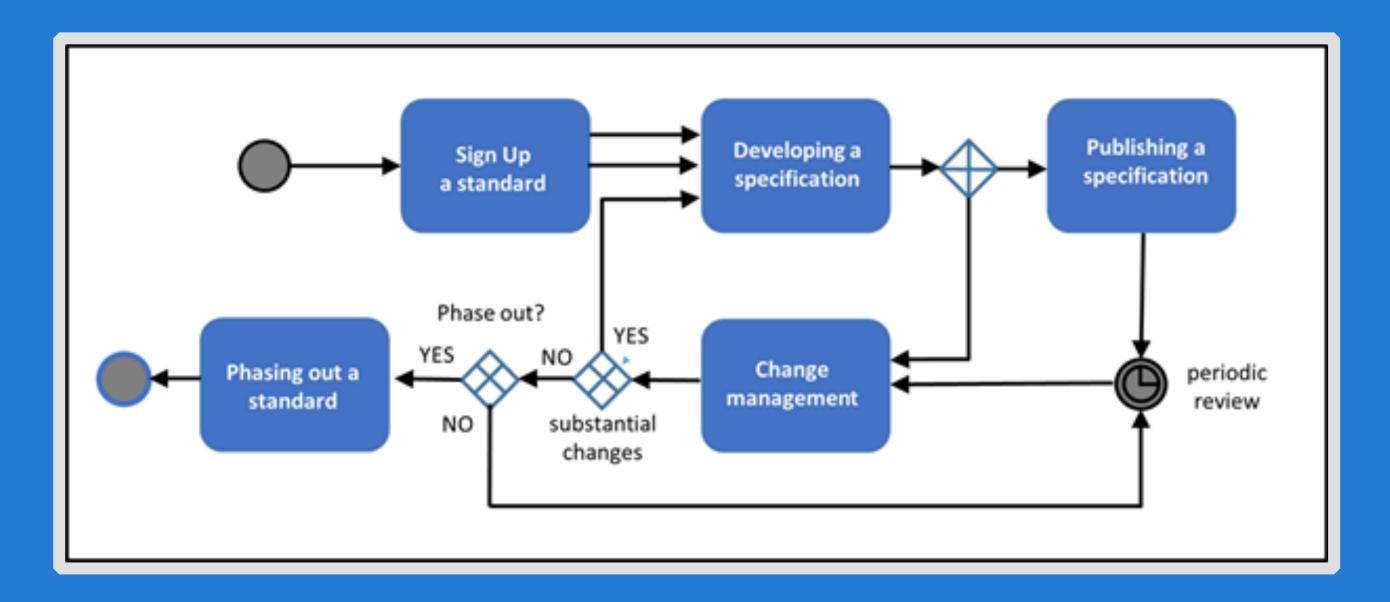
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## FORMAL PROCESS BASED ON ISA, W3C AND OPEN STAND







