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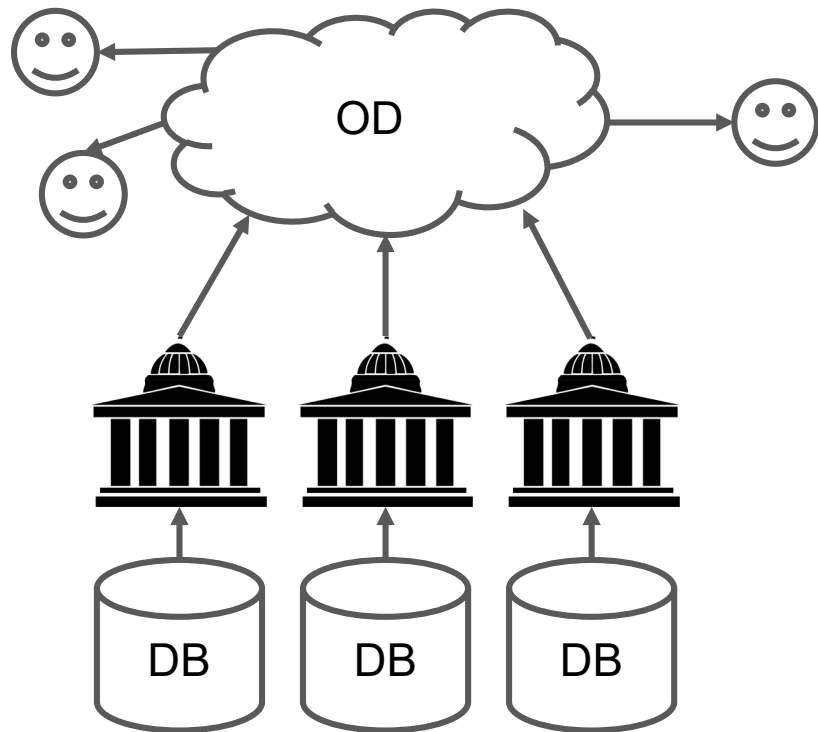
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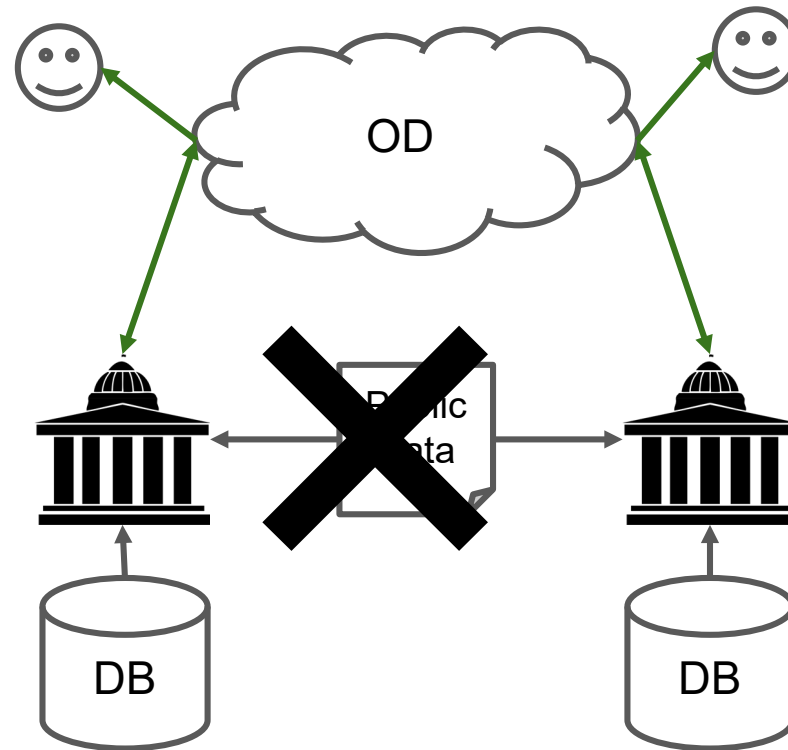
# 2021 legislation update in Czechia

