

HOW CAN THE EU HELP FOSS COMMUNITIES?

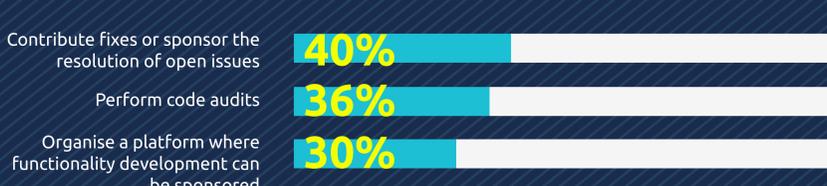
As part of the EU-FOSSA 2 project, the EU has run a survey among:



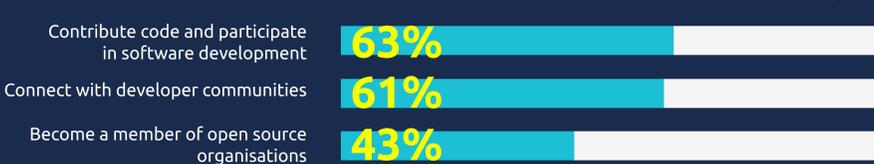
total of **3182** respondents

How can the EU...

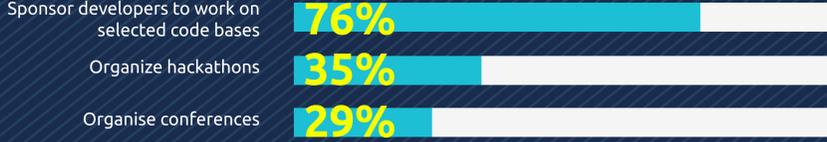
... help increase the security of critical open source software?



... participate in FOSS developer communities?

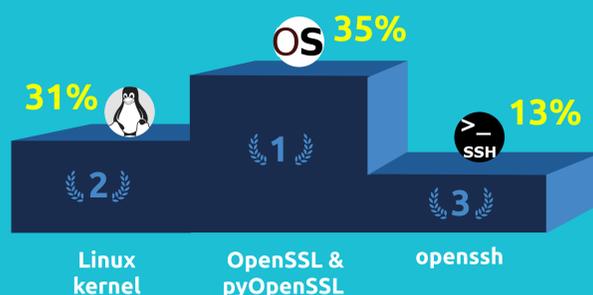


... help communities increase the robustness of their code?

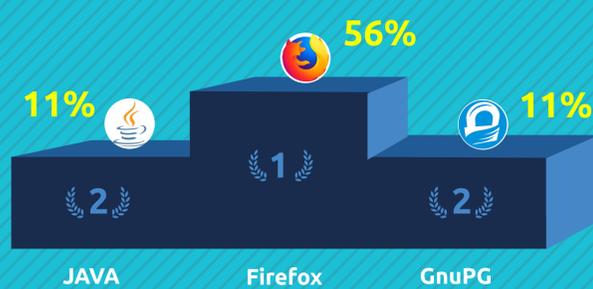


Top 3 most critical softwares to scan according to the respondents

Server



AppV or workstation



Key inputs from FOSS Developers

- 45%** rank "Contribute fixes or sponsor the resolution of open issues" and **37%** rank "Perform code audits" as top priorities for the EU to help further increase the security of critical OSS
- 86%** say "Sponsor professional developers to work on specific aspects" is the best way for EU to help OS communities increase the robustness of their code and **69%** think organising hackathons and conferences should be the second best priority
- 71%** think that "Contribute code and participate in software development" and "Reach out to developer communities" are the best ways for the EU to participate in developer communities

Key inputs from FOSS Users

- 40%** rank "Perform code audits" and "Contribute fixes or sponsor the resolution of open issues" as top priorities for the EU to help further increase the security of critical OSS
- 75%** say "Sponsor professional developers to work on specific aspects" is the best way for EU to help OS communities increase the robustness of their code and "Organising hackathons" is backed up by 37%
- 61%** think that "Contribute code and participate in software development" and "Reach out to developer communities" are the best ways for the EU to participate in developer communities

About the EU-FOSSA 2 project

The EU-FOSSA 2 project aims to improve the security and integrity of critical open source software in use at the European institutions. Following the success of an initial pilot, the project was renewed for another three years, extending the auditing of free and open source software through setting up bug bounty programmes, organising hackathons and conferences, and engaging with developer communities. You can read more about EU-FOSSA 2 here: ec.europa.eu/eu-fossa