

Technical aspects of interlinking software forges

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The ISA programme







Outline the vision for better interlinking on-line software repositories

Discuss the technical aspects of implementing the ADMS.F/OSS metadata vocabulary and protocols for the exchange of software description metadata



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The Digital Agenda for Europe and the EIF





Open platforms

implementing European public services. In this context, the EIF encourages applying the

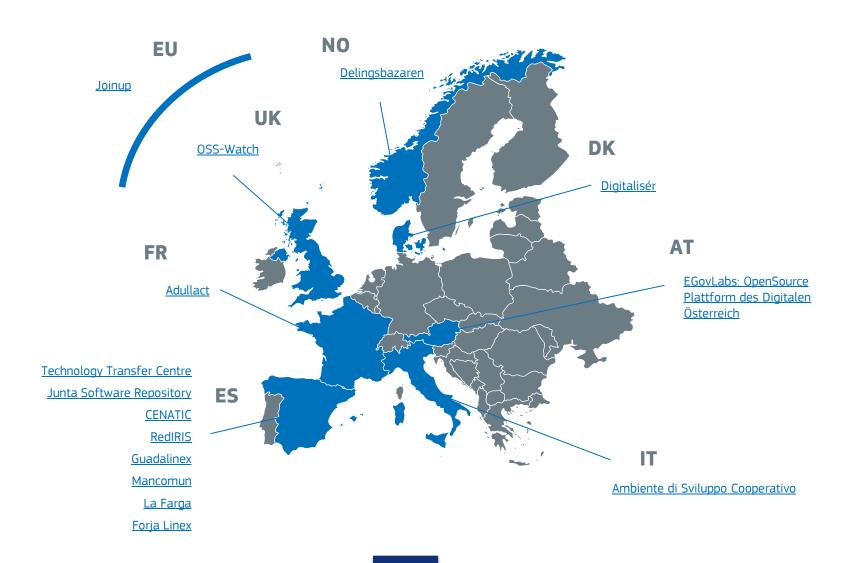
principle of openness when jointly developing

custom-made software systems.

open standards

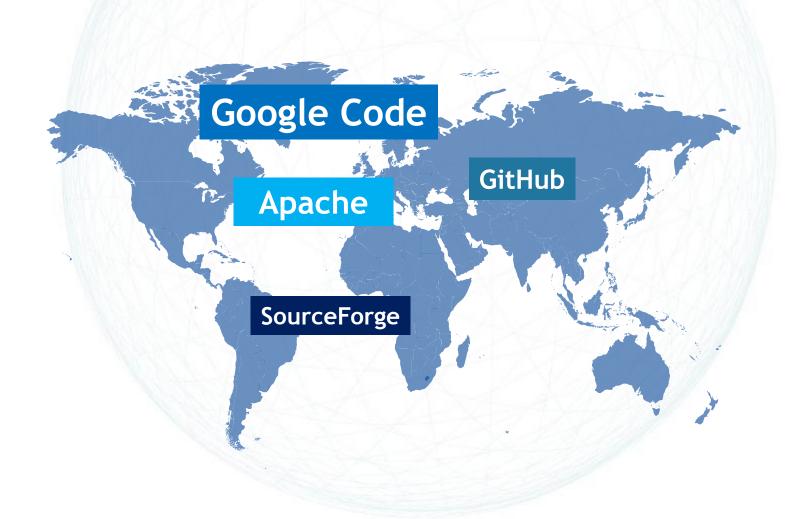
Software catalogues in the EU public sector







General-purpose software catalogues



Stakeholder needs



ISA Programme

Encourage the sharing and reuse of interoperability solutions for public administrations across border an sectors.

Public administrations

Increasing need for cross-border and crosssector digital interactions with external parties

The sharing and reuse of F/OSS for public administrations across borders and sectors corresponds to an actual and increasing need of important stakeholders

F/OSS projects

Attract public administrations to reuse their software and want to build a community of contributors.

Equal visibility, independent of the hosting location.