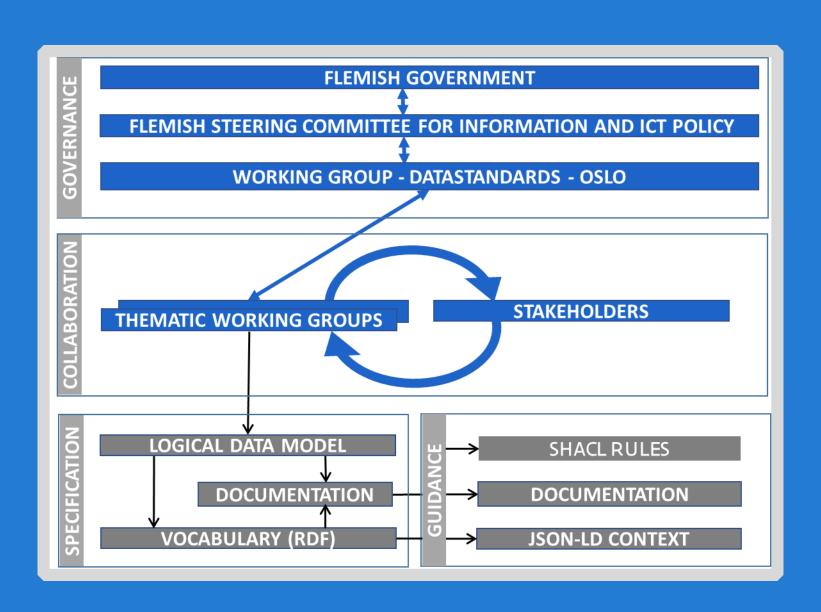


#### TRANSPARENT END-2-END PROCESS

- THE DATA SPECIFICATION PROCESS
  FOLLOWS A TRANSPARENT
  PROCESS.
- SEMANTIC AGREEMENTS ARE

  TRACEABLE AND ALIGNED TO MATCH

  THE DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS









#### IN PRACTICE: LINKED LEGISLATION

- LOCAL LINKED LEGISLATION
- TRANSPARENT AND QUALITATIVE DECISIONS
- A SOURCE TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF

  AUTHENTIC DATA SOURCES (MANDATES,

  ROAD SIGNS, SUBSIDIES, PUBLIC SERVICE

  CATALOG, ...)



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#### DATA MODELING

MODELINGRULES AUTOMATED TRANSFORMATION TOOLS

UML ← BUSINESS INTERPRETATION



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RDF ←

MACHINE REPRESENTATION



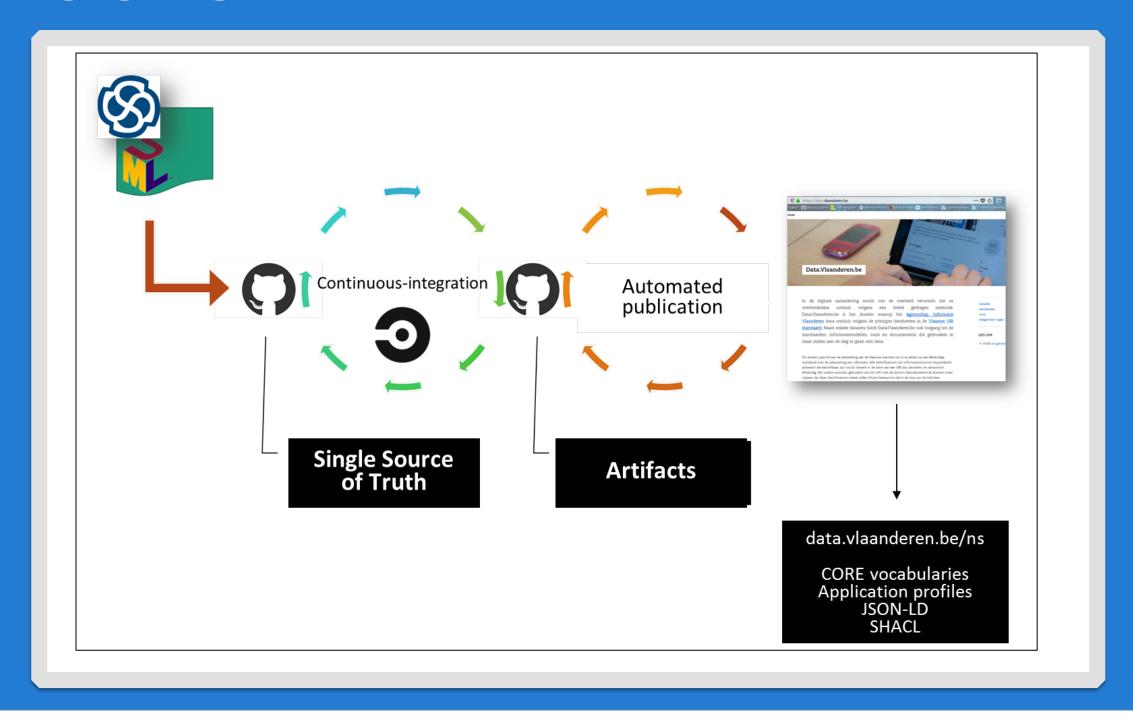
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#### OSLO TOOLCHAIN

