Europe and Central Asia* comprises the second largest number of organizations using open data, after North America. It includes many commercial enterprises, a large number of which are SMEs, and an active developer community.

* Regions and country income levels reflect the World Bank geographic regions and income-level classifications.

**SUMMARY**

Organizations in Europe and Central Asia use open data across all sectors, with the most in the IT and geospatial, governance, business research and consulting. The information most used in the region includes geospatial, government operations, transportation, demographic and social data and statistics.

Overall, both established and new organizations are using open data in the region. Over two thirds are for-profit, and almost half of the organizations are small organizations with ten or fewer employees. The majority of commercial enterprises are located in higher income countries. In low and middle income countries (Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine, Kosovo), the organizations that use open data tend to be nonprofits using the data to promote economic and social development.

**USE CASES**

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**Budget Stories**

*Budget and government transparency in Moldova*

**Country:** Moldova  
**Impact:** Provides analyses and tools accessible to a political layperson on Moldova’s budget and policies.  
**Data Used:** Budget data from Moldova’s Ministry of Finance, Economic, energy and environment data from the National Bureau of Statistics  
**URL:** [http://www.budgetstories.md/](http://www.budgetstories.md/)

**SumoBrain**

*Provides intellectual property information for attorneys, corporate researchers and inventors*

**Country:** United Kingdom  
**Impact:** Facilitates easy patent searching, data transferability, and up-to-date alerts on patent data changes  
**Data Used:** Patent data from U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, European Patent Office, and Japan Patent Office  
**URL:** [http://www.sumobrain.com/](http://www.sumobrain.com/)

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This fact sheet is based on data from the Open Data Impact Map, a public database of organizations that use open data from around the world. 422 organizations from the region were assessed to develop these findings. To learn more, visit: [http://OpenDataImpactMap.org/eca](http://OpenDataImpactMap.org/eca)