

1. Participation in the “Ministry of data” Challenge is open to any physical person with full legal capacity as well as non-governmental organization or a company. Political parties cannot become “Ministry of data” Challenge participants;
2. All “Ministry of data” Challenge participants may be awarded the prize money as long as their staff are fewer than 10 people and the annual turnover or annual balance does not exceeding EUR 2 million.
3. Three monetary prizes of 2,500.00 USD are sponsored by Gis Data. Two prizes will be awarded to teams who get the most points in the second voting. One prize will be awarded freely by Gis Data to the team of their choice who make the best use of geo data.
4. All “Ministry of data” Challenge participants may be awarded with post-challenge incubation with an exception of those who opted for the “My City Can Do Better” Challenge.
5. Teams made up of natural persons must appoint a leader who will be the recipient of possible prize;
6. The applications must be in English
7. The applications must be received by 28th of November 2016.
8. At least one person in the team must be over 18 years of age.
9. Participants of the “Ministry of Data” 2015 Boot Camp may not apply for the 2016 challenge.
10. Within the “Ministry of data” Challenge various types of project will be accepted: applications, visualizations and other tools, services or products using open data made available by public bodies from the Western Balkan region;
11. Within the “Ministry of data” Challenge only new applications or any other products will be accepted. For the purpose of this Challenge, “new” applications or other products will be defined as those that haven’t been launched before November 28th, 2016 (registration deadline).
12. Application or any other product within “Ministry of data” Challenge must use open data provided by the challenge Organizers. Other public open data as well as crowdsourced data can be used;
13. The resulting application or any other product within “Ministry of data” Challenge cannot be socially harmful, contain illegal content or encourage illegal behavior, interfere with good morals, etc.;
14. The application should solve an important problem of a selected group of inhabitants of Western Balkans region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo*, Macedonia) and cities in particular;
15. Copyright to the solutions developed as part of the “Ministry of data” Challenge belongs to their creators;
16. Criteria for the assessment of applications emerging in the “Ministry of data” Challenge:
 - 16.1. The potential positive impact on the lives of the inhabitants of the Western Balkans region, visitors and / or the development of entrepreneurship;

- 16.2. Sustainability of potential solutions;
- 16.3. Innovative use of technology, data, or API;
- 16.4. User experience design (criterion taken into account in the second ballot of the Jury voting only);
- 16.5. The use of open licenses (appropriate to the type of the published content and software; in the first ballot of the Jury voting assessed by declaration);
- 16.6. The use of WCAG 2.0 standard (in the first ballot of the Jury voting assessed by declaration);
17. In assessing the projects, the Jury takes decisions awarding points to the projects for the degree of fulfillment of the above criteria. The Jury may award from 0 to 5 points to each project for fulfillment of each of the six criteria. On this basis an average rating is calculated per Juror per project. Then an average is calculated for each project. Projects are ranked according to the number of points obtained. The jury consists of invited experts, who are not linked with the Organizers;
18. Out of 10 teams that will take part in the bootcamp, there are 4 places reserved for the “My City Can Do Better” Challenge. One place per city is guaranteed regardless of jury and public choice. If there is more projects per city, one with more points will be chosen for the bootcamp.
19. In order to undergo the second voting and consequently obtain an award, it’s compulsory for two representatives of each finalist team to attend the Boot camp;
20. Applications developed within the challenge may be commercial;
21. The organizers do not assume responsibility or liability for the consequences the application created within the framework of the Challenge;
22. Employees, associates or contractors (on the basis of civil law contracts) of the Organizers, as well as entities and employees of their service providers, and the families of persons and entities mentioned above are not allowed to participate in the “Ministry of data” Challenge;
23. For the purposes of the “Ministry of data” Challenge, family members are considered ascendants to the second degree in a straight and lateral line, and descendants to the second degree in a straight and lateral line, spouses, cohabitants and persons by adoption;
24. The organizers are not obliged to obtain written statements regarding the fulfillment of this condition from the “Ministry of data” Challenge Participants, but they have the right - if in doubt – to verify the status of a Participant in the indicated range. In case of no response or reply confirming the status, referred to above, the participant will be excluded from the “Ministry of data” Challenge;
25. Application for participation in the “Ministry of data” Challenge will include the consent to the processing of personal data of a Participant in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data Protection Act. The administrator of the data within the meaning of applicable regulations is organized. Participants’ personal data will be processed by the Organizers solely for the purpose of implementation of the “Ministry of data” Challenge, including the issue of prizes to the winners and their billing;

26. Providing personal data is voluntary, but necessary for purposes related to the implementation of the “Ministry of data” Challenge. Each participant has the right to inspect their data and correct them and demand to cease processing, which is synonymous with the removal and further participation in the Challenge. Participant can make all necessary changes by themselves by logging on to the Challenge website. A request to remove all data should be reported to the Organizer by e-mail on the official webpage.
27. Personal data regarding Participant’s name and e-mail will be processed by GONG (the Organizer). The data will be placed in the collection of personal data, called "Ministry of Data 2016" and can be made available to the following institutions who are partners in the project:
28. Foundation TechSoup with its registered office in Warsaw, Poland (00 - 028), ul. Bracka 25;
29. United Nations Development Programme, Istanbul Regional Hub, with its registered office in Sisli, Istanbul, Turkey (34381), Key Plaza, Abide-I Hurriyet Cad. Istiklal Sok. No: 11, floor 12, room 12.06.
30. The purpose of data collection is the proper conduct of the “Ministry of data” Challenge;
31. “Ministry of data” Challenge participants personal data will be processed solely for purposes related to the Challenge, and in particular the announcement of the results of the “Ministry of data” Challenge;
32. Participant declares that the information provided by him/her as their personal data are true
33. and factual. If these figures are not true or factual, “Ministry of data” Challenge organizers may consider this as a violation of the Rules;
34. Only natural persons are allowed to register at the “Ministry of data” Challenge website and cast votes in the public voting. All votes coming from automated accounts will not be taken into consideration.
35. Applicants who are in violation of these Rules will be removed from the competition.

* all references to Kosovo are made in the context of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999)