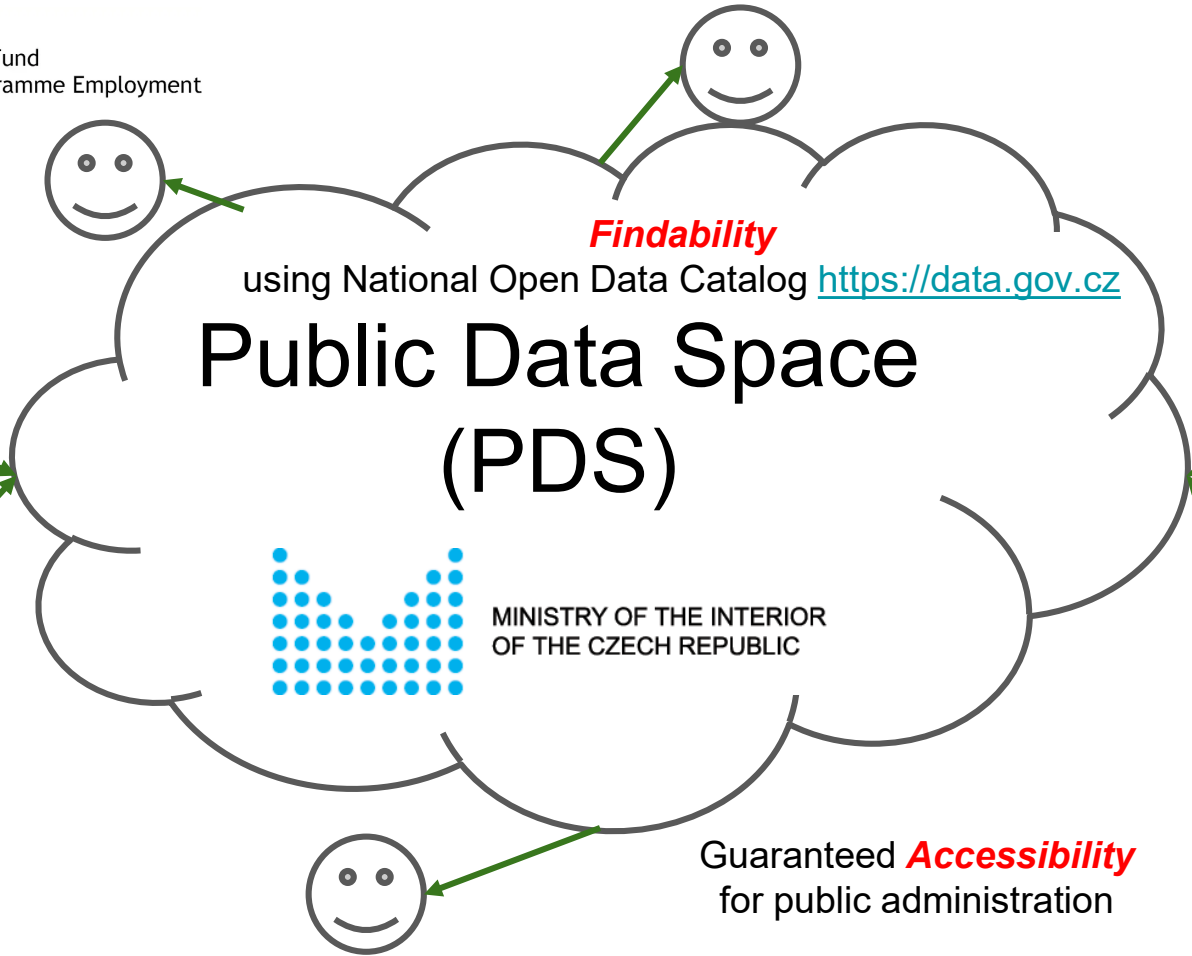


Obligation to **publish** data as open data by default



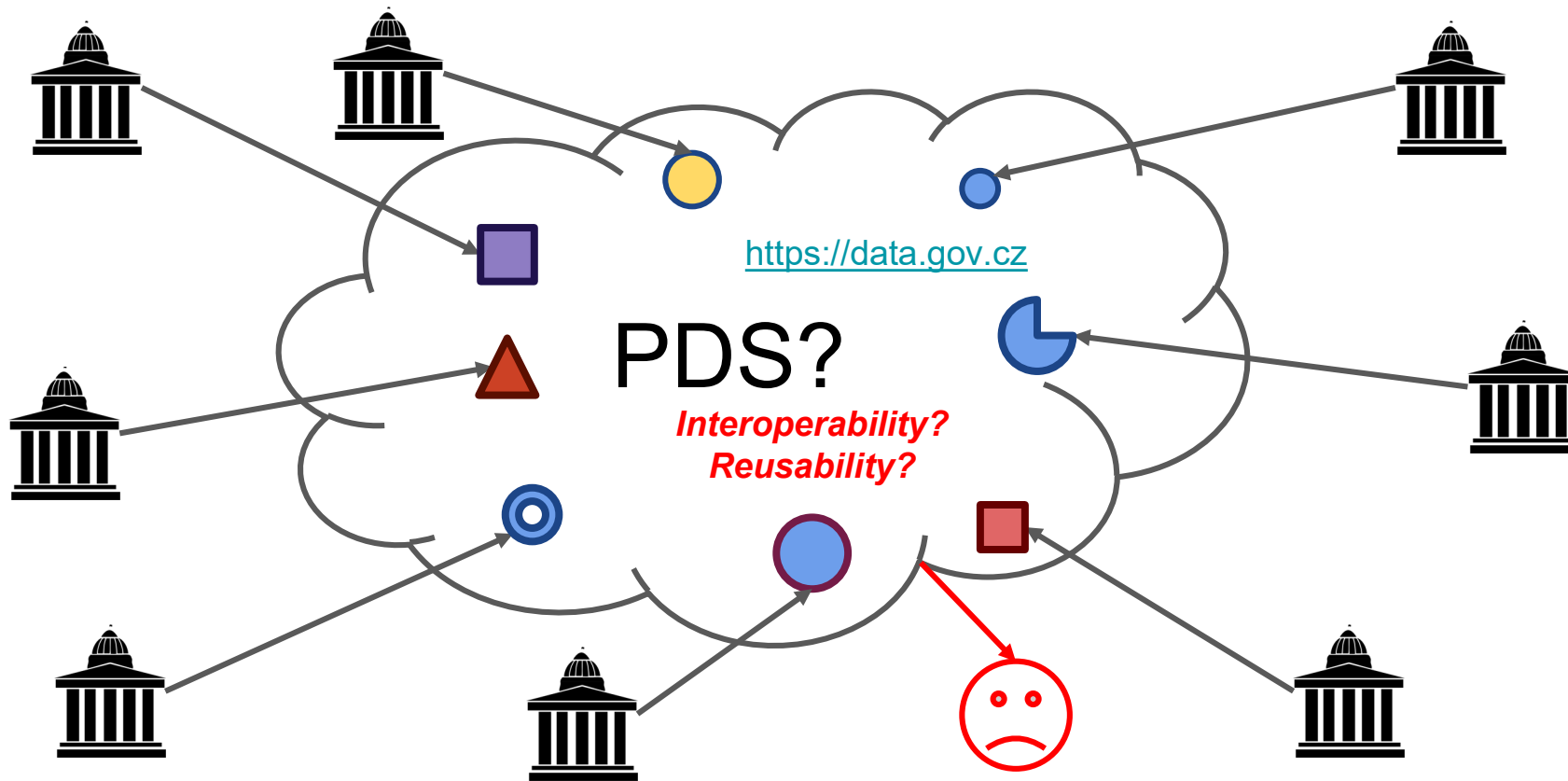
Obligation to **consume** open data







# PDS: regular open data not enough

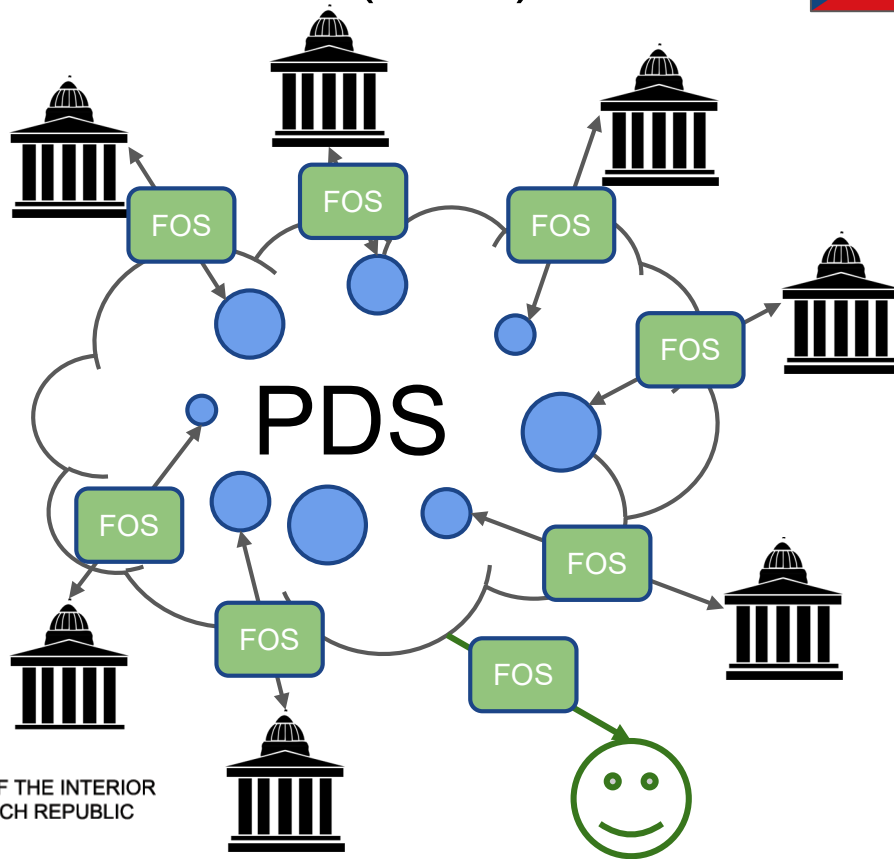




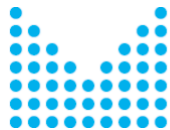
# Formal open standard (FOS)

EU DIRECTIVE 2019/1024  
Article 2 (15)

*'formal open standard' means a standard which has been laid down in written form, detailing specifications for the requirements on how to ensure software interoperability*



In Czech, FOSes are called **Otevřené formální normy (OFN)** and they are coordinated by



