

Launching GDP APIs: Open and Comparable Data from Swedish Research and Innovation Funders

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Poster contribution

In 2023, the Swedish Energy Agency, Formas, Forte, the Swedish Research Council and Vinnova were jointly mandated by the Swedish government to develop specifications enabling harmonized and comparable data sharing through APIs. This initiative led to the establishment of the **GDP Project**, aimed at creating a common data standard for Swedish funders of research and innovation. Information about the project has also been included in the Swedish government's report to the STIP Compass provided by the OECD (1).

The project and early results were presented at the euroCRIS Membership Meeting in Leuven last year (2). At that point, version 2.0 of the GDP data standard had recently been adopted and plans for API development were underway. Since then, significant progress has been made.

At the end of 2025, four of the agencies—Formas, Forte, the Swedish Research Council and Vinnova—launched GDP APIs, which are now available through an API portal hosted by Vinnova (3). The Swedish Energy Agency has meanwhile published JSON files containing GDP compliant data on its public website (4). Joint documentation of the data standard (v2.0) is openly available on GitHub (5).

Together with the external GDP reference group consisting of data users and technical stakeholders, the project team is now working on the next version of the data standard, which will further extend the availability of open, comparable and machine-readable funding data. To ensure long-term sustainability, the agencies have also entered into a formal agreement governing data sharing, governance, and continued development of the standard.

At the CRIS2026 conference, the authors will present:

- the technical solutions used for exposing GDP data via APIs;
- the structure and documentation of the data standard;
- practical examples of how the data can be used.
- and plans for future development of both the standard and the API ecosystem.

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