Name of Country: Ireland

Title of Commitment: Ireland will sign up to the G8 Open Data Charter

Open data has the potential to drive innovation and economic growth, improve public services, strengthen democracy, and increase transparency and accountability of government. The G8 Open Data Charter which was announced at the recent G8 Summit at Lough Erne, provides Ireland with a significant framework for its data related OGP commitments. The Charter embodies five core principles: Data should be open by default, of high quality, useable by all, contributing to improved governance, and promoting innovation. The charter and its principles will act as a touchstone for key aspects of Ireland’s forthcoming OGP National Action plan.

Subject to Government approval therefore, Ireland commits to

* signing up to the G8 Open Data Charter
* appointing an Irish Open Data Board in a governance role
* building an Open Data Platform
* establishing a Steering and Implementation Group to carry out or commission the necessary actions such as overseeing the timely and effective publication of data on the new Open Data Platform.

Signing up to the G8 Open Data Charter will help to ensure that Ireland remains dedicated to Open Data and continues to pursue developments in the field leading to benefits realisation.