Open Source Policy
SPAIN

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1 General Information

While there are some policy and legislative initiatives in Spain advocating in favour of the use and production of OSS in public administrations, a key characteristic of the Spanish open source environment is the effective decentralisation of public administrations and the ability of individual regions to autonomously develop their own regulations.

2 Actors

Policy maker

The **General Secretariat of Digital Administration (SGAD)** of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation facilitates the management of OSS and reusable solutions by public administrations.

Strategic player

Hispalinux is an association of Spanish users of GNU/Linux. One of the core objectives of the association is to encourage public administrations to favour and enhance the internal use of OSS.

3 Policy and Legal Framework

2010

National Interoperability Framework

The Framework as implented through Royal Decree no.4/2010. It aims to promote the reuse and distribution of applications and to increase efficiency within public adminsitrations.

2015

Publishing and Licencing Guide

Published by the General Secretariat of Digital Administration to teach public administrations how they can publish and distribute OSS solutions following the implementation of the National Interoperaility Framework.

2015

Law no.40/2015

The Law on the legal regime of the public sector refers to the reuse of applications and technology transfer between public administrations. They are required to provide reusable applications when requested.

4 Open Source Software Initiatives

SGAD Solutions: The SGAD is constantly releasing and upgrading OSS solutions on the Technology Transfer Centre (CTT), a directory of reusable applications and solutions available to all Spanish public administrations. Examples include a document management system, and electronic signature and identification solutions.

LliureX: The government of the autonomous region of Valencia has been publishing LliureX since 2005, a custom version of the Edubuntu Linux distribution. It is free; it incorporates the latest technological innovations; it is independent from a supplier; and the software can be adapted to the language needs of the user.

Decidim: Decidim is an open source digital platform for citizen participation which initiated in Barcelona in 2016. The main objective was to build a tool which centralises many functionalities, thus making it easier for citizens to participate in local politics. In addition to Barcelona, Decidim is now used in many municipalities.

OSS in Galicia: The Agency for the Technological Modernisation of Galicia (AMTEGA) published three OSS solutions in 2015: one for PCs in classrooms, one for land management, and one for computer network enhancement. The solutions are available on the CTT directory for other public administrations to use.

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