Open Source Policy
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1 General Information

In Sweden, civic society and municipalities play a leading role in developing and mandating the use of OSS solutions. Numerous Swedish municipalities developed and use an open source platform on their websites which aim to make eServices a simple experience. The main actor at the central governmental level is DIGG, the Agency for Digital Government.

2 Actors

Policy maker

The **Agency for Digital Government (DIGG)** was founded in September 2018. Its open source software development policy aims to standardise and regulate software ownership and to set the conditions for sharing open source solutions.

Strategic player

The **Swedish Agency for Public Management** conducts studies and evaluations at the request of the Government. It aims to modernise public administration with the use of IT and studies the use of free and open source software.

3 Policy and Legal Framework

2010
Framework Agreement

The central government, the public educational sector, twenty county councils, and 225 municipalities signed the Framework Agreement for the procurement of open source software.

2016
Open IT Standards

The Swedish National Procurement services published a document on open IT standards to be used by public authorities.

2019
Software Development Policy

The policy decision states that software that is developed and/or procured for DIGG activities should primarily be published as an open source code.

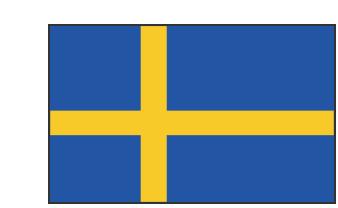## 4 Open Source Software Initiatives

Open ePlatform: Various Swedish municipalities such as Härnösand, Sundsvall, Timrå, Kramfors and Örnsköldsvik developed and use Open ePlatform since 2016**.** The platform is built on a user-friendly interface and aims to make the use of eServices a simple experience.

KOHA library system: From 2016 onward, various libraries across Sweden started developing features for KOHA, an open source library management system, in order to meet the needs of Sweden's public libraries.

Social Insurance Office: The Office switched from a licence-based operating system to open source Linux in 2016, mainly due to cost implications. Employees received training to ease the transition and OSS experts are available for consultations.

Helsingborg City: The city maintains an active GitHub account where various repositories of web and app projects are kept and constantly contributed to. The city also has an open data portal, Oppna Helsingborg.

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