

# Open Source Policy HUNGARY



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### General Information

The Hungarian eGovernment Open Source Software Competence Centre was established at the end of 2012. Its aim was to study and promote the possibilities of eGovernment and, in general, institutional and corporate use of open source software (OSS). The government has also promoted the use of OSS in various legislation. Numerous cities and districts in Budapest are actively using OSS such as LibreOffice and base their servers on Linux, since as early as 2004.

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### Actors



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



The **National Information and Communication Services company (NISZ)** provides services to Hungarian public administration bodies and institutions. Its OSS projects include the Municipality ASP, eGovernment central systems and services, and transport IT systems.

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### Policy and Legal Framework

**2014**

#### National Infocommunication Strategy 2014-2020

The Strategy outlines the necessary objectives to achieve a digital state. The Strategy outlines that open source code applications should reach 15% for new software and applications installed in public administrations.

**2009**

#### Digital Prosperity Programme

The Programme states that public administrations should strive to spread open source software. The government strongly supports the dissemination of open source or state-based software in public administration.

**2019**

#### Decree 1236/2016

Decree 1236/2016 on measures to disseminate open standards and open source software to the public requires the creation of "provisions to propagate software built on open standards and open source software in the public sector".

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### Open Source Software Initiatives



**Municipality Application Service Provider:** It is common platform for eGovernment service provision on the local government level to the end-users. The project uses open source software by basing itself on the SUSE Linux Enterprise operating system and using OSS components for data storage and processing.

**Workshops on OSS:** At its inception, the Hungarian eGovernment Open Source Software Competence Centre held various workshops throughout the country where the Centre's functioning was explained and how OSS could help local administrations.

#### OSS in various Hungarian cities' local administrations:

- Budapest: The XI. District, in 2012, signed a cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Justice in order for hundreds of employees to participate in training on open source software.
- Szeged: The city of Szeged was one of the first cities in Hungary to start using open source software in the field of public administration. In 2004, about 500 workstation computers gradually received OSS.
- Miskolc: In 2009, Miskolc's Mayor's Office began the transition to open source software and open standards. The main migrations were to Linux and the use of LibreOffice.