



Customer Success

Government of Costa Rica

A federation of 20 government agencies is supported by Junar

“We are trusting Junar with our nation-wide Open Data initiative”

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COSTA RICA EMBRACES OPEN DATA

Following a trip to the United States in 2011, Costa Rica’s president, Laura Chinchilla, became very interested in the Open Data movement. She appointed Alicia Avendaño to the position of Director of Digital Government and Modernization.

Because Ms. Avendaño knew that the concept of Open Data would be new to all agencies of the government, she wanted to eliminate any financial obstacles and authorized a centralized purchase of enough Open Data portals to support twenty different agencies of the Costa Rican government.

Junar’s platform offered the ability for each agency to control their own data, yet participate as a federation of Open Data providers. With the assistance of local IT services specialist, Grupo Inco, Junar got all agencies up and running within two months and the Digital Government was launched in June 2012.

BUILDING CIVIC TRUST WITH ALL AGENCIES

Part of Digital Government’s goal is to encourage all municipalities of Costa Rica to embrace Open Data. The ease of deployment and the ease of publishing the datasets was a key factor to Junar’s success. In 2013, the Costa Rica extended its relationship with Junar and is moving forward with more initiatives to open the government’s data to its citizens.



APPLICABLE TO ALL AGENCIES

A wide range of government agencies have been able to use the Junar platform as the portal to their data. Here is a list of the participating organizations.

- Presidency
- MCIT
- Mideplan Costa Rica
- INEC Costa Rica
- Ministry of Finance
- MEIC
- Chamber of Commerce
- City of Mora
- Municipalities of Palmares
- Santa Ana
- Pima
- Ministry of Livestock and Agriculture
- Ministry of Foreign Trade
- Judiciary
- Ministry of Youth and Culture
- Advocacy of the Inhabitants of Costa Rica
- Ministry of Telecommunications'
- Costa Rican Social Security
- Ministry of Public Security

“We increasingly are committed to making the public sector more efficient and effective in order to collaborate, make decisions in a timely manner, and encourage increasing citizen engagement in solving national problems. For that reason, we have formulated development agendas based on dialogue and interaction.”

Open Government Partnership

2013-2014 Action Plan of Costa Rica

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Figure 1. Federated data sets from 20 government agencies

FASTEST, EASIEST, MOST AFFORDABLE SOLUTION

Junar provides everything you need to open your data with confidence. It's built for massive scale and supports local and global data-driven organizations. With Junar, you can easily choose what data to collect, how you want to present it, and when it should be made publicly available. You can also determine which datasets are made available to the public and which datasets are available only for your internal use. Think of it as a next generation data management system for sharing information.

Whether you want to integrate your data into your website or have us host it for you, Junar provides a simple workflow that allows you to collaborate with your colleagues and manage your entire Open Data project. The platform also allows you to drive social conversations with the public, understand what data they want and what they find to be valuable. And because you can add metadata to the information you publish, you will likely see improved use of your data due to search engine optimization.

Junar delivers all of the benefits of SaaS (Software-as-a-Service) to help you open data to stimulate

innovation. We make it easy to deal with complex, end-to-end Open Data projects and turn the difficult task of opening data into a secure and controlled process. Finally, Junar offers a range of subscription plans to suit every organization: the more data you open, the less you pay per dataset.



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