

Open Source Policy POLAND



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General Information

Whilst there are no actors directly working to promote the use of open source software (OSS) in Poland, there are numerous initiatives in the country embracing OSS. These range from the use of OSS in hospitals and the organisation of hackathons, to local municipalities recognising the use of OSS in their funding programmes.

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Actors



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



Internet Society Poland Charter was created with a core mission to build and support the creation of the Internet as an open to all, secure and trustworthy communication network.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2005

Information Technology Development Act (ITDA)

Stipulates that ICT requirements and basic registries should be established in such a way 'that guarantee technological neutrality and openness of used standards and specifications'

2016

National Integrated Informatisation programme (PZIP)

The programme states that Poland will create an open source electronic documentation management system. The Ministry hopes that building the system on OSS will encourage private and public entities to contribute to its creation.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



Polish National Digital Archive Hackathon: The Polish National Digital Archive develops its solutions using OSS. On 20-21 September 2019, the Archive organised a first-of-its-kind hackathon in Poland, which brought participants together to work on the digital archival resources of the National Digital Archive and National Film Archive – Audio-visual Institute.

Linux for Poland's Ministry of Justice: Poland's Ministry of Justice signed a contract for the supply of the OSS Suse.

Open Source at Warsaw's University Hospital: OSS has been used by Poland's University Hospital since 2014. The institution's integrated medical system is based completely on OSS.

Central Source Code Repository: In 2016, the Polish Government announced through PZIP that it intends to create a central source code repository, with the aim of facilitating the sharing and reuse of ICT solutions.

Recognition of OSS in regional Operational Programmes 2014 – 2020: The municipality of the city of Gdańsk is committed to using OSS applications where possible. The use of OSS is endorsed and encouraged through the city's Operational Programmes