

Open Source Policy FINLAND



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General Information

Finland's newly appointed Government of 2019 published a Programme titled "A participatory and knowledgeable Finland - a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable society." The Programme aims to enhance the use of **open source software** in **public information systems** and **procurement**, among other priorities.

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Actors



The Finnish **Ministry of Finance** and the **Public ICT Unit** thereof is in charge of drafting and implementing digital policies. The Ministry had previously been involved in drafting open source strategies.

The **Finnish Centre for Open Systems and Solutions (COSS)** is a non-profit association that promotes open source software, open data, open standards and APIs.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2003

Ministry of Finance Working Paper

The Recommendation on the Openness of the Code and Interfaces of State Information Systems called on Government agencies to consider OSS alternatives.

2009

Recommendation for the use of open source software (JHS 169)

The Public Administration Recommendation aimed to

- spread good practices on open source procurement;
- provide advice on solving problems related to acquiring this software;
- increase the public sector's knowledge about open source software.

2019

2019 Government Programme

The Government Programme highlights open source, open data and open interfaces. The use of open source software is promoted as a priority by public administrations.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



X-Road: X-Road is an open source data exchange layer solution that enables organisations to exchange information over the Internet. It was established through cooperation between Estonia and Finland.

KOHA library system: KOHA is an open source library system that will be adopted in various libraries across Finland from 2019, starting with the University of Jyväskylä. KOHA is a modular system composed of various open source features such as the catalogue software Melinda.

Helsinki Loves Developers: Helsinki has launched a developers' portal which is operated by the city's open software development team since 2015. They are also active on GitHub.

City of Turku: Turku provides online services in open source format in conjunction with its original licence.

Roam.fi: A high-quality, easy-to-expand network with open standards and identification that shares wireless network connections used by various municipalities and cities in Finland.

Oskari: a Finnish open source map platform using open source solutions that allows high quality and constant updates.