

# Open Source Policy FRANCE



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### General Information

France has a strong free software policy. Political and institutional support is well-embedded in public services. Both the central government and the local administrations are actively supporting and using open source solutions.

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### Actors



**Etalab** (French Taskforce for Open Data), part of the **Inter-ministerial Directorate of Digital** (DINUM), is in charge of formulating the Open Government data strategy and its cross-government implementation.



**Adullact** is an association which aims to promote the use, reuse and development of open source software in French regions and municipalities.

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### Policy and Legal Framework



#### Circulaire Ayrault

The circular defines the general guidelines for the use of open source in the public administration.

#### Loi pour une République Numérique

The law introduces the default opening of public data through the principle 'open by default'. It outlines digital principles such as Open Data, Digital Death, Net Neutrality, data portability, conservation of the Internet connection and the right to be forgotten.

#### Décret n°2017-638

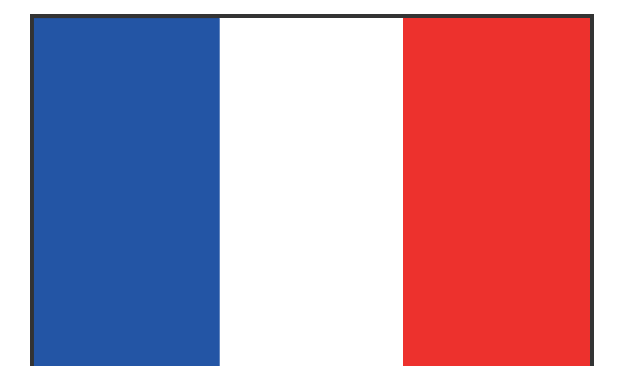
The decree specifies the categories of open source licences that can be used for administrative documents that are communicable and reusable.

#### Contribution Policy for Free Software of the State

The policy defines the conditions for public agents to contribute to open source software created by third parties, anticipates the conditions for a new open data framework and promotes the publication of new software initiated by the government.

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### Open Source Software Initiatives



**DINUM's "Blue Hat" Team:** This team is in charge of raising awareness of open source solutions across the French public administration. The team organised several training sessions for ministries and public agencies.

**Etalab-run open source repository:** In October 2019, the French government launched an open source repository of all software developed or contracted by French administration bodies.

**City of Nantes:** Nantes finalised the transition to LibreOffice in 2016, saving €260K per year. The money saved is being used to purchase support for the open source software currently in place, thus turning public spending into an investment.

**Paris Open Source Summit:** Paris hosts an annual Open Source Summit organised by Systemic Paris-Region, the Weyou Group, and the Union of Free Software and Open Digital Enterprises.