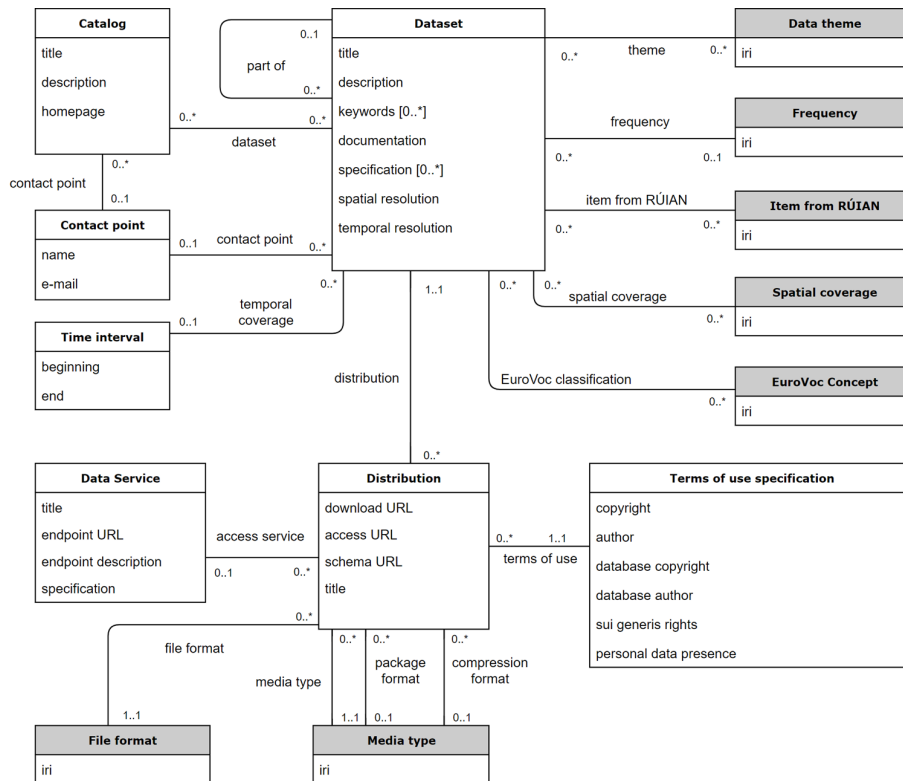
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<b>RDF Class:</b>	<a href="#"><u>dcat:Catalog</u></a>
<b>Definition:</b>	A curated collection of metadata about resources (e.g., datasets and data services in the context of a data catalog)
<b>Sub-class of:</b>	<a href="#"><u>dcat:Dataset</u></a>
<b>Usage note:</b>	A Web-based data catalog is typically represented as a single instance of this class.
<b>See also:</b>	<a href="#"><u>§ 6.5 Class: Catalog Record</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§ 6.6 Class: Dataset</u></a>



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  - possibly CSV + CSV on the Web
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```
{
  "@context": "https://ofn.gov.cz/rozhraní-katalogů-otevřených-dat/2021-01-11/kontexty/rozhraní-katalogů-otevřených-dat.jsonld",
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    "en": "Public transport timetables"
  },
  "popis": {
    "cs": "Obsahem datové sady jsou schválené a aktuálně platné jízdní řády veřejné linkové dopravy postoupené do Celostátního informačního systému o jízdních řádech ve strojově zpracovatelném formátu.",
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      "timetable",
      "public transport",
      "bus"
    ]
  }
}
```





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4. Predefined metadata
  - DCAT-AP
  - for National Open Data Catalog

**OTEVŘENÁ DATA**

**Číselník pro sporty** ← codelist of sports

Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

Tento číselník obsahuje sporty, které jsou použity zejména v otevřené formální normě Sportoviště, <https://ofn.gov.cz/sportoviště>

**codelist**

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**Dataset theme**  
Government and public sector [↗](#)

**Spatial coverage**  
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**Specification** ← FOS for codelists  
OFN: Číselníky



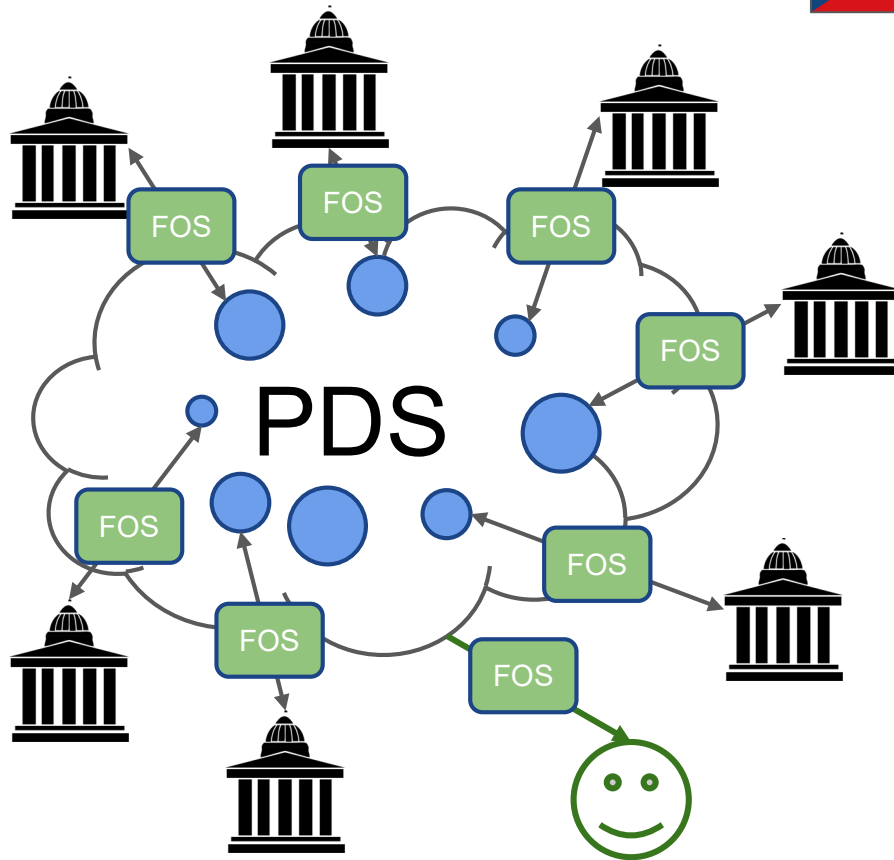
# FOS - why is it useful



## Formal open standard (FOS) function

- Obviously: *syntactic* interoperability among various publishers
- But also: protection of interoperability
  - When system supplier changes
  - When system operator changes
- Moreover: faster Linked Data adoption
  - JSON in fact JSON-LD => LD
  - CSV + CSVW => LD
- Compliance with FOS => LD

***Interoperability***  
***Reusability***





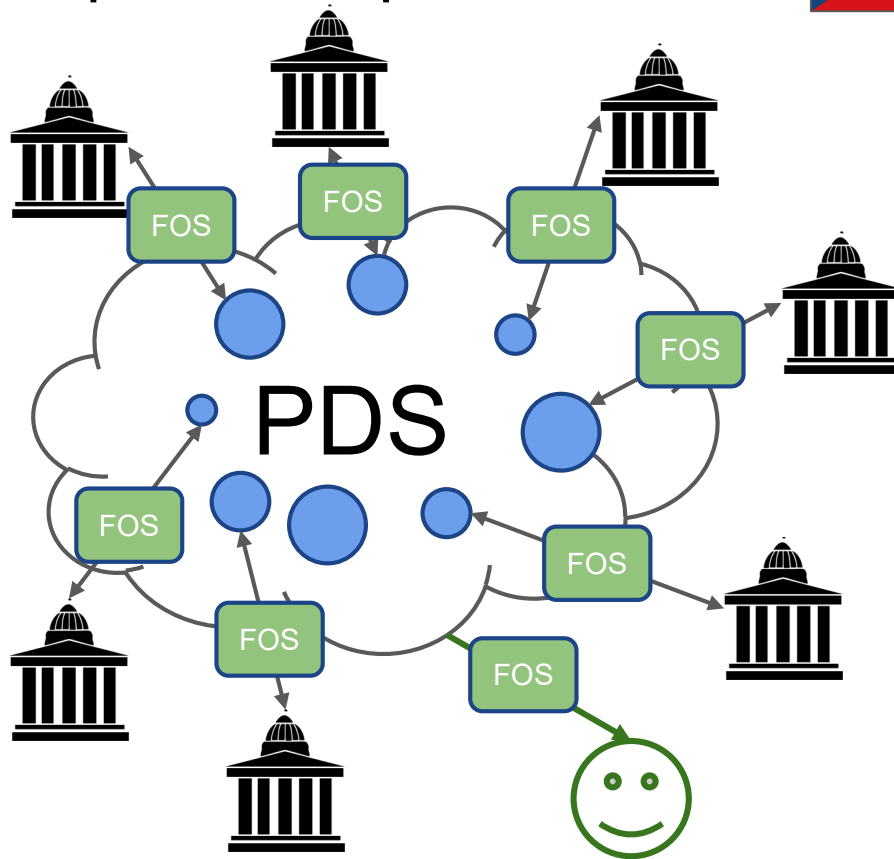
# Public Data Space recap



What we have so far in Public Data Space (PDS)

- Open data
- **Findability** in National Open Data Catalog
  - and therefore data.europa.eu
- Guaranteed **accessibility** for public administration
- **Syntactic interoperability + reusability**
  - JSON-LD => Linked Data
  - Formal Open Standards (FOSES)

What about **semantic interoperability**?





# Semantic mapping of FOSes



Data structures in FOSes can be mapped to multiple semantic definitions

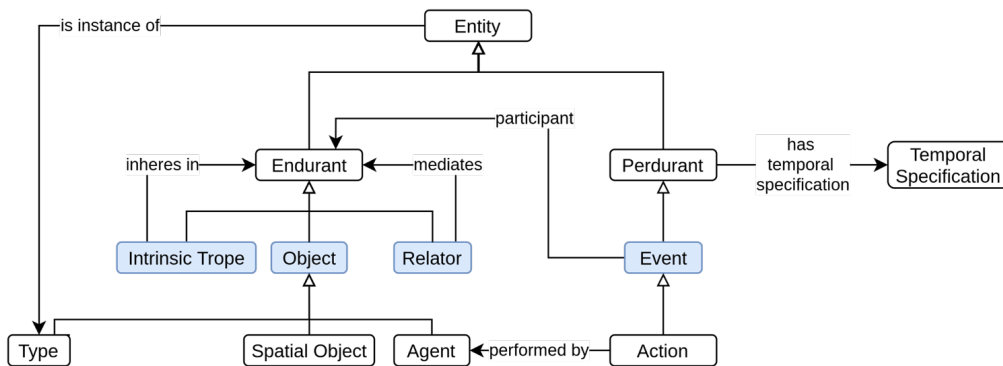
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  "název": {
    "cs": "Hrad Špilberk",
    "en": "Špilberk Castle"
  },
  Context 1: Common Linked Data vocabularies
  @prefix schema: <http://schema.org/> .
  @prefix dcterms: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/> .
  <https://www.spilberk.cz/> a schema:TouristAttraction ,
    dcterms:title "Hrad Špilberk"@cs, "Špilberk Castle"@en .
}
```