Governments

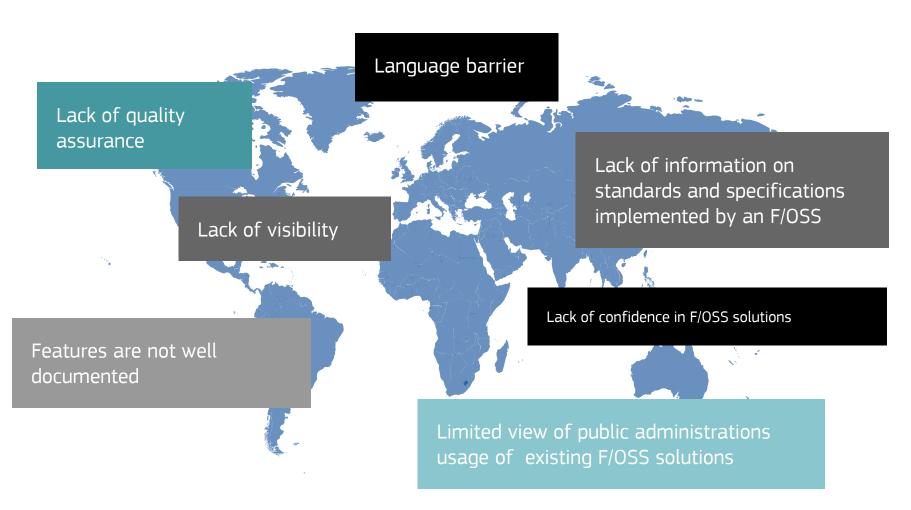
Encourage the sharing and reuse of F/OSS for e-Government.



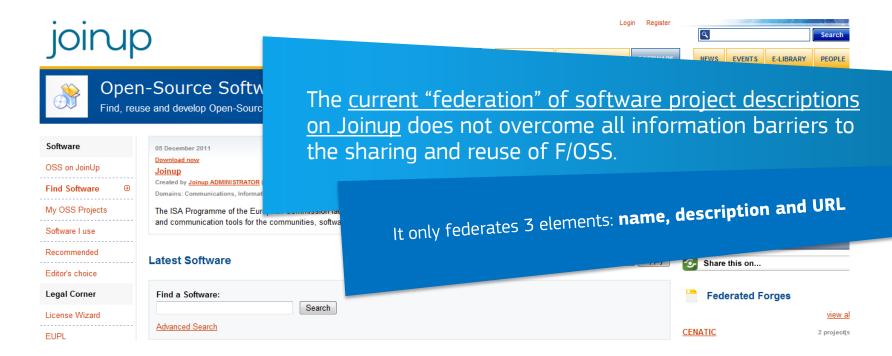
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	What is the problem?					









>> **Dependent** on a technology that is specific to GForge 4 and FusionForge. Software description metadata from other infrastructures cannot be automatically retrieved



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	What is the solution?					

An XML and RDF vocabulary to describe software assets

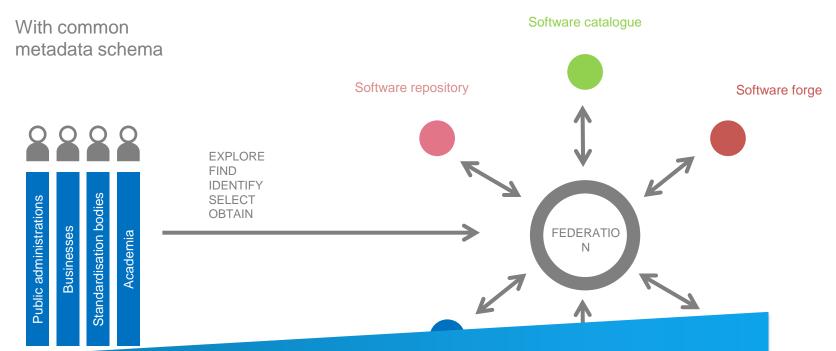


Metadata category	Metadata property or relationship	Available in DOAP	Description	Explore	Find	Indentify	Select	Obtain
descriptive	title	name	the title of the software in multiple languages		•	•		•
metadata	description	description, shortdesc	descriptive text in multiple languages					
	identifier		identifier for the software					
	URI	location	uniform resource identifier					•
	version	version	version of the software release					•
	related software		related software					
	is replaced by		a newer version of the software					
	release	file-release	a release of the software					
applicability	domain		the domain of the software (e.g. using EuroVoc descriptors)					
	spatial coverage		geographic region in which the software can be used					
	multilingual		whether or not the software can be configured to have a multilingual user interface					
	landuade	lane.	natural language in which the cost					

The solution is twofold. On the hand, there is the enhanced software description metadata schema (ADMS.F/OSS)

Enhanced, federated catalogue of F/OSS for e-Government





e catalogue

On the other hand, there is the ADMS.F/OSS-enabled federation of the different national software catalogues, repositories, and forges which enhances the sharing and reuse of F/OSS solutions.

