

Open Source Policy LITHUANIA





General Information In early 2010, there was some momentum around the implementation of open source software (OSS) across the public sector in Lithuania, with several NGOs and government institutions leading the movement. Lately, however, there appears to be no single institution advocating in favour of the use of OSS in public administrations and no strategic actors or NGOs specialising in this area.



Actors



Lithuania does not have an appointed central and federal entity for the development and supervision of open source software to date.



Open Code for Lithuania (Atvira Kodas Lietuvai) was a non-governmental organisation working to promote the use and recognition of OSS across Lithuania. Despite being a formerly active player and campaigner, it appears that the organisation is no longer active.



Policy and Legal Framework

2014

2015

2016

Thematic Research Report

The thematic research report prepared for Lithuania's Innovative Public Sector 2030 strategy identified OSS as one of the critical factors for fostering innovation.

Information Technology Strategy

The Lithuanian State Audit Office adopted an Information Technology Strategy recognising the growing use of OSS as a welcome societal trend.

17th Government Programme of the Republic of Lithuania

The Programme sets objectives in relation to the use of OSS in the public administration. Lithuania's government committed to conduct an in-depth risk and cost-benefit analysis, to evaluate the feasibility of establishing an OSS-reliant service infrastructure.



Open Source Software Initiatives

Code for Vilnius: In July 2018, the Municipality of Vilnius launched its new portal based on WordPress. The city has its own GitHub page, where it shares the source code for its 87 projects, solutions and services.

Data: In 2017, several
Lithuanian
municipalities signed a
Memorandum on
Cooperation in the Field
of Open Data, Analysis
of Data and DecisionMaking. The
memorandum clearly
states that any tools
created by the co-

signatories must be

open source.

Memorandum on Open

LibreOffice at the Police
Force: In 2016, the
Lithuanian police force
switched to using
LibreOffice for its
operations. The OSS

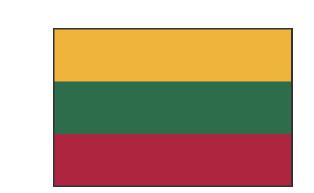
was installed on more

than 8,000 workstations

Online public procurement catalogue: In 2007, Lithuania's Central Purchasing Body developed an online public procurement

catalogue mainly based

on OSS.



Information Resources
Interoperability
Platform (SIRIP): SIRIP is
the centralised shared
service system used by
public administrations in
Lithuania. Launched in
2015, it is built with a
mix of open source and
proprietary components.