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Progress and trends in the national open source policies and legal frameworks

A report from OSOR

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What is Open Source?

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“Open source licenses are licenses that comply with the Open Source Definition – in brief, they allow software to be freely used, modified, and shared.”

- *Open Source Initiative website*

OSOR



Open Source Software News

Articles on developments in the use of Open Source in public administration and monthly OSOR newsletter



Knowledge Centre

Reports, guidelines, research papers, case studies, and repositories useful for public administration and for all users of FOSS.



Community Events

OSOR community meets in workshops and events to exchange experiences, discuss common challenges, or share success stories.



OSOR latest milestones

OSOR Handbook, new training courses, paper on policy and trends

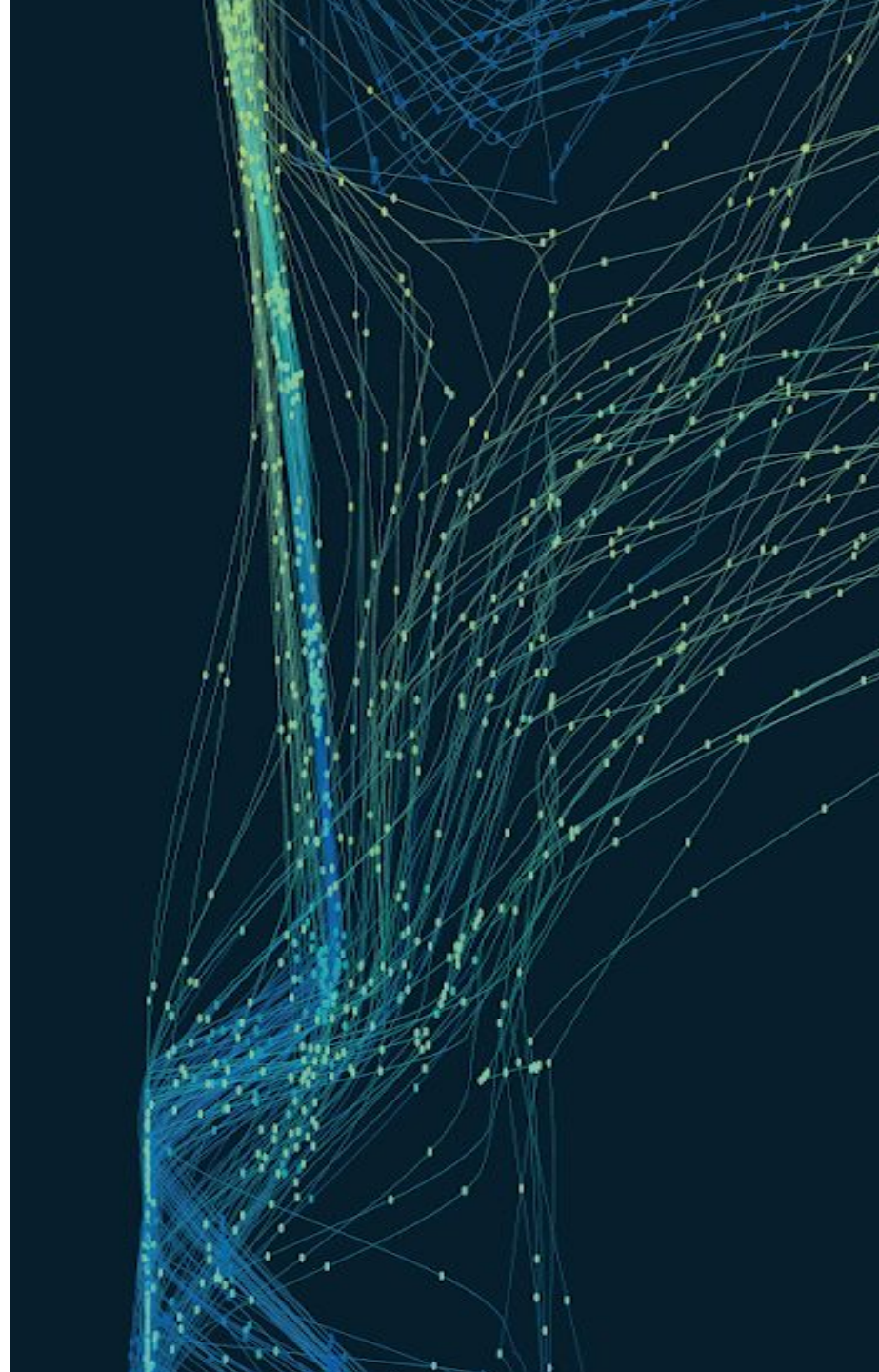
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OSOR and the analysis of open source policy