Advantages



Overcome information barriers

Help overcome the information barriers related to the sharing and reuse of interoperability solutions among public administrations

Better search

Allows searching for software from a single point of access

A common specification to describe software assets on the Web will give better visibility, better search, help overcome information barriers and provide a better linking

Better visibility

Increased and equal visibility, independent of the hosting location.

Better linking

ADMS.F/OSS v0.3



Making it possible to more easily explore, find, and link software assets on the Web

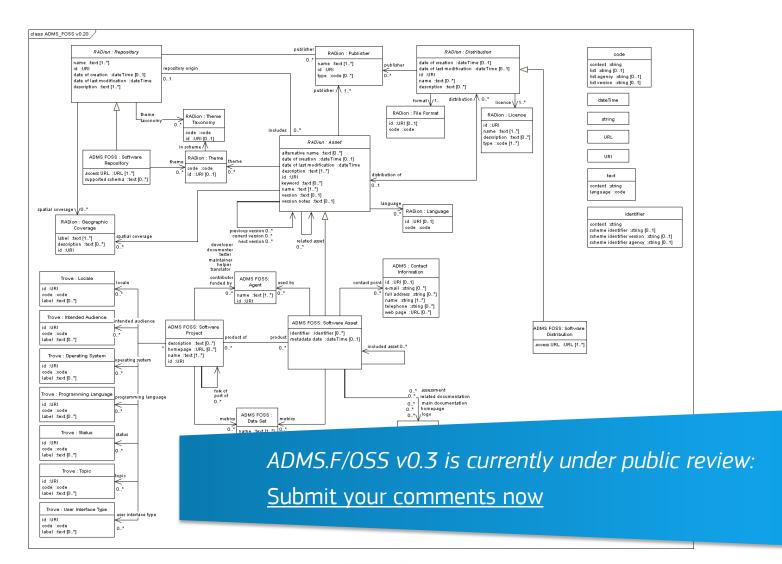


Aims at maximally reusing existing specifications, such as DOAP, ADMS, and the Trove software map (Trove © SourceForge 2012 CC by)



Metadata vocabulary to describe free and open-source software assets







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The federation



Member State Software asset repository Member State Standardisation Body Software asset Software asset repository repository FIND **IDENTIFY SELECT** Public administrations **OBTAIN** LINK Businesses **DISCOVER FEDERATION** Standardisation bodies IT Industry Academia International Organisation Standardisation Body Software asset Software asset repository repository

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Software asset
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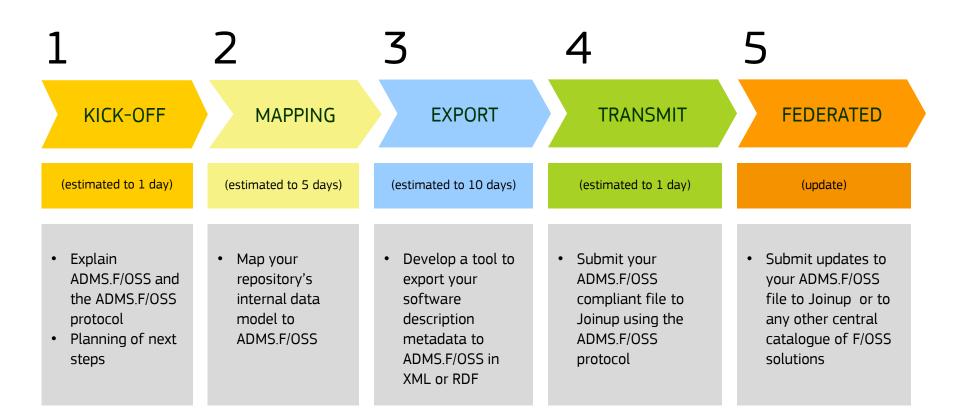
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5 steps to join the federation







