# **STEDective**

A free and open-source solution to make European public procurement data explorable for non-experts



#### What's Tenders European Daily?

- Publishes European public procurement data as XML since 2015. ~700k notices p.a. describing procurement processes totalling at least € 670 billion p.a. in value.
- Everything (<u>above a certain threshold</u>) that public institutions in the EU buy from whom for how much is in there.



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- This is why we applied to last year's EU Datathon



#### User journey

You might be a public servant who wants to know who buys what from *Microsoft Deutschland GmbH* to see how much money you could save by using free software instead?

Or you are a journalist, who want to investigate the recent purchases made by the Polish Border Guard.

TEDective will allow anybody to explore European public procurement data.





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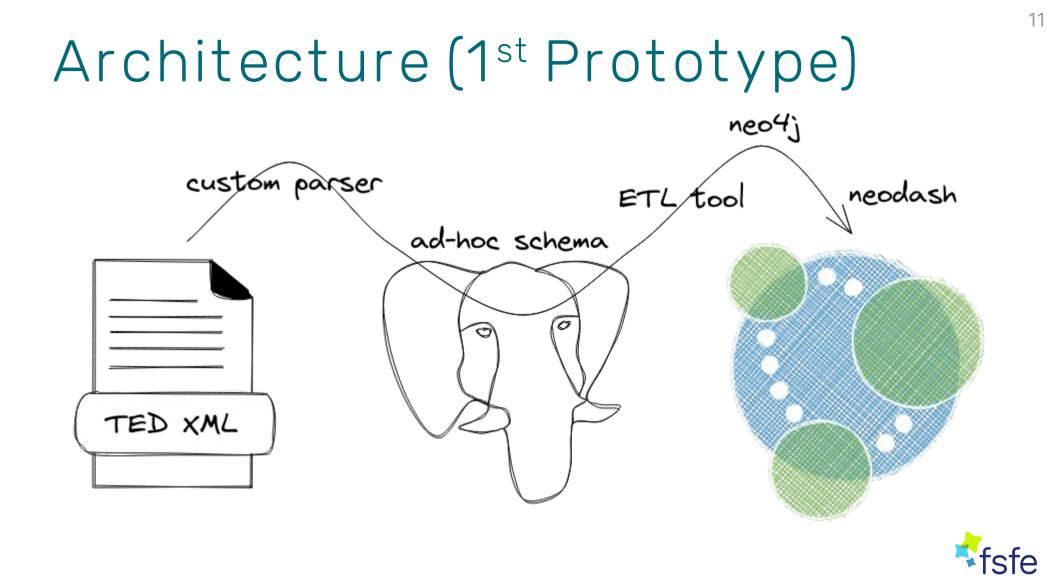
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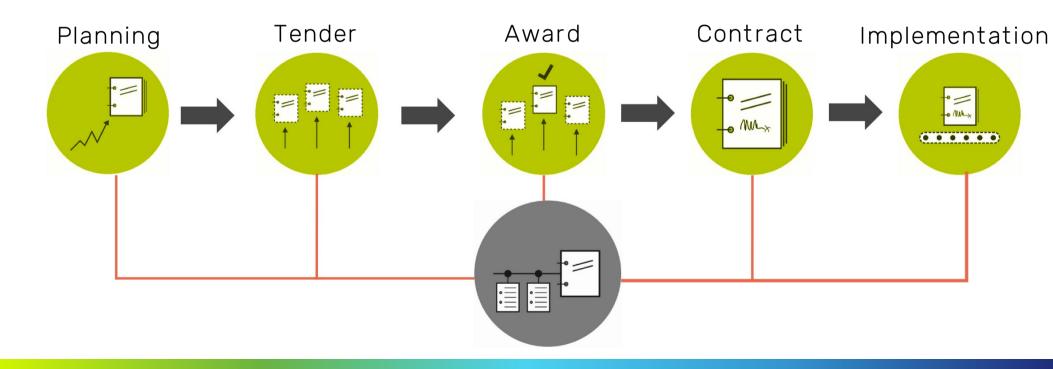


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#### What's next? A short primer on OCDS