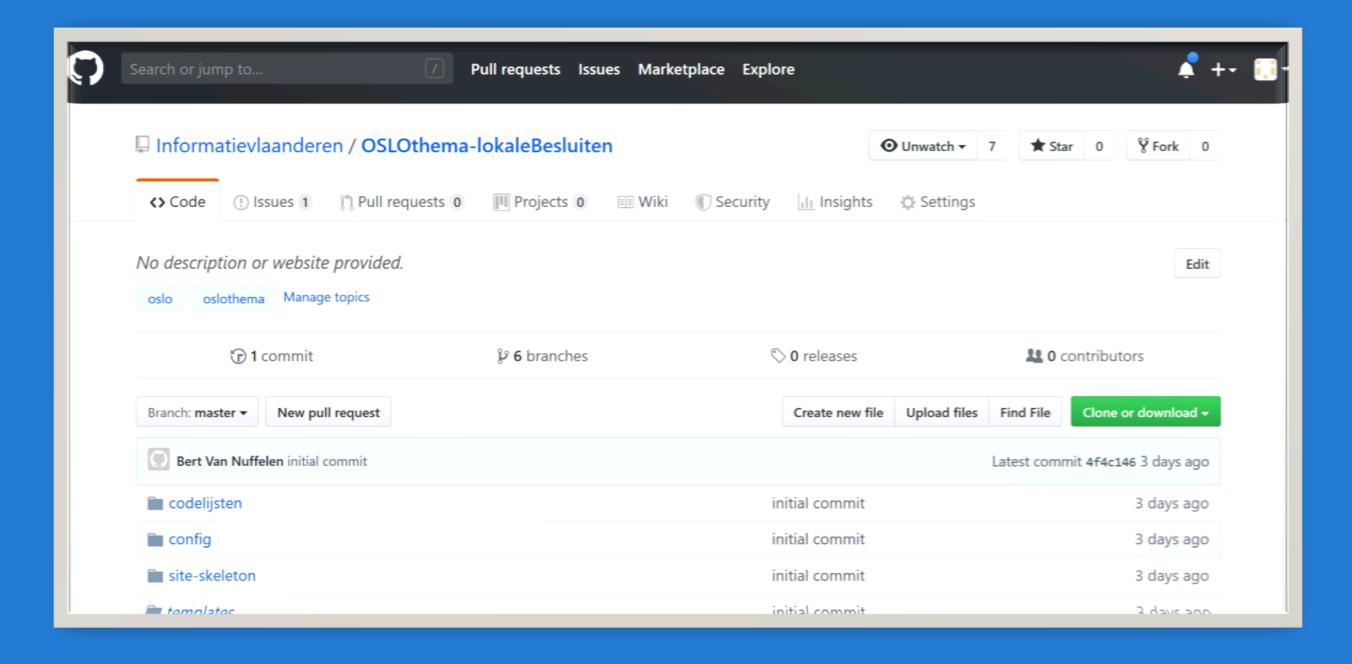








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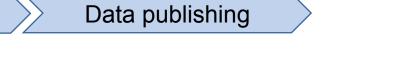