## Context 2: SGoV - semantic government vocabulary

```
@prefix cíle: <https://slovník.gov.cz/datový/turistické-cíle/pojem/> .
@prefix věci: <https://slovník.gov.cz/generický/věci/pojem/> .
<https://www.spilberk.cz/> a cíle:turistický-cíl ;
  věci:název "Hrad Špilberk"@cs, "Špilberk Castle"@en .
```



- ecosystem of layered linked ontologies **based on Czech legislation**
  - e.g. one per Act
  - e.g. one per specific domain
  - ...
- semantic definitions of
  - concepts
  - relationships
- mappings among concepts from different domains
  - including ISA<sup>2</sup> Core Vocabularies and other LD vocabularies
- based on UFO-A, UFO-B, UFO-MLT
  - + OntoUML as modeling language
  - inspired by Giancarlo Guizzardi





# SGoV example: Vehicles

Czech Act 56/2001 on the conditions of operation for vehicles on roads

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1999/37/EC  
on the registration documents for vehicles

REGULATION (EU) No 2013/168 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
on the approval and market surveillance of two- or three-wheel vehicles and quadricycles

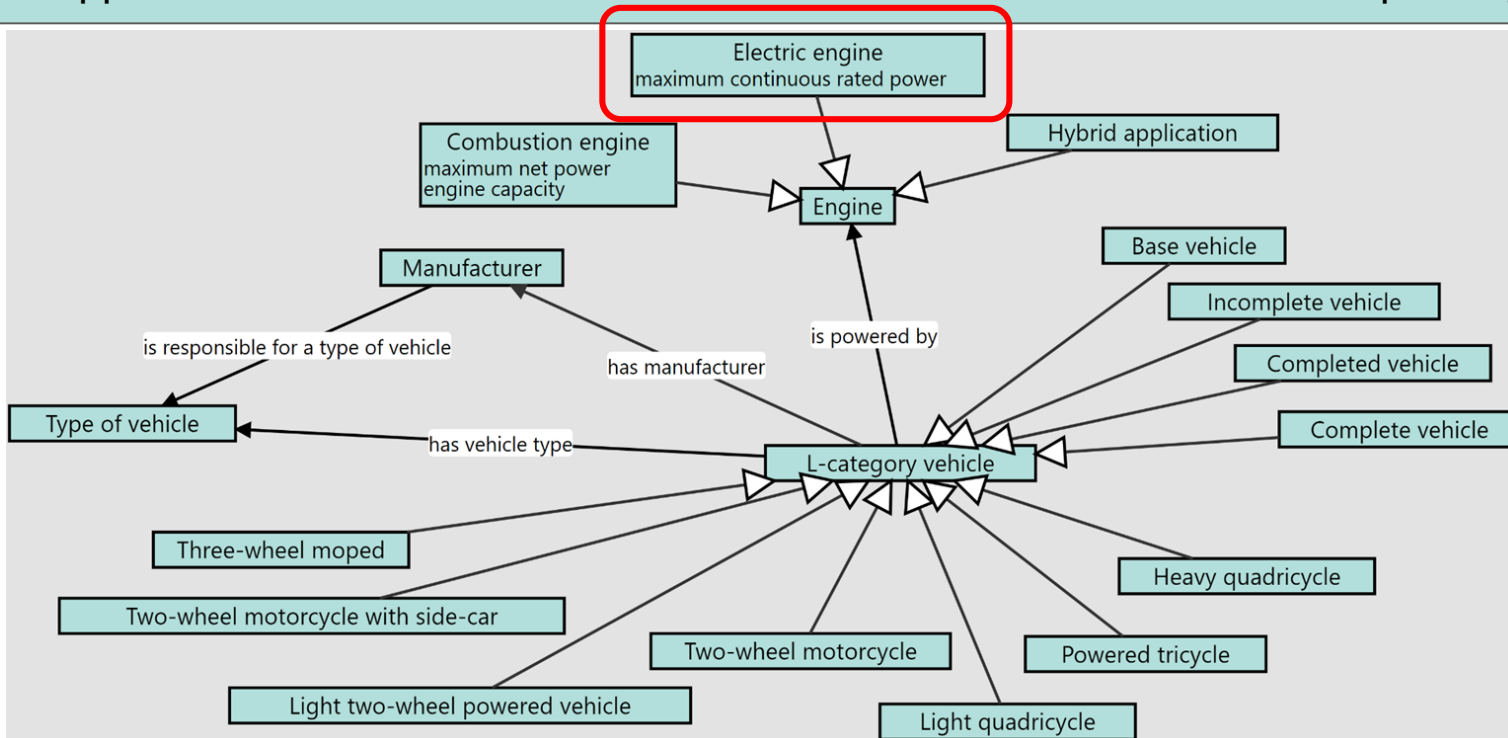
REGULATION (EU) 2018/858 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles



# SGoV example: Vehicles: EU reg. 1



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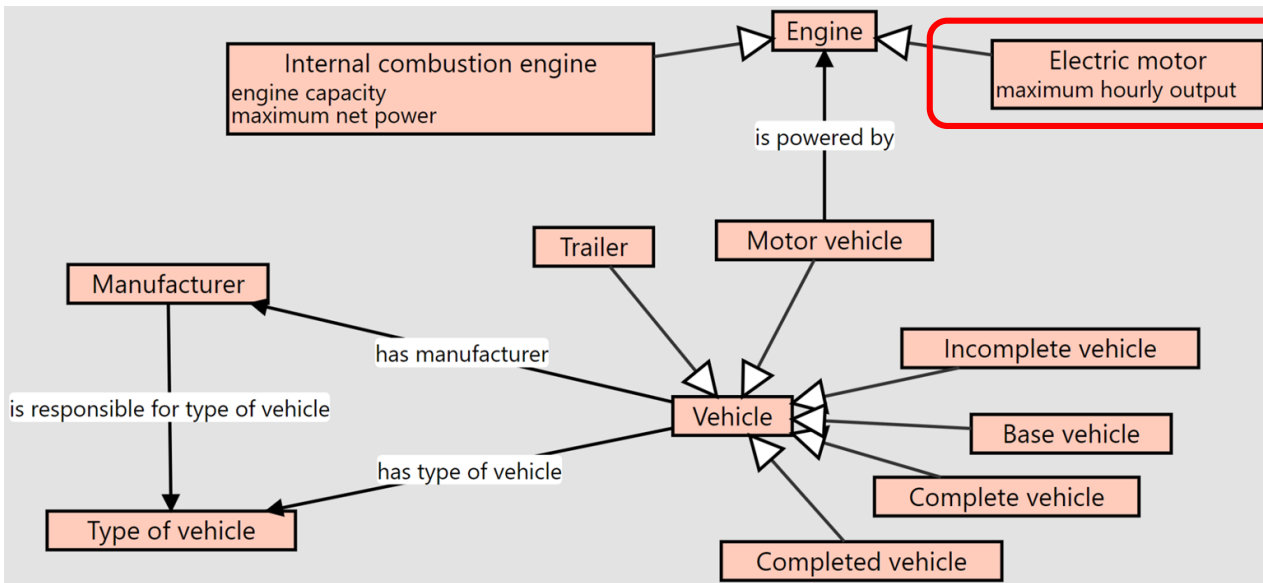




# SGoV example: Vehicles: EU reg. 2



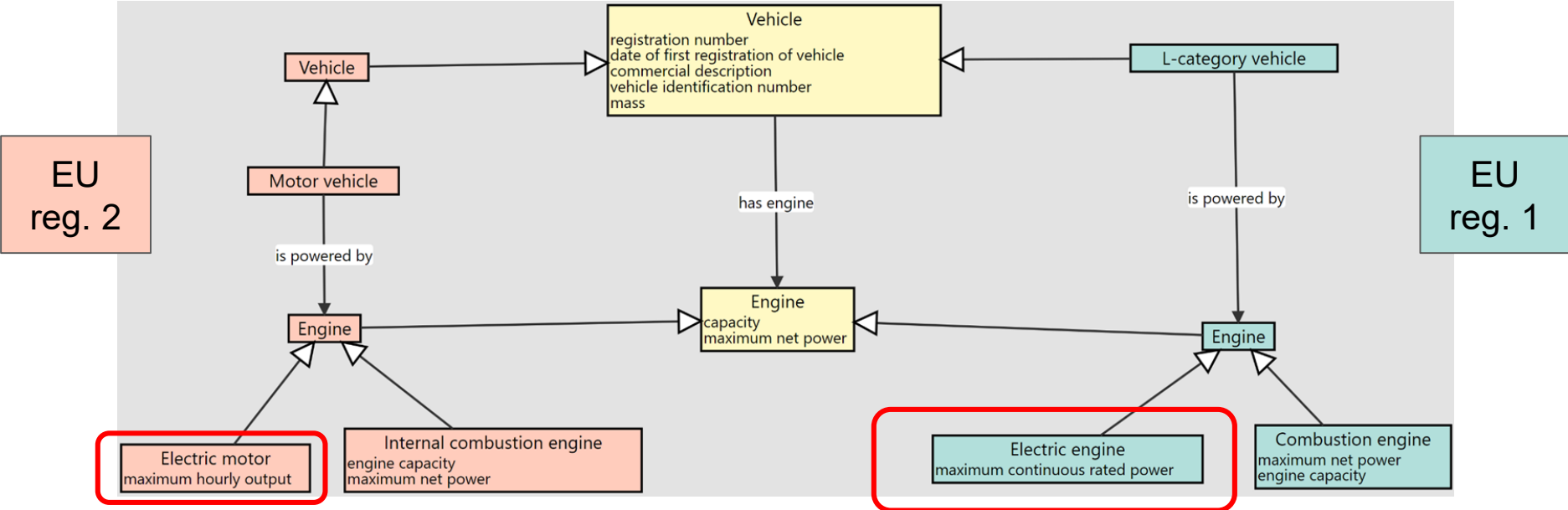
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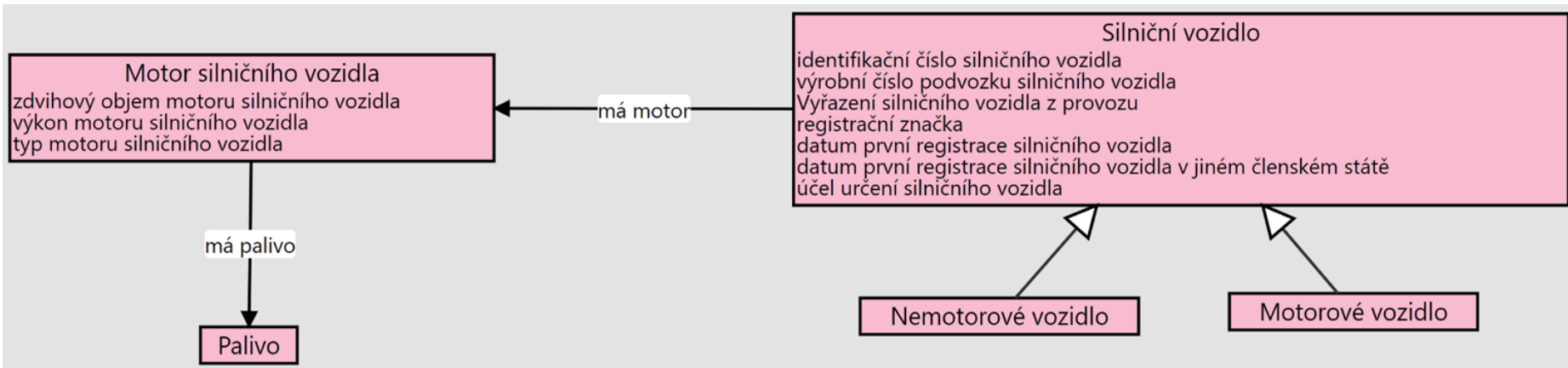


## COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1999/37/EC on the registration documents for vehicles





## Czech Act 56/2001 on the conditions of operation for vehicles on roads





# CZ <-> EU legislation mapping (en)

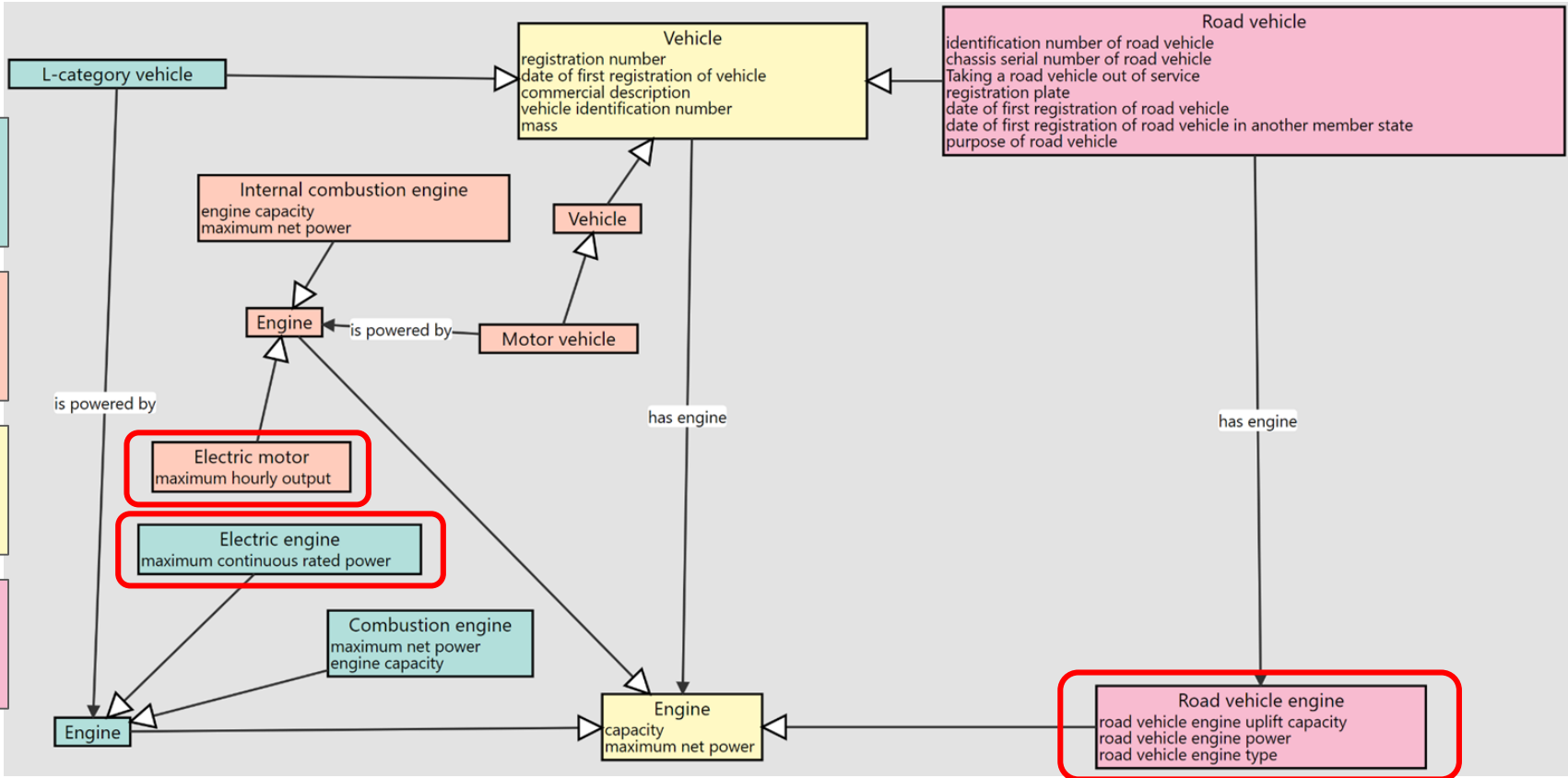


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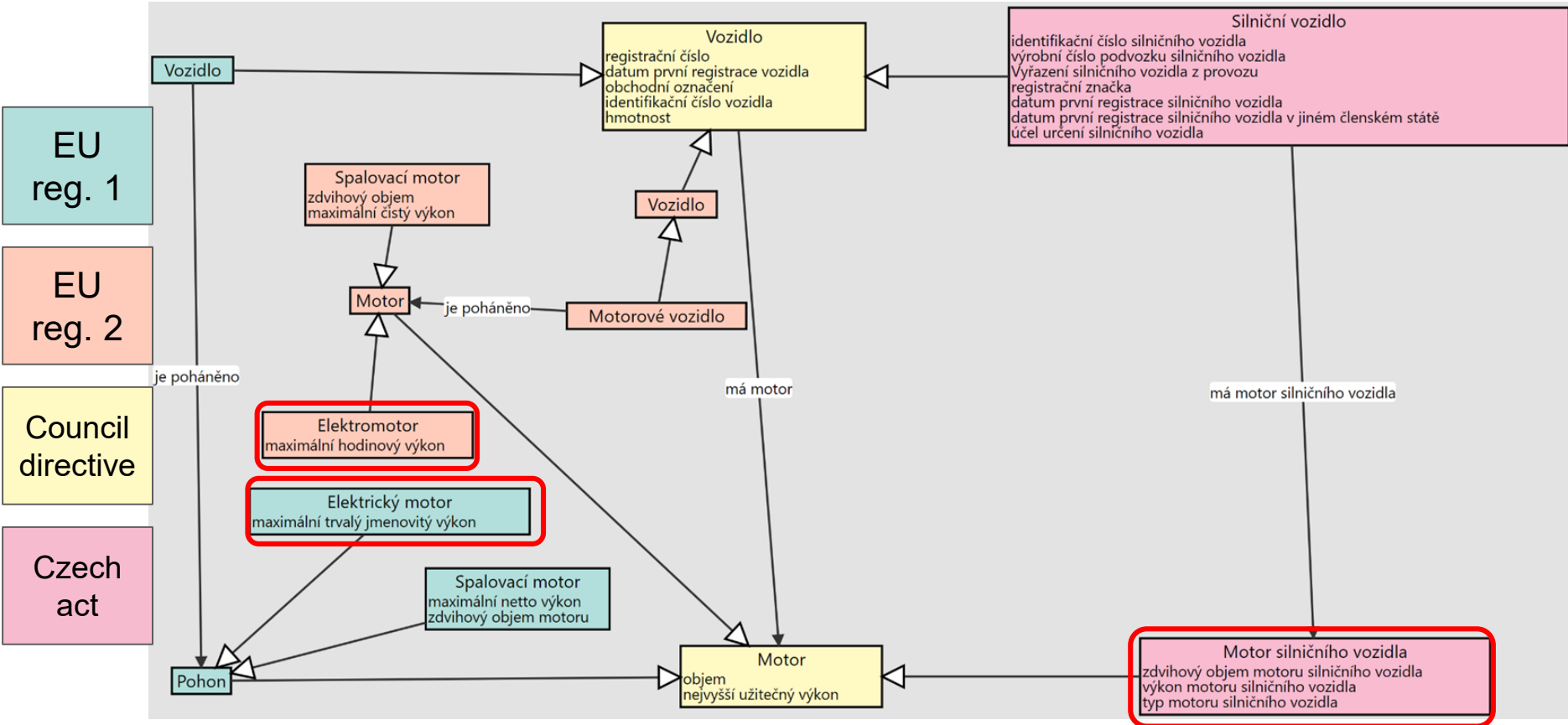
Council  
directive

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act





# CZ <-> EU legislation mapping (cs)





# SGoV tools and workflow



1. Look-up/Create relevant vocabularies



Control Panel



Vocabulary stubs

Control Panel REPORT A BUG ENGLISH

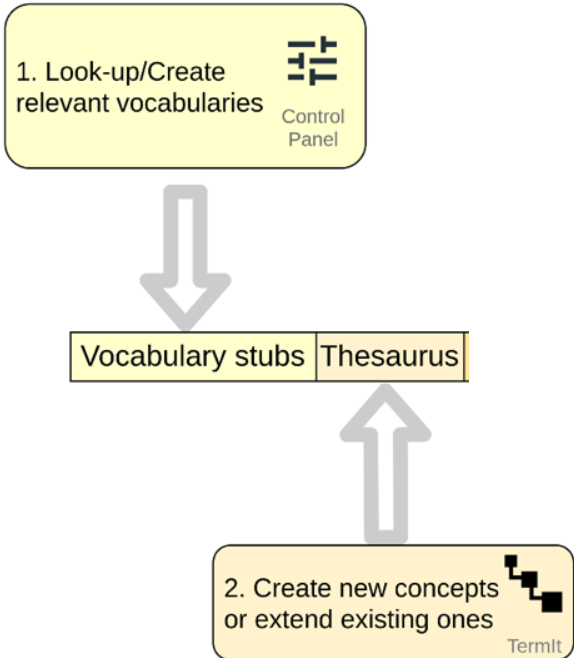
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# SGoV tools and workflow



**Termlt**

Dashboard / Vocabularies / COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1999/37/EC

### COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1999/37/EC

[Import](#) [Export](#)

Description

Dependencies

Terms **7** Document **0** Additional properties **7**

Activity

Terms [+ New Term](#)

Confirmed  Draft

- date of first registration of the vehicle
- holder of the Registration Certificate
- has registration certificate holder
- surname or business name
- Registration certificate
- registration number
- vehicle



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Control Panel

3. Connect concepts by semantic links (e.g. specializations)

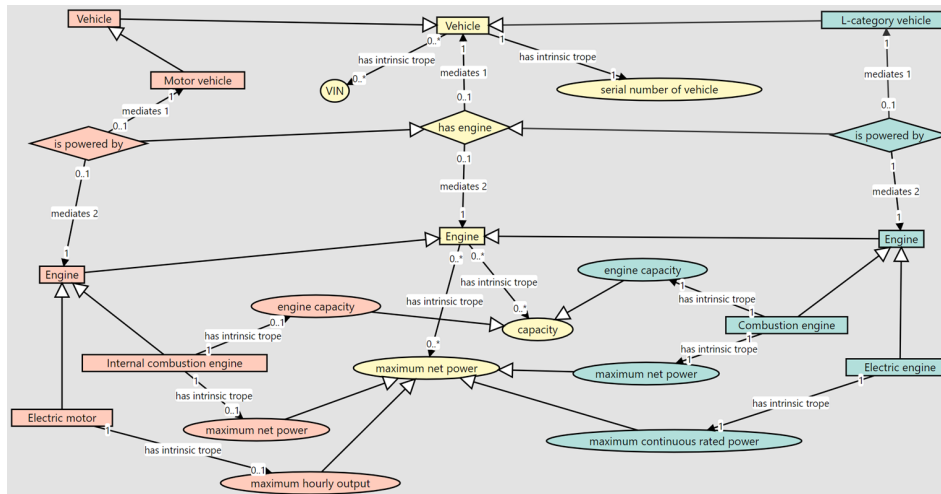


OntoGrapher

2. Create new concepts or extend existing ones

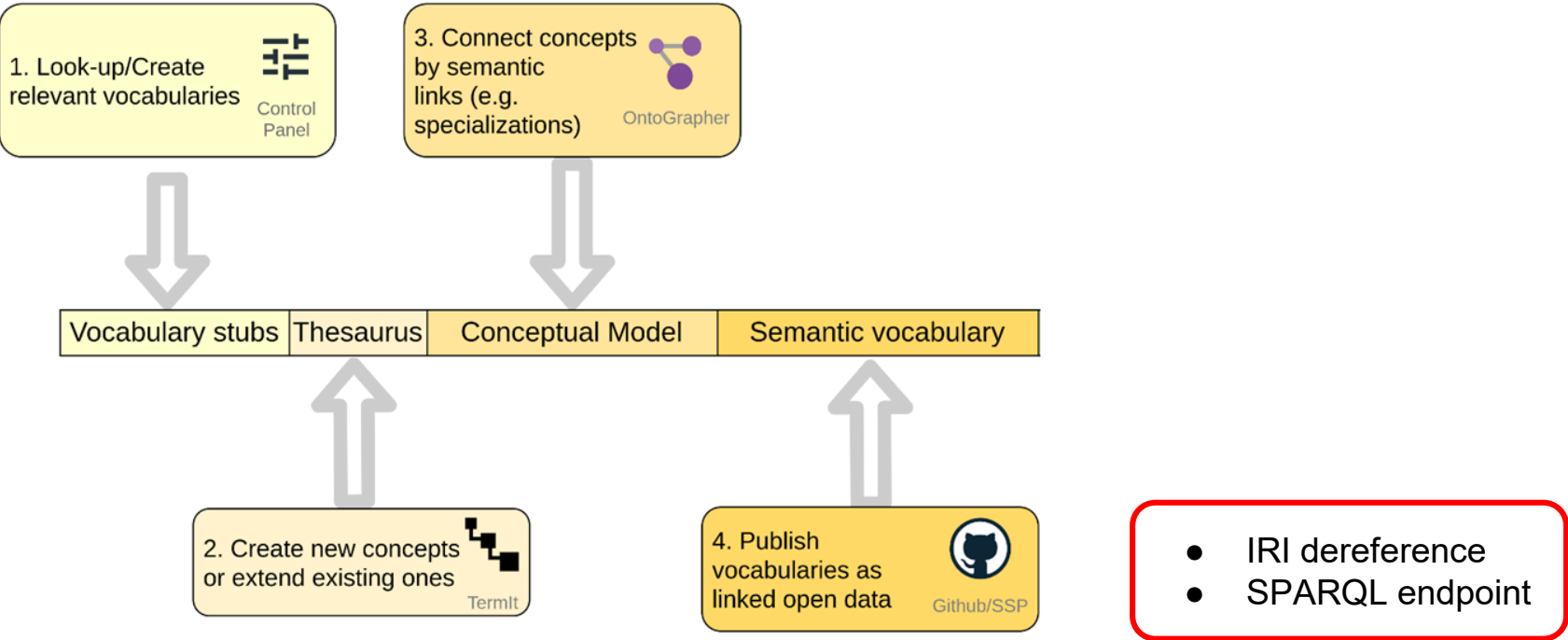
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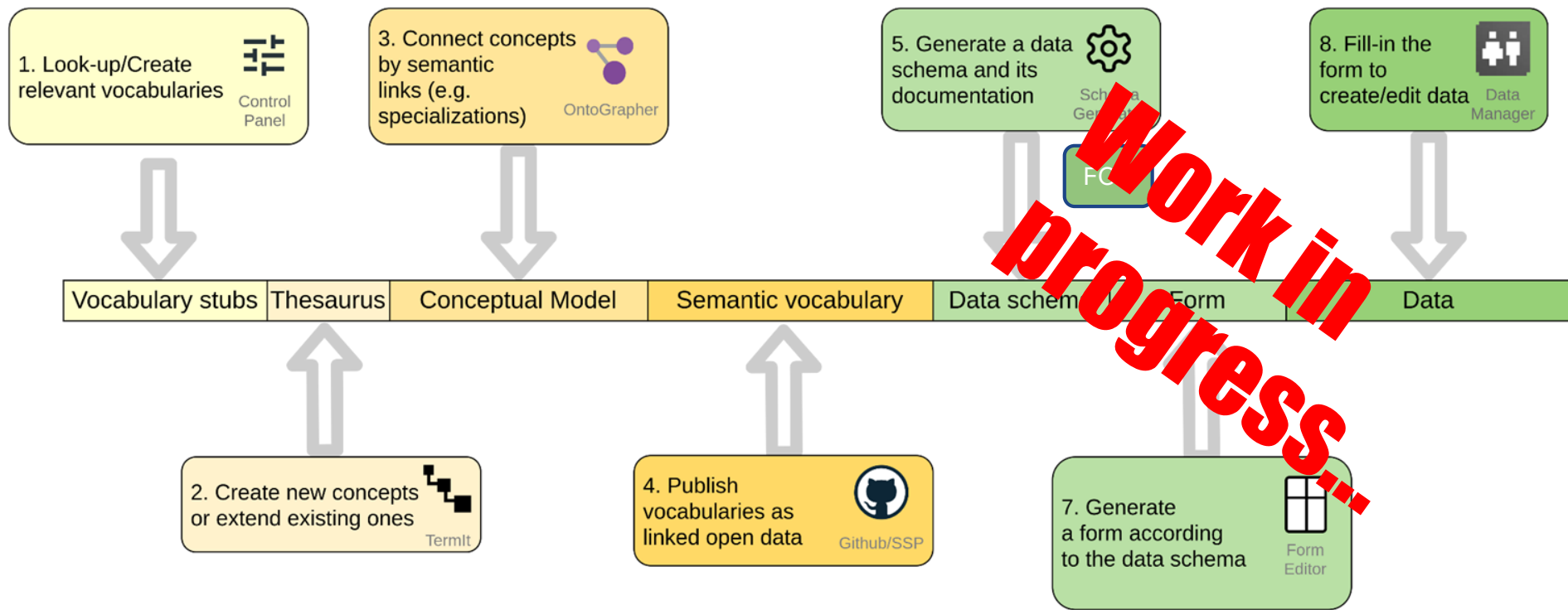
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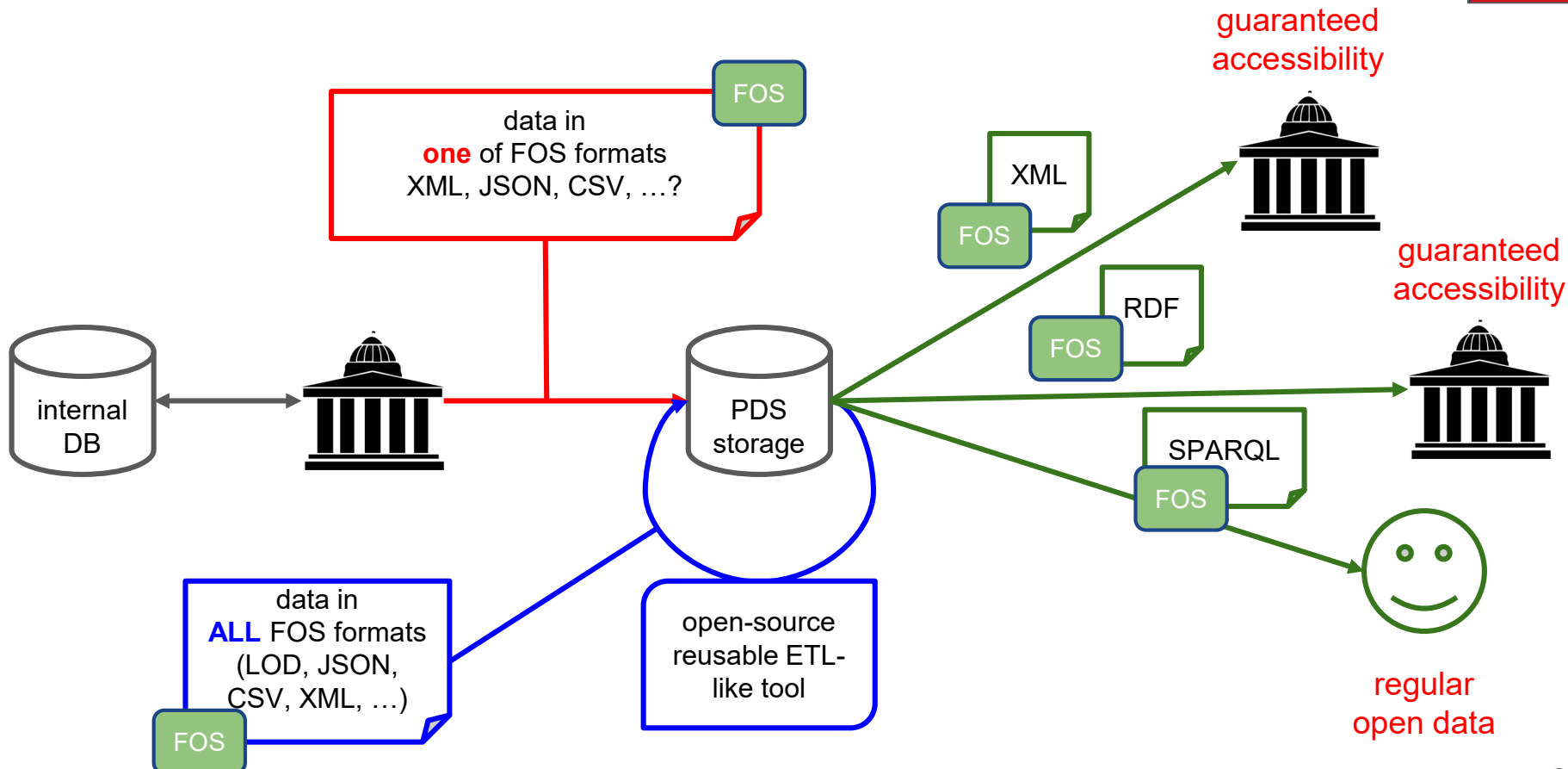


