

# Open Source Policy LIECHTENSTEIN



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## General Information

While there is no policy or legal framework governing the use of OSS in Liechtenstein, Liechtenstein has expressed willingness to develop their open source market. Given the country's background in the provision of user-centric and interoperable eGovernment services and promotion of open data, there is a strong potential to incorporate the promotion and use of OSS within Liechtenstein's public administrations.

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## Actors



Liechtenstein does not have an appointed central entity for the development and supervision of open source software to date.



The **Æternity Crypto Foundation** is a non-profit organisation that was established in Liechtenstein in 2016 with the aim of supporting the open source development of Blockchain technology, promoting user-friendly applications and advocating in favour of OSS initiatives.

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## Policy and Legal Framework

With regards to specific strategies, policy frameworks and legal acts, there appears to be no overarching policy in place to encourage the uptake of OSS adoption in Liechtenstein's public administrations. To illustrate, the **Digital Agenda Liechtenstein 2019**, the **IT Strategy 2019-2023**, the current **Government Programme 2017-2021** and the **eGovernment Strategy 2017-21** make no explicit reference to OSS. As a member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), Liechtenstein was however a signatory of the Tallinn Declaration, whereby all signatories committed to make more use of OSS and open standards when building ICT systems and solutions.

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## Open Source Software Initiatives



### Block Reward

**Initiative:** Launched in 2019, the Block Reward Initiative (BRI) invites members of the OSS community to use existing OSS tools to contribute to the æternity open source blockchain and ensure its long-term sustainability. The BRI was launched by the Æternity Crypto Foundation and Æternity Anstalt.

### The Things Network:

The Things Network is an open source collaborative Internet of Things Network that spans across the globe. A small community initiative was launched in Liechtenstein in 2017 with the aim of developing an open and free network with open source components that are independent of large telecommunications providers. One project that made use of the network was focussed on waste management.

### Cybersecurity Liechtenstein:

Established in 2016, Cybersecurity Liechtenstein is a non-profit association that promotes IT security in Liechtenstein and provides training sessions for young people who are interested in IT risks and vulnerabilities and how to mitigate them. Many of their cybersecurity outputs are available as OSS and the source code is freely available on GitHub.