Publishing online

Document generation

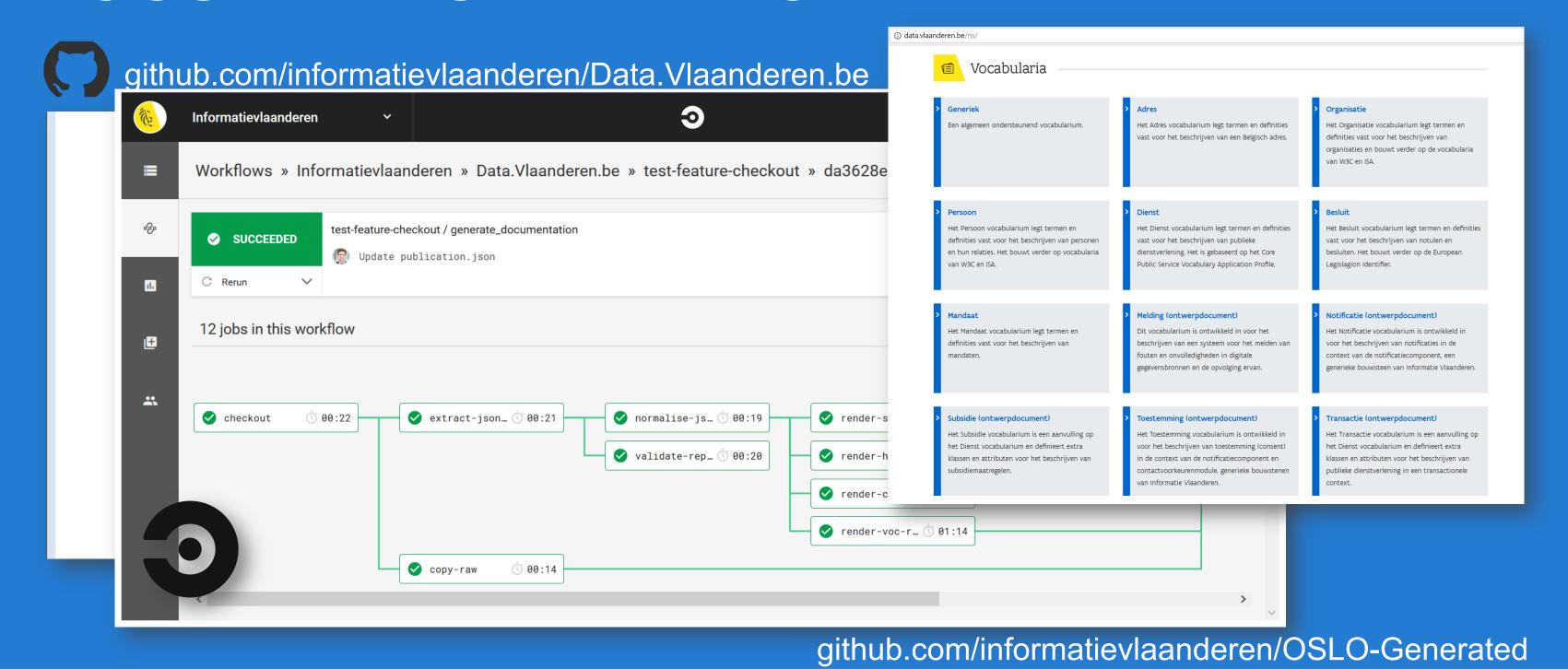








#### DOCUMENT GENERATION







Data publishing



#### PUBLISHING ONLINE

vocabularium

- html
- RDF
- Transformation report

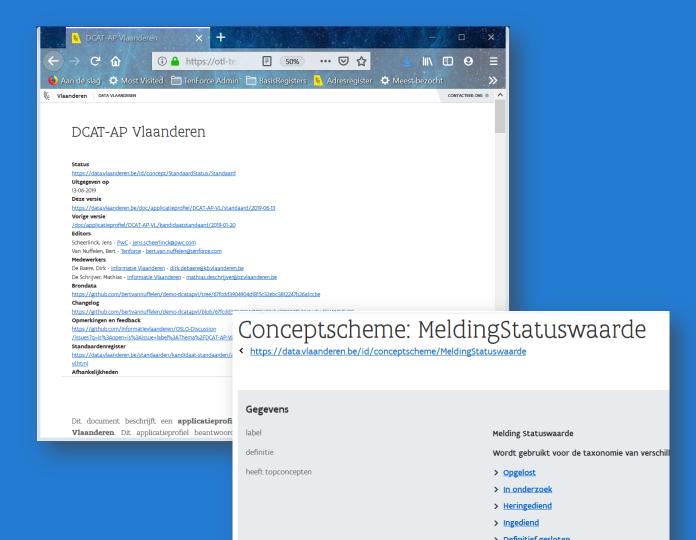
Application profile

- html
- json-LD context
- shacl template
- transformation report

Codelists

- Seperate from vocs and aps
- According to the URI strategy

Document generation







Publishing online Data publishing



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#### INCREASING THE ADOPTION: JSON-LD

