



Open Source Observatory Policy Factsheet Greece

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1 General Information

Since 2020, Open Source Software (OSS) promotion in the Greek public administration has grown. This is driven by the country's digitalisation efforts as outlined by the Ministry of Digital Governance's "Bible of Digital Transformation 2020-2025. (BDT)" Additionally, initiatives from the Open Technologies Alliance have supported OSS promotion. These combined efforts provide a foundation for the future and further OSS adoption and development in Greece. However, the use of OSS in the Greek public sector has yet to be legally established.

2 Actors

POLICY MAKERS

The MDG is the main policymaker for digital policies and thus policies on OSS. It brings together all the IT and telecommunications structures related to the provision of electronic services to citizens and the broader digital transformation of the country. The MDG aims to digitally transform public services and improve governance. It was responsible for the drafting and publishing of the BDT 2020-2025.

STRATEGIC PLAYERS

The Open Technologies Alliance (GFOSS) is a non-profit organisation established in 2008, with 37 universities and research centres as its shareholders. Their goal is to promote openness through open standards and open technologies in different fields across Greece. The major Greek universities, public sector companies, FOSS communities, and research centres are active participants of the Alliance.

3 Policy and Legal Framework

Bible of Digital Transformation 2020-2025, 2020.

The Bible of Digital Transformation (BDT) is the main document that sets out Greece's digital transformation strategy, goals and projects until 2025. The document mentions the promotion of open technologies for education and the use of OS licences by default for every piece of software that is developed through public funding.

GFOSS and University of Athens Memorandum of Cooperation, 2024

GFOSS has signed an agreement with the centre for training and lifelong learning at the National Technical University of Athens to collaborate on education about and promotion of open technologies.

4 Open Source Software Initiatives

Meltemi, 2024

Meltemi is the first Greek LLM trained by the Institute for Language and Speech Processing of the Athena Research Centre which is part of the GFOSS Alliance. Meltemi is a bilingual model that has been extended to understand and generate fluent text in modern Greek. It is trained on a corpus of 28.5 billion tokens that include high-quality Greek texts.

National Register of Procedures, 2023

This initiative serves as a successful example of OSS adoption in the public sector, having been embraced by the public sector under its original name Diadikasies MediaWiki, and through collaborating with GFOSS. It is a repository and an observatory that outlines all the necessary steps and documentation required for various procedures in public administration.

Digital Credentials For EU (DC4EU), 2024

DC4EU is an EU initiative that aims to support work on the European Digital Identity Wallet and the eIDAS trust framework. GRNET and GUNET, both part of the GFOSS Alliance, are leading two of the seven work packages in the initiative that deal with OS components.

OpenSlice, 2024

The ETSI standards development organization and the University of Patras are developing OpenSlice. It is an open source service-based operations support system for the provision of cloud networking technology and end-to-end network services to customers and consumers that also aims to pave the way for the implementation of 6G.