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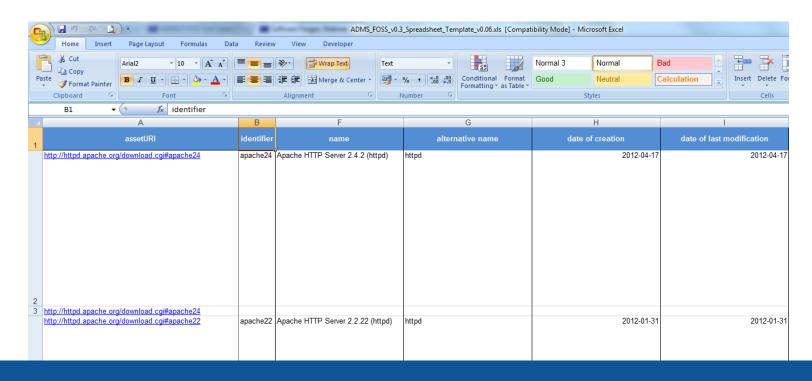
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Use the spreadsheet template to map your own metadata





Mapping by example:

ADMS FOSS v0.3 Spreadsheet Template v0.06.xls https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/svn/adms foss/grefine rdf



Every forge uses its own taxonomies... mappings are needed

ConceptURI	skos:notation	skos:exactMatch
http://sourceforge.net/api/trove/index/rdf#162	assembly	http://dbpedia.org/page/Assembly_language
http://sourceforge.net/api/trove/index/rdf#163	ada	http://dbpedia.org/page/Ada_%28programming_language%29
http://sourceforge.net/api/trove/index/rdf#164	С	http://dbpedia.org/page/C_%28programming_language%29
http://sourceforge.net/api/trove/index/rdf#165	C++	http://dbpedia.org/page/C%2B%2B
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The spreadsheet helps you define matching concepts for your own terms... and export them in SKOS RDF format.



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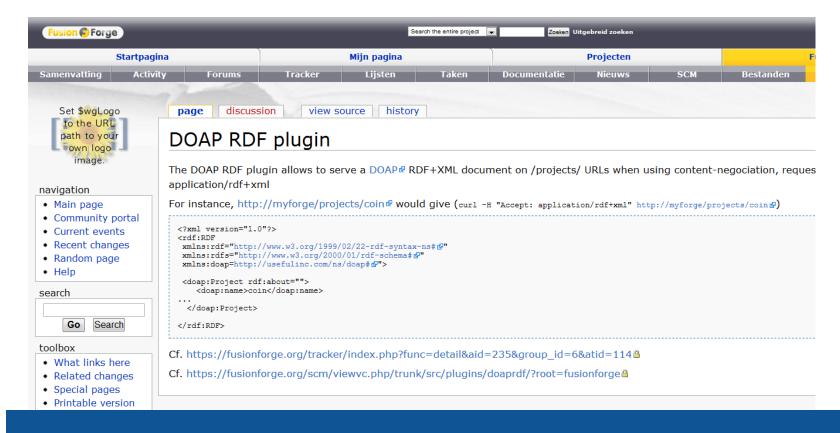
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Extending the FusionForge DOAP RDF plugin