- JSON REST API'S ARE CURRENTLY THE INDUSTRY STANDARD
- JSON-LD IS A STANDARD ALLOWING TO BIND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIONS WITH SEMANTIC REPRESENTATIONS
- TECHNICAL STANDARDS SUCH URI STRATEGY, HYPERMEDIA DRIVEN REST API, REST API
   GUIDELINES
- GENERATE SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS SUCH AS JSON-LD CONTEXTS

```
JSON-LD

{
"voorkeursnaam": "Agentschap Informatie Vlaanderen",
"alternatieveNaam": "AIV"
}

JSON-LD

{
"@context": "http://data.vlaanderen.be/context/organisatie.jsonId",
"@id": "http://data.vlaanderen.be/id/organisatie/OVO002949",
"@type": "Organisatie",
"voorkeursnaam": "Agentschap Informatie Vlaanderen",
"alternatieveNaam": "AIV"
}
```







#### INCREASING THE ADOPTION: SHACL

- DOES THE DATA COMPLY?
- SHACL IS STANDARD THAT ALLOWS
   TO EXPRESS (MOST) CONTRAINTS IN
   THE UML MODELS IN THE SEMANTIC
   MACHINE READABLE
   REPRESENTATION
- GENERATE THE CORRESPONDING
  SHACL TEMPLATES