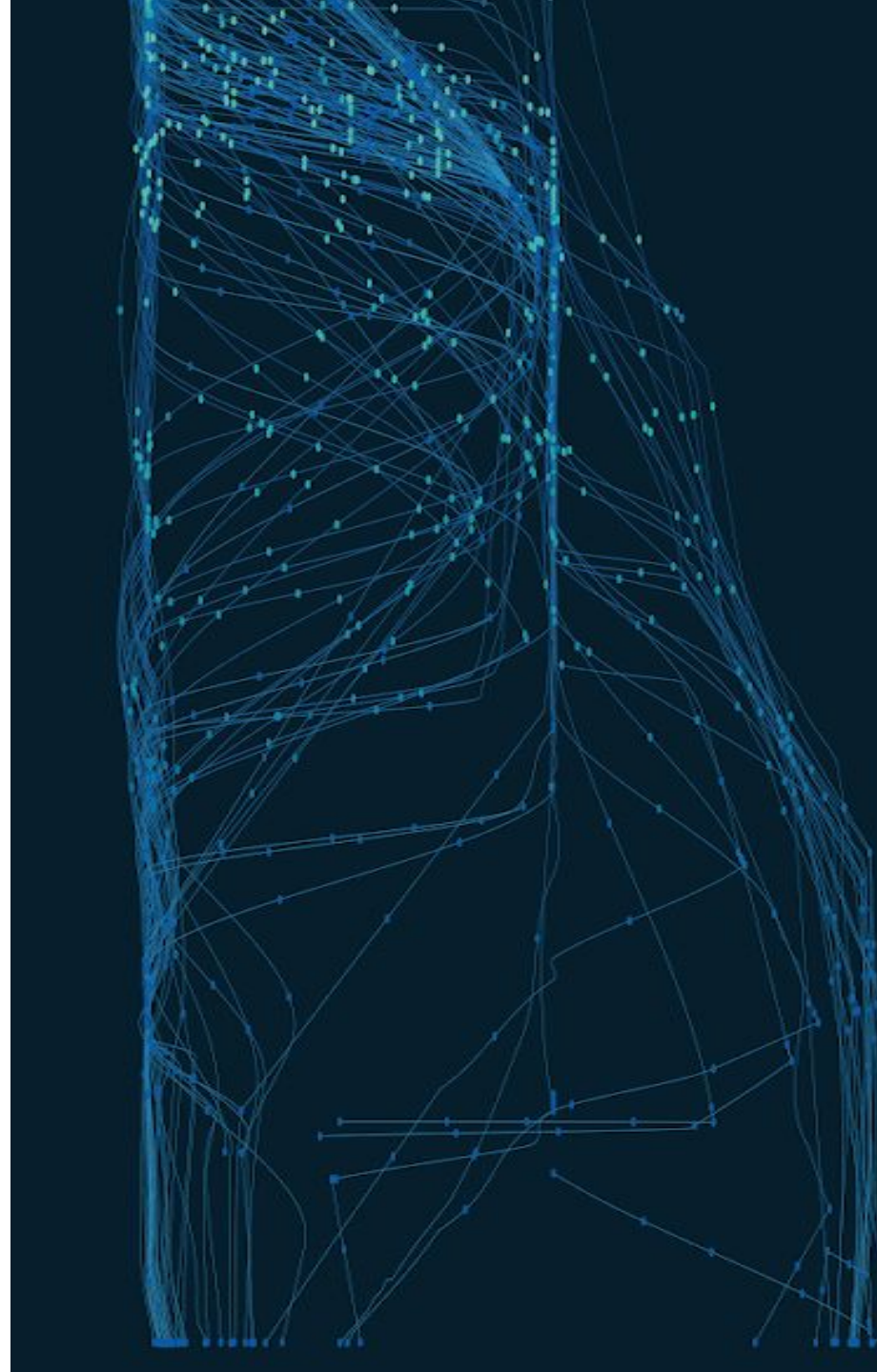
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Key Drivers for Open Source Adoption



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Implementation strategies





First Round of Country Reports

Initial reports published • Basis for first quantitative analysis



Second round of reports and updates

16 reports published (9 updates and 7 new ones)
• New qualitative analysis paper produced



Ongoing Work

Updating all existing EU country reports •
Creating 5 new reports • New analytical paper to be produced



Introduction

01

Overview of open source policy evolution in EU and globally

02

Focus on qualitative analysis of 16 European and non-European countries

03

Examination of motivations and implementation strategies

Key Drivers for Open Source Adoption



Implementation Strategies: National Level

01

Evolution from mandatory use to collaborative approaches

02

Bottom-up collaboration (e.g., Czechia, Sweden, France)

03

Open Source Programme Offices (OSPOs)

04

Focus on digital infrastructure security

Implementation Strategies: Cities and Regions



**Collective IT
development and
resource pooling**



**Reuse of field-specific
solutions**



**Support from associative
networks**

European and International Initiatives



UN Sustainable Development Goals

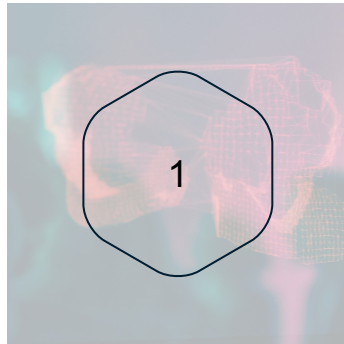


Digital Commons concept

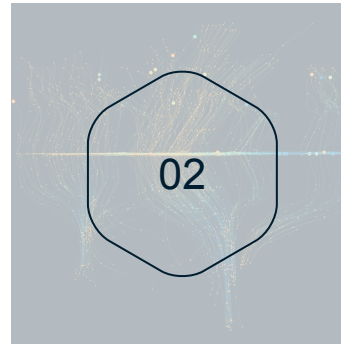


Global solutions for global problems (e.g., OSGeo community)