https://fusionforge.org/plugins/mediawiki/wiki/fusionforge/index.php/Main_Page



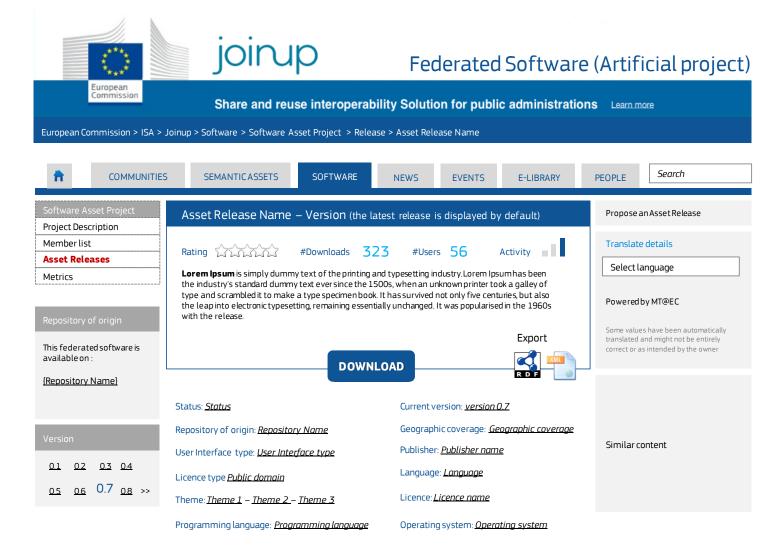


Simal Project and Community Registry Framework

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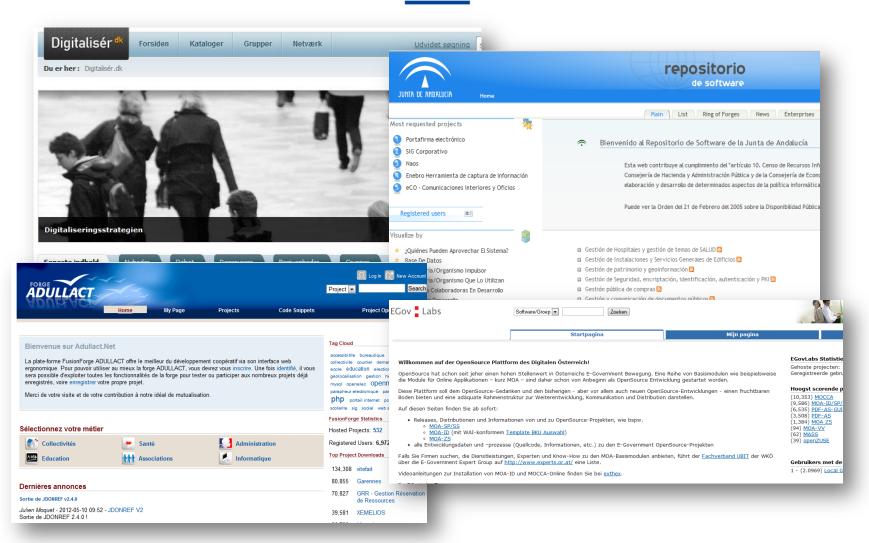
Implementation on Joinup





Other implementations







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What do we want to achieve?

- A single entry point for all the software description metadata of the federation
- Minimal implementation burden for local repositories
- You will keep control over your software description metadata

What do we propose?

- · 4 solutions for different technical maturity levels
- Open for a *Multi-channel* approach
- · Possibility to adapt to the needs of local repositories

What do we expect from you?

- Input on your requirements/constraints
- · Comments and feedback on our solutions
- Suggestions for other possible solutions



Snapshot approach: A file with software description metadata is not very large (+/- 1-10 Mb). So each time an entire snapshot can be sent.

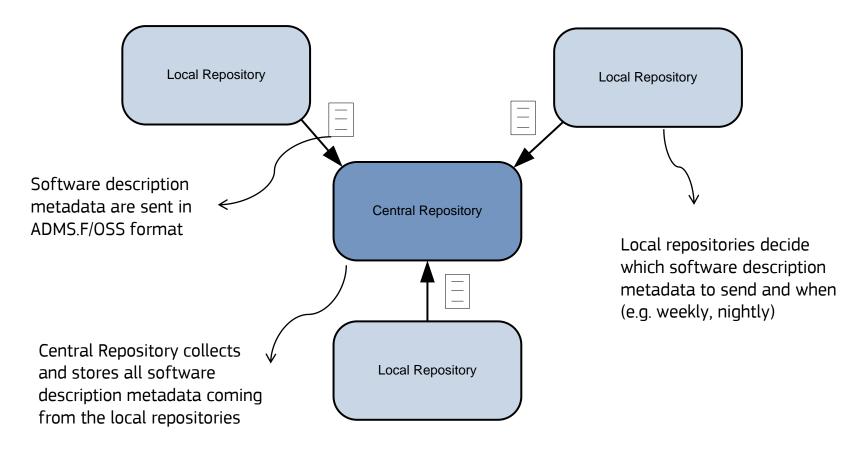
Confidentiality: As the software description metadata is already available on the Web, confidentiality is not a requirement.

Availability: It is not required to have description metadata updated in real-time. The update frequency can be daily, weekly, monthly,...

