

# **Call for participation**

## **Workshop title**

**“Open Source: Its place in a cross-border environment”**

**Informatics Directorate-General**

## **Venue:**

**Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Room: AB – 1C,**

**36, Rue Froissart, B- 1040 Brussels**

## **Date:**

**Thursday 7 April 2011, 09:30 - 17:30**

## 1 In a nutshell

Some 20 years in the software industry already, open source software is now much more than just a few weird fellows trying to break free from commercial software.

This workshop welcomes open source stakeholders and public administrations to discuss this issue and invites views from all perspectives. The workshop is supported by the [ePractice.eu](http://ePractice.eu) and the [OSOR.eu](http://OSOR.eu) communities and it will be held in Brussels on Thursday 7 April 2011.

## 2 Workshop topics

This workshop invites all Open Source stakeholders and public administrations, and especially those linked to European Union funded initiatives, to discuss the quality dimension of open source with special focus for the use of open source by public administrations. The workshop topics will include:

### Licensing issues:

- o How to choose an Open Source software product for professional use
- o Re-using OSS from other public administrations and the implications of licensing
- o How to agree on a license for a cross border development of OSS
- o The effect of open source licenses to the software development process

### Software production perspectives:

- o OSS production quality improvement
- o Documenting Open Source Software
- o OSOR.eu contribution to communities, licensing and collaborative development and re-use
- o How to set up a project on OSOR.eu, set up roles and manage contributions
- o Additional subjects falling within the umbrella of the workshop's topic on in general are also welcome based on potential speaker proposals.

## 3 Structure

The workshop will comprise presentations by European Commission officials, ePractice and OSOR.eu members with a particular expertise in the area of Open Source as well as experts external to ePractice that might be able to bring added value in the subject of interest. The workshop will consist of two sessions that will cover current and future initiatives on the field. Each session will wrap-up with a roundtable

discussion, which will primarily address key presentation points, future research and implementation needs.

Presentations will be selected by the event organisers on the basis of short, factual and clear abstracts of one page maximum. Abstracts may be accompanied by summarised versions of the final presentation (not to exceed four presentation slides).

At the end of the event, there is a possibility for face to face interviews onsite with selected speakers. These interviews will be taken on camera and then uploaded on the ePractice.eu TV website for the Community to view and comment on.

## 4 Draft Agenda

The workshop will devote approximately two thirds of its duration to presentations and one third to brainstorming and discussion. The detailed agenda will be made available both online through the [workshop announcement](#) on ePractice.eu and sent via email to all participants, once contributions by prospective speakers have been received and finalised.

## 5 Who should attend?

The workshop is open to anyone interested in the area of Open Source, in public administrations as well as businesses and/or citizens who interact with them: cross-border project implementers; developers of Open Source software; stakeholders in FP6 and FP7 research projects; researchers; businesses; European Commission officers; ePractice members etc.

Registration is free of charge and may be performed through the registration page following the creation of an [ePractice account](#) if not a current member.

## 6 Submission guidelines

This event is open to people that are currently, or have been previously, involved in Open Source related initiatives. The organisers will be accepting summaries (*of no more than one page*) and four indicative presentation slides from potential speakers. All submissions are to be sent via e-mail to [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com) by filling in all the necessary information on the “**Workshop proposal form**” which can be found online under the “**Presentation and Documents**” section.

## 7 Important dates

Please pay particular attention to the following dates:

Submission of abstracts/ presentations:	<b>29 March 2011</b>
Speaker participation confirmation:	<b>30 March 2011</b>

Submission of final presentations:	<b>4 April 2011</b>
Workshop date:	<b>7 April 2011</b>
Publication of workshop proceedings:	<b>Early May 2011</b>

## 8 Venue

The workshop will take place in Brussels, Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Room: AB – 1C, 36, Rue Froissart, B- 1040.

## 9 Contact

For information, registration and submission of abstracts, please direct all communication to [events@eurodyn.com](mailto:events@eurodyn.com).