

Open Source Policy ARGENTINA



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General Information

The Argentine government is very active in the domain of public sector innovation. The Secretariat of Public Innovation (Secretaría de Innovación Pública) has several organs which develop public sector open source software (OSS) policies and platforms. In addition to governmental actors, there is a rich variety of strategic players working to raise awareness on and increase the use of OSS, including GNU Solidario, Democracia en Red, GeoLibres and CADESol.

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Actors



The **Secretariat of Public Innovation** is responsible for ensuring inclusion and equality by guaranteeing connectivity, access to information and new technologies. The Secretariat intervenes in policies pertaining to the use of OSS in the public administration.

Democracia en Red is a civil society organisation comprising activists, software developers and social scientists seeking to increase the openness of public administrations and decision-making processes using open source participatory democracy tools.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2018

ONTI Technological Decalogue

The ONTI Technological Decalogue was approved by the Argentine government under Provision 2/2018. All national public sector bodies must favour open source technologies and languages over proprietary ones to reduce costs.

2019

Federal Digitalisation Plan

The Federal Digitalisation Plan makes free and open source solutions available to help implement the digital transformation of provincial and municipal administrations, decentralised organisations, state companies and universities.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



Trámites a Distancia

Launched in 2018, Trámites a Distancia is a remote open source platform where any citizen can carry out administrative procedures with public administrations from their home, office or mobile device. The procedures are 100% digital, without the need to go to a public administration in person.

GNU Solidario eHealth projects

GNU Solidario is currently working on a variety of eHealth projects in Argentina using the GNU Health open source system, namely with San Martín Hospital, the Humberto D'Angelo Health Centre and the Hospital School of Mental Health on eHealth projects using the GNU Health open source system.

Entre todos: In 2020, the Secretariat of Public Innovation developed a collaborative portal named Among all (Entre todos) to provide recommendations, tools and solutions to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Many of the solutions provided on the portal are free and OSS solutions.

Blockchain Federal Argentina

Launched in 2018, Blockchain Federal Argentina (BFA) is an open source participatory multi-service platform that is used by public administrations and companies to integrate services and applications on blockchain.