

Open Source Policy ITALY



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General Information

The **Agency for Digital Italy (AgID)** is the main governmental actor in charge of coordinating, promoting and drafting open source software (OSS) policies in Italy. Since 2017, **Developers Italia**, a project of AgID working in collaboration with the **Ministry of Technological Innovation and Digitalisation**, is the community dedicated to the development of open source software supporting the delivery of digital public services in Italy.

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Actors



The **Agency for Digital Italy (AgID)** favours the increased use of open source in public administrations and is pushing them to make more use of open source software and solutions.



Various **open source competency centres** around Italy aim to promote the use of OSS in their own regions by providing the necessary means to support the acquisition, development and re-use of informatic resources for the public administration.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2013

Code of Digital Administration

The Code makes it mandatory for Italy's public administrations to use free and open source software when possible.

2017

Triennial Informatic Plan for Public Administration of 2017-2019

The widespread adoption of open source software is a priority in order to facilitate the creation of applications and components that can be reused by public administrations.

2019

AgID Guidelines

AgID published guidelines on the acquisition and reuse of open source software and standards for public administrations.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



Developers Italia

website: Launched in 2017, the website hosts the catalogue of open source software owned by Italian public administrations and made available to be reused as mandated by the AgID Guidelines. It is managed by a community of public services developers.

Province of Trento protocol of understanding:

The province of Trento signed a protocol of understanding between the LibrelItalia Association and the Provincial Institute for Educational Research and Experimentation (IPRASE). The aim is to support IPRASE in the diffusion of free software and open formats.

LibreDifesa: In 2015, the Italian Ministry of Defence opted to switch to using LibreOffice in a project known as LibreDifesa. The plan is to migrate a total of 100,000 PCs to the software by 2020.

Smart City project in Emilia Romagna:

The project started using various open source software in 2012 as part of the city's aim to develop sustainable technological innovation. For example, the Smart Catcher is a location-aware application built for smartphones running on open source software.