

Open Source Policy MONTENEGRO



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General Information

The promotion of open source software (OSS) in Montenegro was under the responsibility of the former Minister of Information Society and Telecommunications, with the involvement of the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Science. Universities are the current key strategic players involved in the promotion of OSS, offering courses on OSS development and organising relevant activities for students.

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Actors



At present, Montenegro does not have an appointed central and federal entity for the development and supervision of OSS.



Higher education institutions such as the University of Montenegro, the University of Donja Gorica and the Mediterranean University play a key role in promoting OSS.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2009

Strategy for the Development of the Information Society (2009-2013)

The use of OSS was listed as one of the required steps for a cost-efficient development of information society in Montenegro.

2011

Strategy for Using Open Source in Montenegro

The Strategy listed goals that emphasised promoting the use of OSS in public administrations and in the education sector, highlighting how the development of OSS could be applied to other markets.

2016

Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy for Using Open Source

This Action Plan highlighted the need to strengthen open source initiatives through collaboration with associations and private companies and the increased use of OSS in schools and other public institutions.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



Strengthening Open Source:

The Strengthening Open Source initiative was focussed on the organisation of events examining the different challenges, opportunities and open calls related to the introduction of open source solutions.

School Network:

The Ministry of Education set up the School Network portal with OSS in order to provide information on the educational institutions of Montenegro.

Scientific Network:

The Ministry of Science developed the second version of the Montenegrin information system for scientific data and research, using OSS such as Drupal, Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP.

Ubuntu LoCo Montenegro:

Members of the official group of the Ubuntu Community were involved in events such as the IT Conference in Žabljak, and Infofest in Budva, participating in discussions and presentations on the use, advantages and importance of OSS.