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Background
• OSOR is an observatory that provides **FOSS expertise and information** to serve as middle-ground for connecting European public administrations with other relevant stakeholders.

• OSOR strives to play an active role in the open source community by **promoting OSS** and helping European public administrations with its adoption.
What can you find on OSOR?

- Monthly Newsletter
- Knowledge Centre
- News
- OSOR and other open source software events
- Case studies

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What can you find within the Knowledge Centre?

- Guidelines for creating sustainable open source communities
- Case studies on the deployment of open source software within public administrations
- List of open source software associations, competence centres, initiatives, and points of contact
- List of open source software repositories
- Country intelligence on open source software policies
Introduction to OSOR’s country intelligence

SCOPE
Research on open source software policies in European countries focusing on:
• Governance
• Political and legal frameworks
• Major ongoing open source software initiatives

METHODOLOGY
• Carrying out desk research
• Feedback from national contact points
• Compilation of final country reports
• Analysis of all findings to provide a consolidated view on the current status of open source policies in Europe

STATUS
• 27 EU and UK reports published in 2020
• Status report compiling all data published in December 2020
• Launch of the worldwide country reports
Governance of open source software policies in 28 European countries
Public sector bodies addressing open source software

LEGENĐ

- Country with at least one public sector body addressing open source software
- Does not have public sector body addressing open source software
- Beyond scope
Public sector bodies addressing open source software

Belgium
- Belgian Federal Public Service Policy and Support, the Directorate-General Digital Transformation (FOD BOSA DG DT)
- Digital Agency (Agence du Numérique, AdN)
- Flanders Information Agency (Informatie Vlaanderen)
Public sector bodies addressing open source software

**Italy**
- Department for Digital Transformation within the Ministry for Technological Innovation
- Digitisation Agency for Digital Italy (Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale, AgID)

**Spain**
- Technology Transfer Centre (Centro de Transferencia de Tecnología, CTT)
- General Secretariat of Digital Administration (SGAD) within the Ministry of Finance and Public Function

**Sweden**
- Agency for Digital Government (Myndigheten för digital förvaltning, DIGG)
- Swedish National Procurement Services (Kammarkollegiet)

**United Kingdom**
- Crown Commercial Services (CCS)
- Government Digital Service (GDS)
Public sector bodies addressing open source software

**Denmark**
Danish Agency for Digitisation (*Digitaliseringsstyrelsen*)

**France**
Etalab within Interministerial Directorate for Digital Services (*Direction Interministérielle du Numérique, DINUM*)

**Germany**
Competence Center Open Source Software (*Kompetenzzentrum Open-Source-Software, CC OSS*)

**Malta**
Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA)

**Portugal**
Administrative Modernisation Agency (*Agência para a Modernização Administrativa, AMA*)

**Slovenia**
Information Society Office within the Ministry of Public Administration Information Society and Informatics Directorate
Political and legal initiatives on open source software in 28 European countries
Political initiatives addressing open source software

LEGEND
- Political initiative(s) focusing on open source software
- Political initiative(s) addressing open source software
- Does not have political initiative addressing open source software
- Beyond scope

- Action plans
- Agreements
- Guidelines
- Political declarations
- Policies
- Governmental programmes
- Strategies
Examples of specific political open source software initiatives

Open source software in procurement
- Sweden (2010) Framework Agreement

Promotion of open source software in public administrations
- Malta (2019) OSS Policy
- Greece (2015) Agreement with GFOSS

Development and use of open source software solutions
- Sweden (2019) Software Development Policy
- France (2018) Contribution Policy for OSS of the State

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- Slovenia (2011) Study and Action Plan on OSS for workstations
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Legal initiatives addressing open source software

- Decrees
- Directives
- Laws
- Parliamentary Resolutions

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Specific legal open source software initiatives

Ayrault Circular (2012)
Defines the general orientations for the use of OSS in public administration. Free software must be considered equal to other solutions.

OSS Directive (2012)
Instructs all agencies to give preference to the use of open source software throughout government.

Code of Digital Administration (2013)
Makes it mandatory for Italy’s public administrations to use free and open source software solutions, as stipulated in Article 68.

Decree 1236/2016
Requires the creation of "provisions to propagate software built on open standards and open source software in the public sector while maintaining the efficiency of public administration" through inter-ministerial cooperation.

Decree 1604/2016
Follow-up legislation on the adoption of open source software in the public sector and the measures necessary for the dissemination of OSS based on open standards in the public sector.

Decree no. 2017-683 (2017)
Specifies the families of open source software licences that can be used for administrative documents that are communicable and reusable.
Adoption timeline of political and legal initiatives

- Adoption of OSS initiatives **steadily increasing** over time
- **Positive outlook** for future initiatives following the Berlin Declaration and the Commission’s Open Source Software Strategy
Next Steps
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Collect your feedback by email (EU-OSOR@ec.europa.eu)

Launch the research phase and call for national contact points worldwide

Publish 16 country reports and complementary factsheets in 2021
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Full list of political initiatives on open source software

Austria
- Digital Austria in 2050 (2019)
- Policy on using Linux in schools (2009)

Belgium
- Political Declaration of Wallonia (2019)
- Declaration on the French Community Policy (2009)

Bulgaria
- Government Development Strategy (2016)

Croatia
- Open Source Software Strategy (2006)

Czechia
- Digital Czechia (2018)

Denmark
- Pilot Programme to use ODF and Open XML format (2007)
- Software Strategy (2002)

Estonia
- Digital Agenda 2020 (2020)
- Recommendations on Open Source Software (2003)

Finland
- Government Programme (2019)
- Public Administration Recommendation (2009)

France
- Contribution Policy for Free Software of the State (2013)

Germany
- Digital Agenda (2014)
- Ministry of Interior guidelines (2013)

Greece
- Agreement with GFOSS (2015)

Hungary
- Digital Prosperity Programme (2016)
- National Infocommunication Strategy (2014)
- Electronic Public Administration Operational Programme (2007)

Ireland
- AgID guidelines (2019)
- Triennial Informatic Plan for Public Administration (2017)
- Information Society guidelines (2002)

Italy
- Initiative on procurement (2012)

Latvia
- Digital Agenda (2014)
- Ministry of Interior guidelines (2013)

Lithuania
- Government Programme (2016)
- Information Technology Strategy (2015)
- Research report (2014)
- Information Society Development Programme (2014)

Luxembourg
- Coalition Agreement (2018)

Malta
- Open Source Software Policy (2019)
- MITA Strategy (2015)
- Digital Malta (2014)
- Open Source Software Policy (2012)
- Public Consultation (2010)

Netherlands
- NL DIGITAAL (2019)
- Open Standards and Open Source Software Programme (2003)

Poland
- National Integration Informatisation Programme (2016)

Portugal
- ICT Strategy (2017)
- Global Strategic Plan for Rationalisation and Cost Reduction with ICT (2012)

Romania
- Digital Agenda (2014)

Slovakia

Slovenia
- Generic Technology Requirements (2017)
- Study and Action Plan on Open Source Software for workstations (2011)

Spain

Sweden
- Software Development Policy (2019)
- Study by Agency for Public Management (2005)
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United Kingdom
- Open Standards Principles (2012)
- Government ICT Strategy (2011)
- Procurement of open source ICT (2011)
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