• At the core of TEDective is the Open Contracting Data Standard

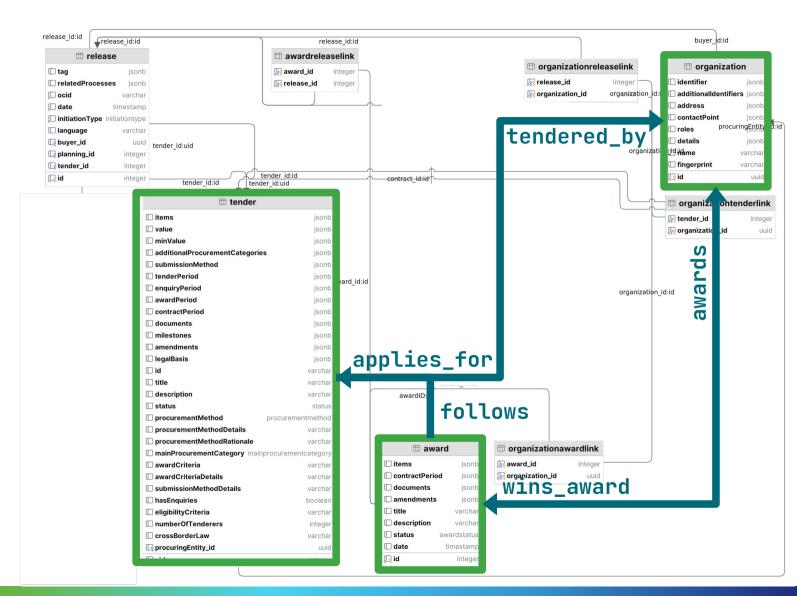


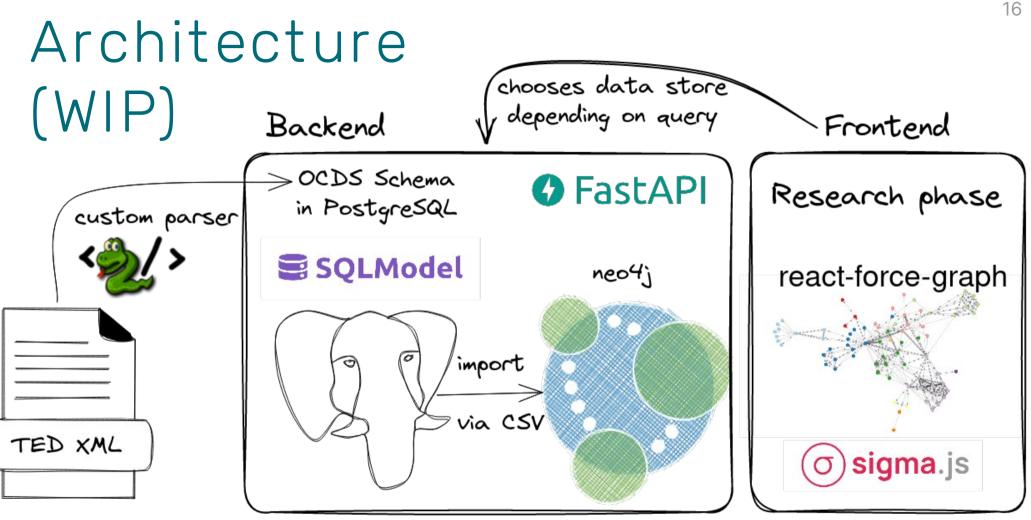
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# TEDective's key characteristics



... is developed and released under a free and <u>REUSE-compliant</u> license so that others can use, share, study and improve it.



Software is made for people. TEDective is and will be designed, maintained and monitored transparently and in close co-operation with all relevant stakeholders and user groups.



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We love interoperability! This is why we will offer bulk downloads of our cleaned and deduplicated data, compliance with <u>OCDS</u> and an <u>OpenAPI</u> interface.



Linked data is more interesting. Our aim is to connect cleaned and deduplicated TED data with other publicly available data sources.



### Enriching TEDective

OpenCorporates would enrich the data on buyers and suppliers and link them to individuals.

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OpenSanctions would allow us to highlight potentially sanctioned entities. The Off shoreLeaks database by the ICIJ would highlight potential links to offshore companies.

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# Future Challenges

The biggest challenge is cleaning and deduplicating the data:

- Public procurement data is complicated. Full implementation of the well-documented OCDS will help a lot!
- Currently, we make use of <u>RecordLinkage</u> for purposes of deduplication. However, more resources are needed to improve going forward. Of course, we'll publish the resulting weights and make sure that erroneous linkage can be reversed.





RecordLinkage

#### How you can get involved

All the code https://git.fsfe.org/TEDective/tedective

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