```
504 ▼ dienst:PublicServiceShape
505
         a sh:NodeShape
506
         sh:targetClass <http://purl.org/vocab/cpsv#PublicService>
507 ▼
         sh:property
508
              sh:name "naam"
509
              sh:description "Officiële naam van de publieke dienstverlening."
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             sh:maxCount 1
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              sh:path <http://purl.org/dc/terms/title>
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515 ▼
         sh:property
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              sh:name "heeftVerantwoordelijke"
              sh:description "Publieke organisatie die verantwoordelijk is voor
517
                  het aanbieden en beheren van de publieke dienstverlening."
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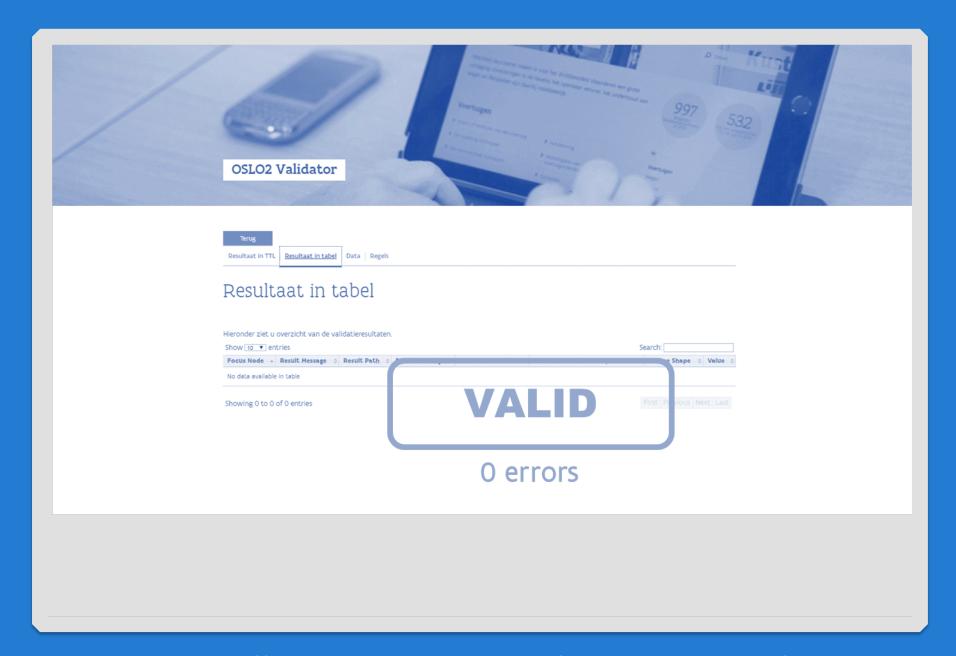






#### OSLO VALIDATOR

- SIMPLE FRONTEND
  - READS ENTERED DATA OR URLS