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# Public Data Space (PDS) architecture





# Current state of PDS



- Public Data Space (PDS) architecture is done
- Allocated finances from NextGenerationEU
- Ongoing preparations for implementation
  
- First datasets to populate PDS will be codelists
- FOS for codelists based on SKOS



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# Vision of extension to EU context

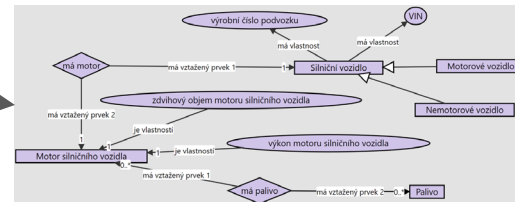


## Czech data about vehicle registrations

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  "název": {
    "cs": "Moje nové elektroauto",
    "en": "My new electric vehicle"
  }
}
```



## Czech vehicles act (SGoV)



automatic,  
semantically  
interoperable  
transformations

CZ <-> EU legislation mapping (SGoV)

## SEMIC Vehicle registration evidence (SDG)

Vehicle Registration Evidence

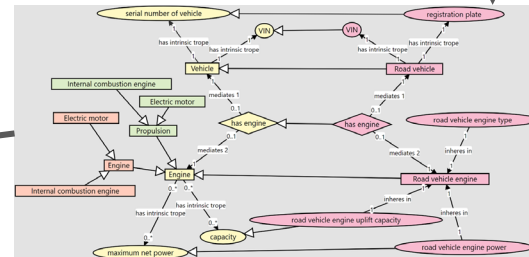
Entities

Vehicle Registration Evidence

Definition: Official document or data proving the registration of a Vehicle.

Source: Council Directive 1999/37/EC of 29 April 1999 on the registration documents for vehicles

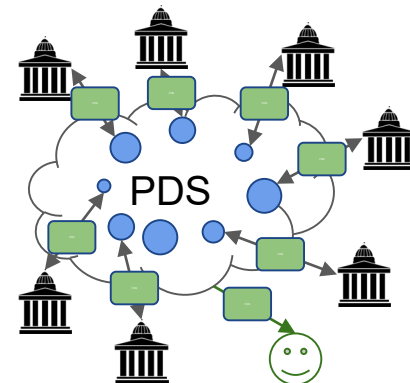
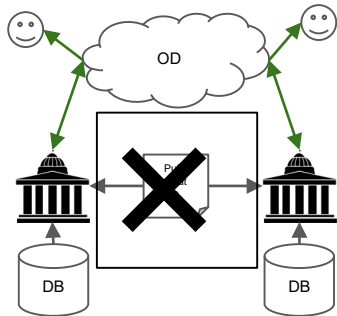
attribute	expected type	definition	cardinality	code list
registration number	Identifier	A numeric or alphanumeric identifier that uniquely identifies the Vehicle (or vehicle owner) within the issuing region's vehicle register. Also known as license/number plate.	[1..1]	N/A
status	Code	Actual status of the vehicle's registration.	[1..1]	Issue #16
first registration date	Date	Date of first registration of the Vehicle (somewhere in the world).	[0..1]	N/A



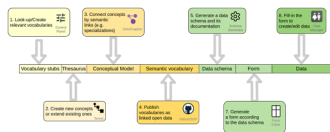
EU legislation based SEMIC Vocabulary mapping



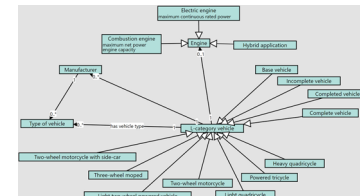
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# Questions?



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