

# Open Source Policy CROATIA



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### General Information

While Croatia does not have an appointed central entity for the development and supervision of open source software, there is evidence of a gradual shift toward promoting modernised ICT systems and the use of open source software solutions within the public administration.

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### Actors



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



**Code for Croatia** is an association which brings together developers, citizens, entrepreneurs and designers to build open source software for the public. Their goal is to design services to connect citizens and governments.

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### Policy and Legal Framework

2006

#### Free and Open Source Software Policy

This policy was designed to help foster the development and use of open source software within public administrations. However, initiatives implemented in the framework of the policy have not been made public.

2015

#### Open Data Portal

The Croatian government developed an Open Data Portal based on a combination of two systems, both of which are open source software solutions. The source code of the Open Data Portal is available on GitHub.

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### Open Source Software Initiatives



**Environmental Protection Platform:** In 2015, the Croatian Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection launched two new OSS-powered service platforms on biodiversity and environmental protection that were built by the State Institute for Nature Protection.

**Geospatial Laboratory:** Croatia's first open source geospatial laboratory was established in January 2014, and it is located at the University of Zagreb. Their mission is to support the development of open source geospatial technologies, provide training sessions, and offer their general expertise in this area.

**Open Source Software Working Groups:** In 2013, the Croatian government established working groups on open source software solutions and the use of open standards in order to give consulting services to ministries and other public administration bodies which would like to adopt such software.

**Software Workshops:** The Croatian School of Informatics organises ICT training sessions for students twice a year with a strong focus on using open source software and open source programming. Many attendees have gone on to become active members of the open source community, particularly with regards to using GNU/Linux.