



OSOR.eu: Open Source for Public Administrations

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Open Source: Its place in a cross-border environment

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History

- ◆ 2004: The EC launches the IDABC programme
- ◆ 2005: PAs start to realise the benefits of joining efforts in tackling similar problems
- ◆ 2006: The OSOR.eu project starts as initiative of the IDABC programme
- ◆ 2007: EUPL is approved by EC
- ◆ 2008: The OSOR.eu website is launched
- ◆ 2010: OSOR.eu is part of the ISA programme





In a nutshell

What is OSOR.eu?

A **collaborative** platform for **public administrations** to **freely** share open IT **solutions**, **experiences** and **knowledge**

Why OSOR.eu?

- ◆ Especially targeted to PA
- ◆ Re-use software
- ◆ European level visibility
- ◆ Under the umbrella of the European Commission





In a nutshell

Objectives

- ◆ Help spread good open source practices throughout PAs
- ◆ Improve sharing and re-use of OSS
- ◆ Provide legal advice and guidance for the use of OSS in PAs
- ◆ EU Public License

Today

- ◆ OSOR.eu repository with 200 projects
- ◆ Federates several national and regional forges
- ◆ Gives access to more than 2400 OSS projects





Observatory and Repository

An Open Source Observatory

- ◆ For decision makers and practitioners
- ◆ Information platform with News, Studies, Communities ...
- ◆ Collaborative way of sharing knowledge

An Open Source Repository

- ◆ For developers and end users
- ◆ Upload/Download code and documentation
- ◆ Collaborative environment with forums, wikis, versioning ...





OSOR.eu services

OSOR.eu – Observatory

- ◆ Stay up to date with latest News, upcoming Events etc
- ◆ Expert guidance for implementation of OSS in PAs
- ◆ Search and retrieve
- ◆ Participate in communities
- ◆ Use collaboration services
- ◆ Newsletter

OSOR.eu – Repository

- ◆ Project hosting
- ◆ Bug tracking
- ◆ Document management
- ◆ Version management
- ◆ Project metrics
- ◆ Virtual forges





Sample federated forges

Forja de RedIRIS	725
Adullact	485
Forxa de Mancomun.org	220
Morfeo Forge	151
Forja de la junta de Extremadura	98
La forja de Guadalnex	49

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The European Union Public License

EUPL

- ◆ Version 1.0 in 2007, 1.1 in 2009
- ◆ Public debates and consultation led to several improvements
- ◆ Copyleft: derived works must be OSS
- ◆ Compatible license list
- ◆ complies with the European understanding of copyright, information to consumer, warranty and liability
- ◆ Official version in 22 European languages





Your project in OSOR.eu

10 principles ... among which:

- ◆ Open Source Software
- ◆ Produced by PA or are of particular use for PA
- ◆ Licensed under a recognised OSS license

Register your project

- ◆ Register your project; create links to your page
- ◆ Host your project into the OSOR.eu forge
- ◆ Create a virtual forge with your own projects
- ◆ Join a federated national/regional forge





Partnering with OSOR.eu

- ◆ What?
 - ◆ Mutual exchange of banners, logos, and links
 - ◆ News/events publication
 - ◆ Display of OSOR embeddable search engine
- ◆ Why? Mutual benefit in terms of exposure
- ◆ Who?
 - ◆ PA that use/support/pioneer OSS
 - ◆ Other OSS Observatories/Repositories/Forges
 - ◆ OSS Communities that can be of interest for PA
- ◆ How?
 - ◆ Contact us at OSOR.eu/contact-us





Thank you for your attention

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