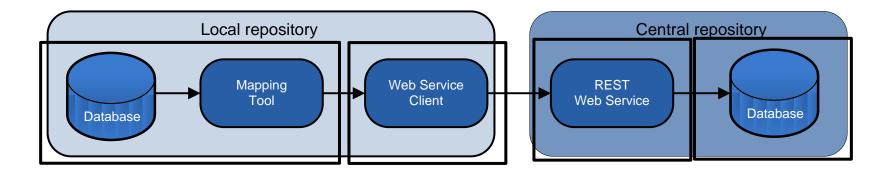
Integrity: data integrity must not be comprised.



Centralized Architecture Pattern – Push Strategy

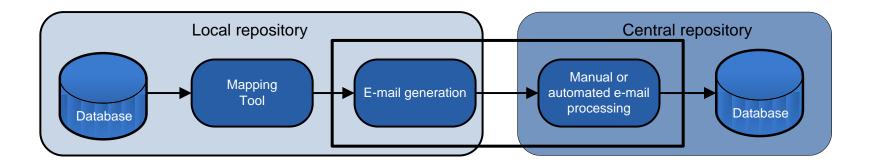






- 1. Software description metadata are exported from the database to the ADMS.F/OSS format
- 2. The web service client sends the ADMS.F/OSS data to the Central Repository calling the REST Web service via an HTTP call. A Java client will be given to you. Net client is also an option.
- 3. The central repository's Web Service are checked by the REST Web Service
- 4. Software description metadata are stored in the local repository's database

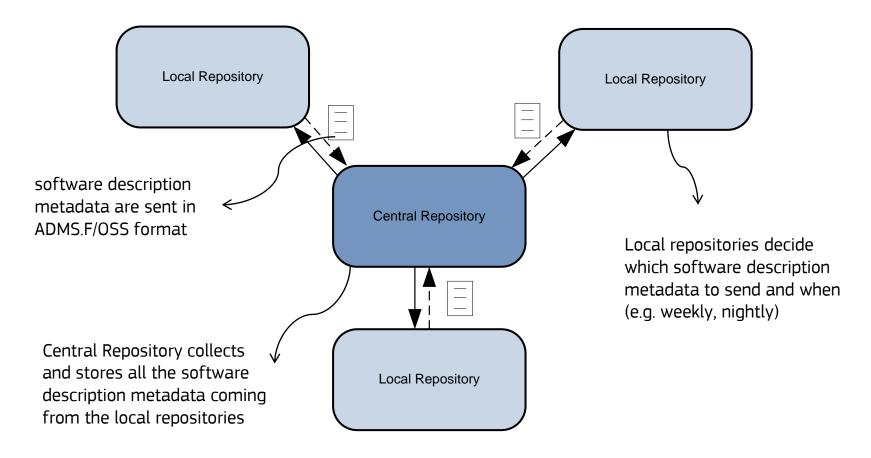




- After the export to the ADMS.F/OSS format, the ADMS.F/OSS file is sent via e-mail to the central repository
- The e-mail with the attached ADMS.F/OSS file can be sent manually by the local repository administrator to a known mail box
- It can be automatically generated and send at fixed time (e.g. every night or every week)



Publish/Subscribe Strategy





- Software description metadata files are uploaded on the central repository using Joinup web user interface:
 - ADMS.F/OSS format will be accepted. In this case, you will have to convert your software description metadata into the ADMS.F/OSS format before uploading.
 - Possibility to upload spreadsheets (e.g. ODS) containing software description metadata. The spreadsheet template will be given to you. The mapping to ADMS.F/OSS will be done by Joinup.

Summary– Pros and cons



Solution	Pros	Cons	Notes		
Solution 1 - REST Web Services	Fully automatedClient provided by DIGIT	Higher implementation effort	Recommended in the mid/long-term		
Solution 2 - E-Mail	Minimum implementation effort	Manual procedures are requiredLower integration	Recommended for the first wave		
Solution 3 - Harvesting	No communication protocol needs to be implemented on local repository side	 Requires higher availability of local repository systems 	Recommended for non- centralized architectures		
Solution 4 - Upload on Joinup	 No communication protocol needs to be implemented Mapping to ADMS.F/OSS is not needed for spreadsheets 	Manual procedures are requiredLower integration	Recommended for the first wave		



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Map your metadata to ADMS.F/OSS

Collect from you your business / technical constraints

Your input on ADMS.F/OSS v.0.3

Converge to an agreed technical architecture in order to start the implementation



"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Henry Ford



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Thank you!