  - ALLOW TO SELECT A SHACL TEMPLATE
  - PRESENT THE RESULT IN A TABLE

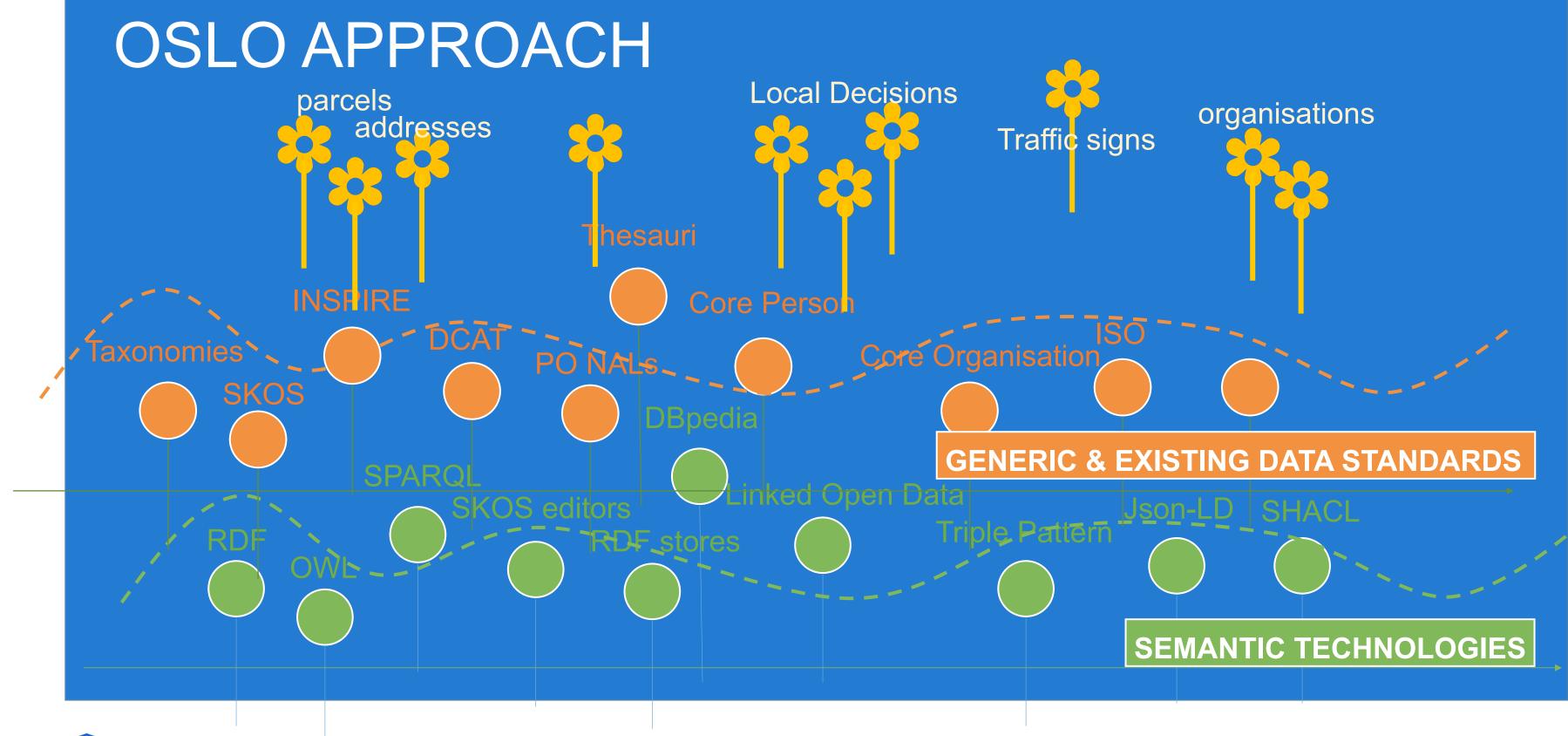


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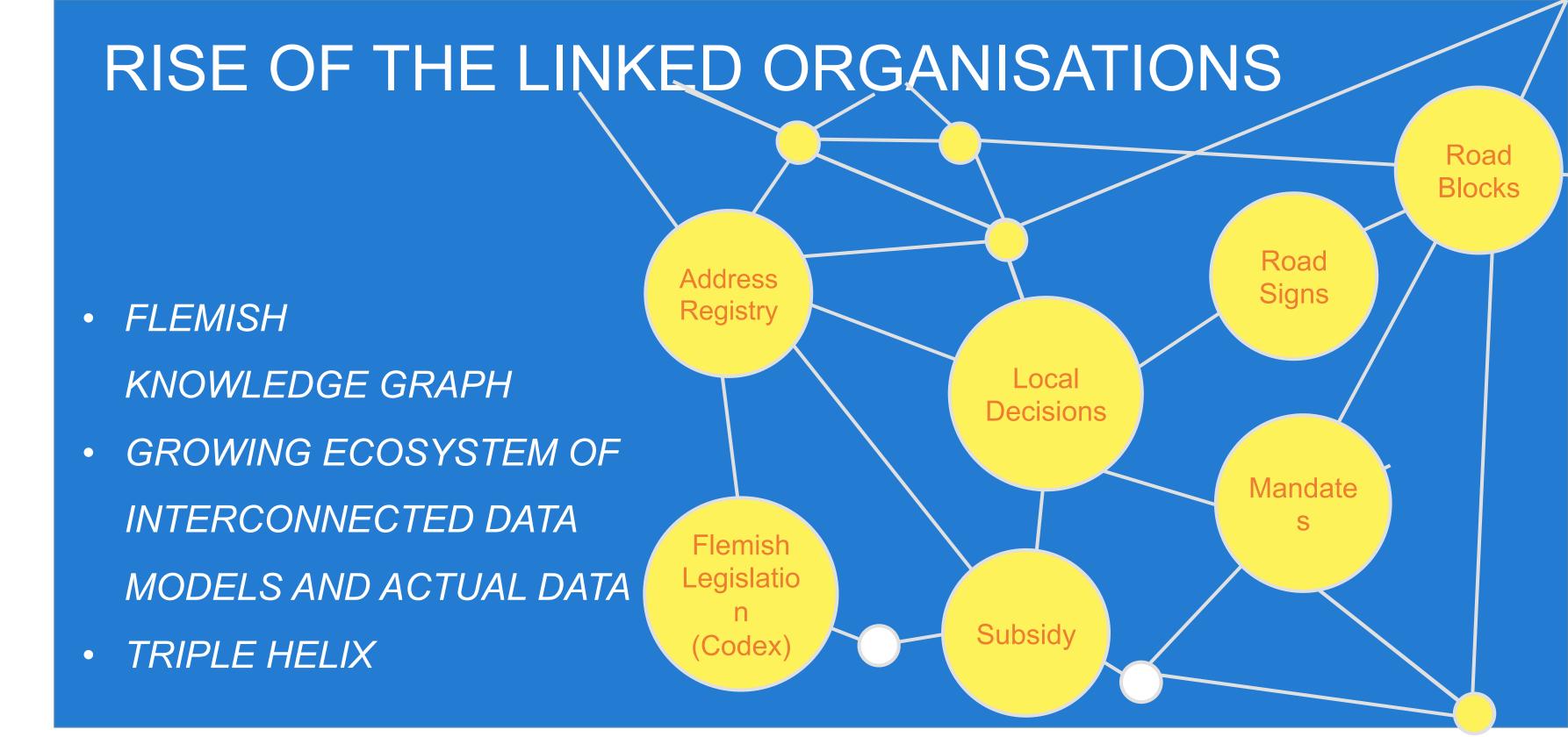


















#### CONCLUSIONS

- 1. FOCUS: RAISING SEMANTIC AND TECHNICAL INTEROPERABILTY
- 2. END-2-END APPROACH IS CRUCIAL
- 3. THE OSLO OPEN SOURCE TOOLS FACILITATE THE WIDE 'SPAN OF CONTROL'







#### NEXT STEPS

- INCREASE THE TRUST BY OFFERING COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES,
   CHECKS AND VALIDATION TOOLS
- USE THE KNOWLEDGE GRAPH TO GENERATE A DIGITAL VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION OF FLANDERS (DIGITAL TWIN)







#### YES, WE'RE OPEN!





• OPEN STANDARDS

https://data.vlaanderen.be

• OPEN SOURCE

https://github.com/informatievlaanderen

https://github.com/lblod

OPEN DATA

https://data.vlaanderen.be/sparql









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