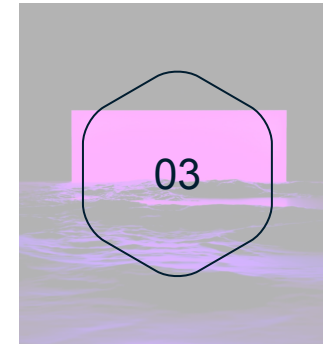
Conclusions



**Shift towards
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ecosystem approaches**

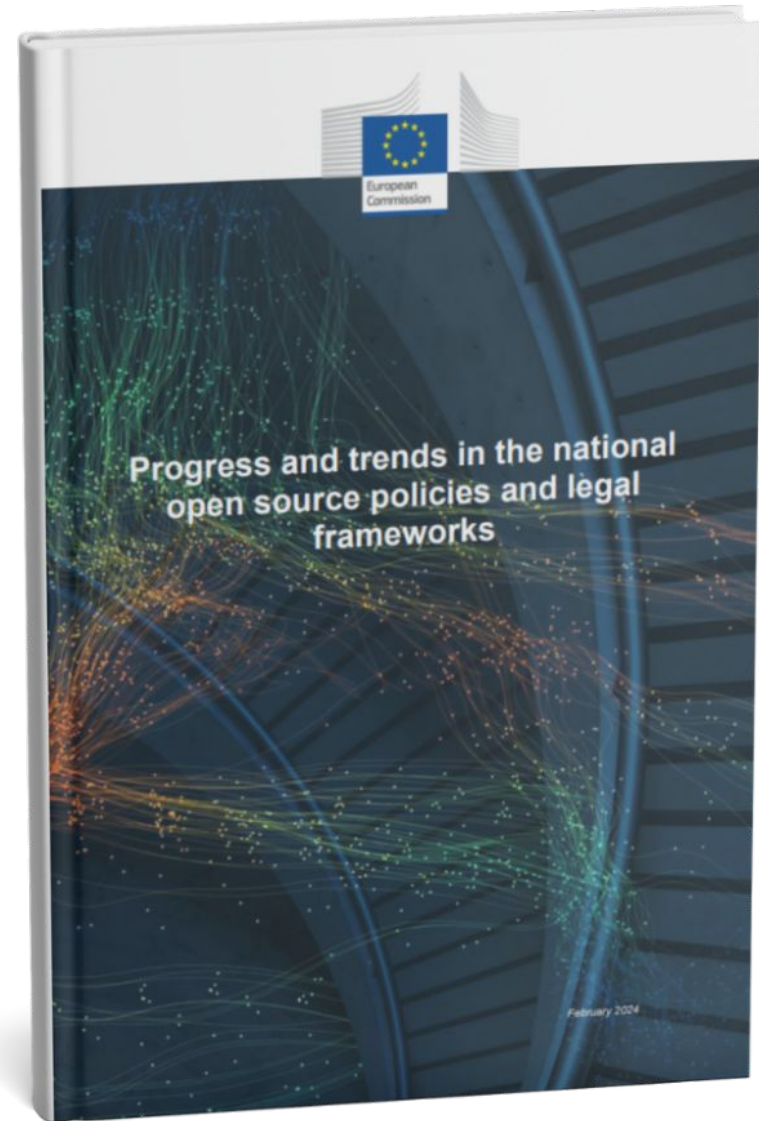


**Importance of
collaboration across
stakeholders**

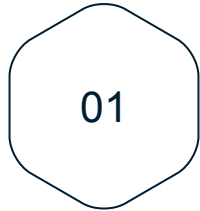


**Balance between sovereignty,
transparency, and
implementation strategies**

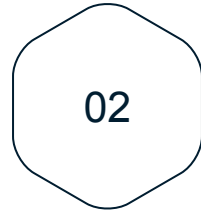
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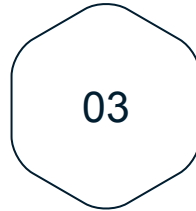
Upcoming country reports



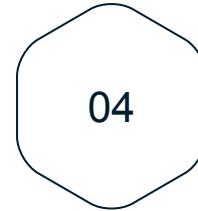
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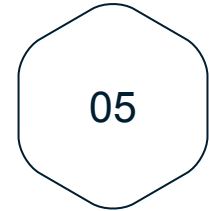
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NORTH MACEDONIA

OSOR WEBINAR IS COMING

Explore how local governments across Europe are adopting, developing, and collaborating on open source solutions.

2 October 2025
2 PM - 4 PM CEST

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Any questions?



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