Climate Policies in Wikidata

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Background

Wikidata has had items representing laws and policies a long time. As in any topic, getting modeling consistent and complete is a challenge and WikiProjects form to handle them. A central WikiProject to establish the modeling is WikiProject Law.[1] Thanks to that, several sub-projects formed and has been modeling and importing laws and policies.

One of the larger imports was started in 2020 was Wikidata:WikiProject Sweden/Swedish Riksdag documents where laws, bills, motions and more were imported and enriched. That project was displayed in a Wikimania poster last year and can be found on the QR code.

In 2025, a property for the Climate Policy Radar ID was created, making it possible to easily refer to policies related to climate in various ways.[2]

Collaboration and synergies

Besides WikiProject Law and WikiProject:Sweden there are a number of initiatives worth mentioning in this space for collaboration and inspiration.

First the sub-projects for US legislation, Brazilian law, Japanese law, French legislation, Australian legislation and UK and Irish law must be mentioned. They are all making the ground work by creating the items needed.

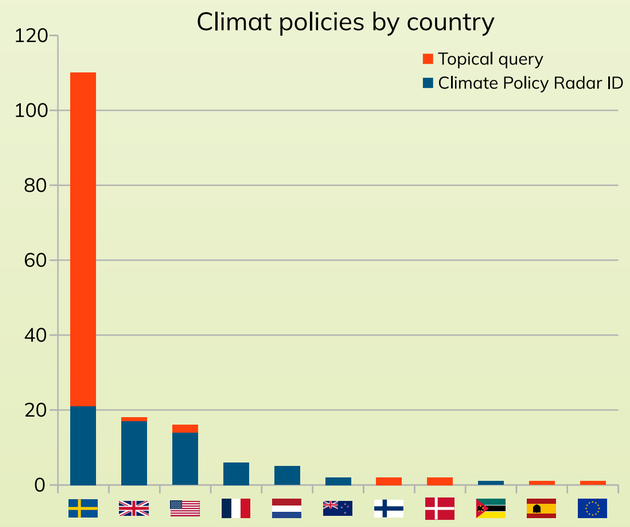
The central WikiProject for tagging and keeping track of policies in this topic is, of course, WikiProject Climate Change.[3]

Finally, WikiProject Sustainable Development touches upon many of this policies too, both from the topical angle, and also from the policy-making angle, as this is often the framework used.[4]

Country statistics

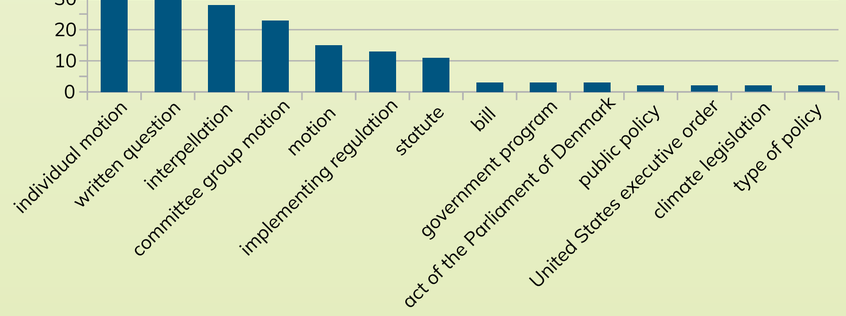
Due to the lack of modeling, the statistics are likely not showing the full picture on what is on Wikidata as it is not querably yet.

The data has been collected through two queries. The first just looks after Climate Policy Radar ID[5] and the other if it has climate change or a subclass of it as topic[6].



Type statistics

Defining what is policy related on Wikidata is challening, and is not always clearcut. this graph shows the various values of instance of on items with a main subject related to climate change.[7]



How to help on Wikidata

- Continue to add main subject to all policies about climate or related topics to existing items about policies of all sorts.
- Create items for central climate policies in your country. Often climate policy refer to international treaties, connect those so that a global mesh can emerge.
- Import missing laws and regulations from Climate Policy Radar.
- Join the WikiProjects and help answer questions on that talk page.
- Add items that are maintained by the WikiProjects to your watchlist to help spot vandalism. Check if they are missing labels in languages you can contribute in.
- Create items for climate related events in your country that makes the news and are affecting or have affected climate policy.
- Help tag more climate change related items as maintained by the WikiProject so that more people can get an eye on them.
- Scan categories of laws and make sure they are correctly connected to Wikidata and have at least instance of, applies to jurisdiction and main subect as statements.
- Make sure other articles related to climate change in the Wikipedia language versions that you understand are connected to Wikidata and to correct items. Make sure that these items have enough statements to be easily understood by others.

How to help on Wikipedia

- Make sure articles about laws and policies are properly categorized and thereby easier to find.
- Create Wikidata supported infoboxes for Wikipedia to display information on the items so prominent they got a Wikipedia article.
- Create Wikidata supported navigation boxes if you have groups or sets of items that are related.
- Create Listeria driven Wikidata lists of topical articles and put them on your watchlist to be able to monitor changes relevant to the local project.
- Create Listeria driven Wikidata lists of itmes that are missing articles on your local wiki. Sort them by number of sitelinks to get a prioritized work order.

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