

# Open Source Policy GREECE



## 1

### General Information

Greece does not have a centralised approach to the implementation and promotion of open source software (OSS). Rather, most of this work is carried out by independent strategic actors, such as non-profit organisations and advocacy groups.

## 2

### Actors



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

**Open Technologies Alliance (GFOSS)** is a non-profit organisation founded in 2008 to promote openness through the use and the development of open standards and open technologies in public administrations.

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### Policy and Legal Framework

2011

#### e-Governance Law (Law 3979/2011)

The Greek parliament enacted a law that makes it mandatory for public administrations to develop software for which the source code is open and can be modified and distributed freely.

2015

#### Government agreement with GFOSS

The Greek government signed a 4-year agreement with GFOSS to facilitate the creation, promotion and reuse of open data, open content and OSS solutions in public administrations.

## 4

### Open Source Software Initiatives



**5G in Patras:** In 2019, the city of Patras was selected by the Greek Ministry of Digital Policy, Telecommunications and Media as one of the first 5G pilot cities in Greece. The 5G-VINNI facility in Patras has become an exemplary open source 5G-IoT facility. Most of its components will be offered as OSS.

**Identity-management solution:** In 2017, the city of Heraklion developed an identity-management software solution combining OpenLDAP for directory services and an identity server from WSO2. Heraklion recommends that other municipalities reuse the solution, thereby saving costs.

**Open Geodata platform:** The Greek government's open geodata platform, launched in 2010, has made several tools and extensions available as open source. It relies exclusively on OSS developed under the PublicaMundi project

**Epoptes:** The Epoptes project, launched in 2008, is an OSS solution designed to manage and monitor school PCs in computer labs, allowing teachers to share their screens with students in a classroom environment. It is used by more than 500 schools in Greece alone, and it is used widely in Portugal, Italy and the Netherlands.