



Webinar

Open Source Software Policies

Country Intelligence Reports



European Commission Open Source Observatory (OSOR)

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Objectives

Present our **preliminary findings** on the current status of source software policies in 23 European countries and **showcase** the impact of formalised OSS policies in France and Italy



Receive **your feedback** on how to make the information in the country reports more useful for **your needs** and what to envisage for the next reports

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open source policies
in 23 European
countries

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Context and Background

OSOR



INFORMATION OBSERVATORY

Publishes information, experiences and best practices around the use of open source software in public administrations. Additionally, the [Knowledge Centre](#) gives access to key resources such as studies and guidelines.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Promotes open source software through community engagement activities such as participation in events, social media, and production and publication of content.

ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT

Provides information and offers ad-hoc legal support services on the licensing of open source software solutions in cooperation with the [EUPL collection](#).

“OSOR aims to become a trustworthy observatory that provides FOSS expertise and information as well as serves as middle ground to connect European Public Administrations with other relevant stakeholders. To reach this objective, OSOR will support a dynamic community and further promote the use of Free and Open Source Software.”

Introduction

SCOPE



Research on the state of play of OSS policies in European countries focussing on:

- **governance,**
- **political and legal frameworks,** and
- major ongoing **OSS initiatives**

METHODOLOGY



- Carrying out **desk research**
- **Feedback** by national contact points
- Compilation of **final** country reports

STATUS

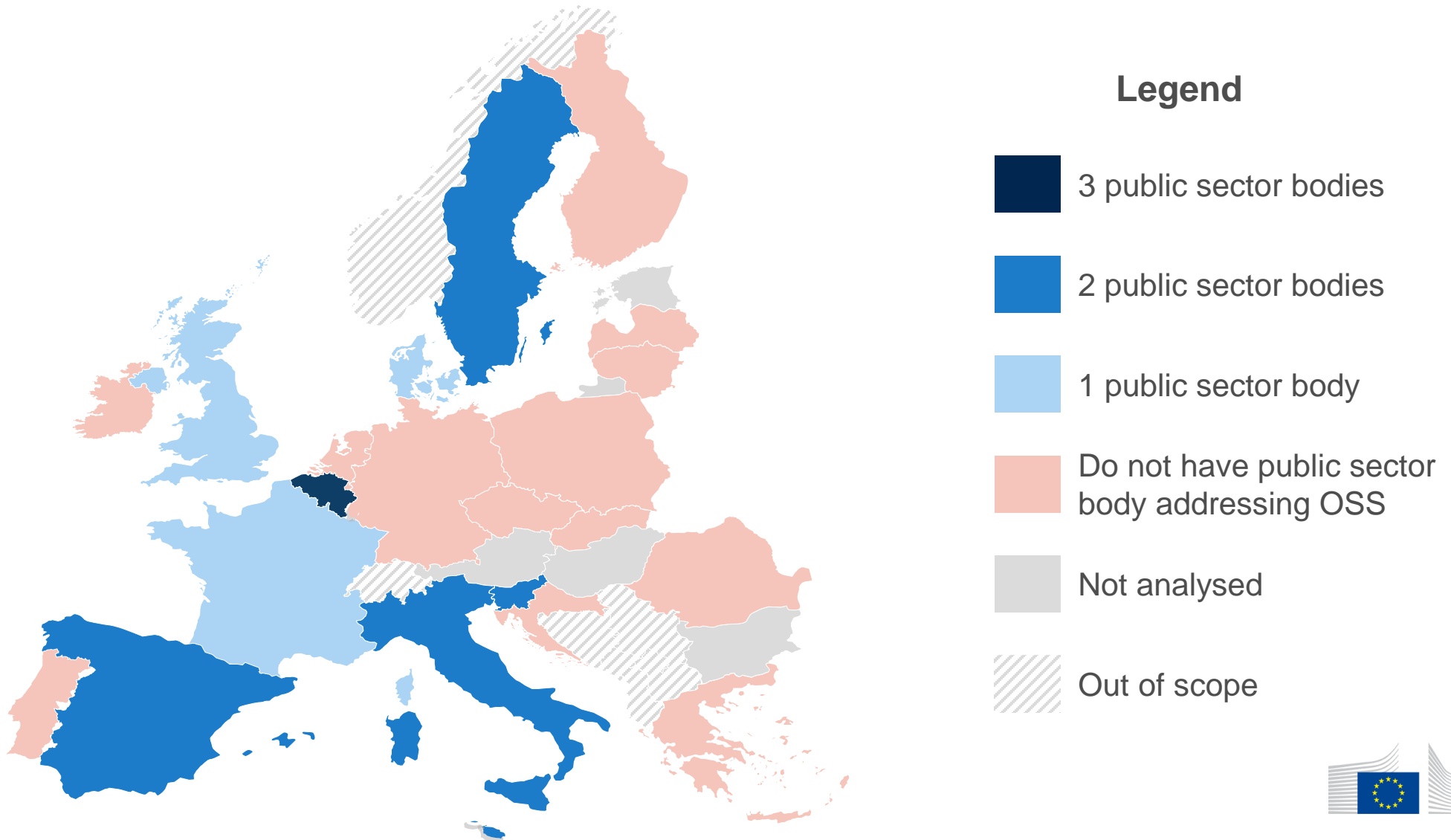
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Turkey	Country Report	Country Report
United Kingdom	Country Report	Country Report

- Ten country reports **published** on OSOR
- Six country reports **coming soon**
- This presentation covers **23 countries including 6 draft reports** (excl. AT, BG, CY, EE, HU)

Current status of open source software policies in European countries

Analysis of the 23 country intelligence reports that have been so far drafted

While 9 countries have public sector bodies that address OSS, still 14 have no formalised governance to address the subject.



There are three main types of public sector bodies that deal with OSS



Agency 6

- Digital Agency (Belgium)
- Flanders Information Agency (Belgium)
- Danish Agency for Digitisation (Denmark)
- Agency for Digital Italy (Italy)
- Malta Information Technology Agency (Malta)
- Agency for Digital Government (Sweden)



Entity within Ministry 6

- Interministerial Directorate for Digital Services (France)
- Digital Transformation Department (Italy)
- Information Society Office (Slovenia)
- Directorate for Information Society and Informatics (Slovenia)
- General Secretariat of Digital Administration (Spain)
- Malta Open Source End User Group (Malta)



Service 4

- Belgian Federal Public Service Policy and Support, the Directorate-General Digital Transformation (Belgium)
- Technology Transfer Centre (Spain)
- Swedish National Procurement Services (Sweden)
- Government Digital Service (United Kingdom)

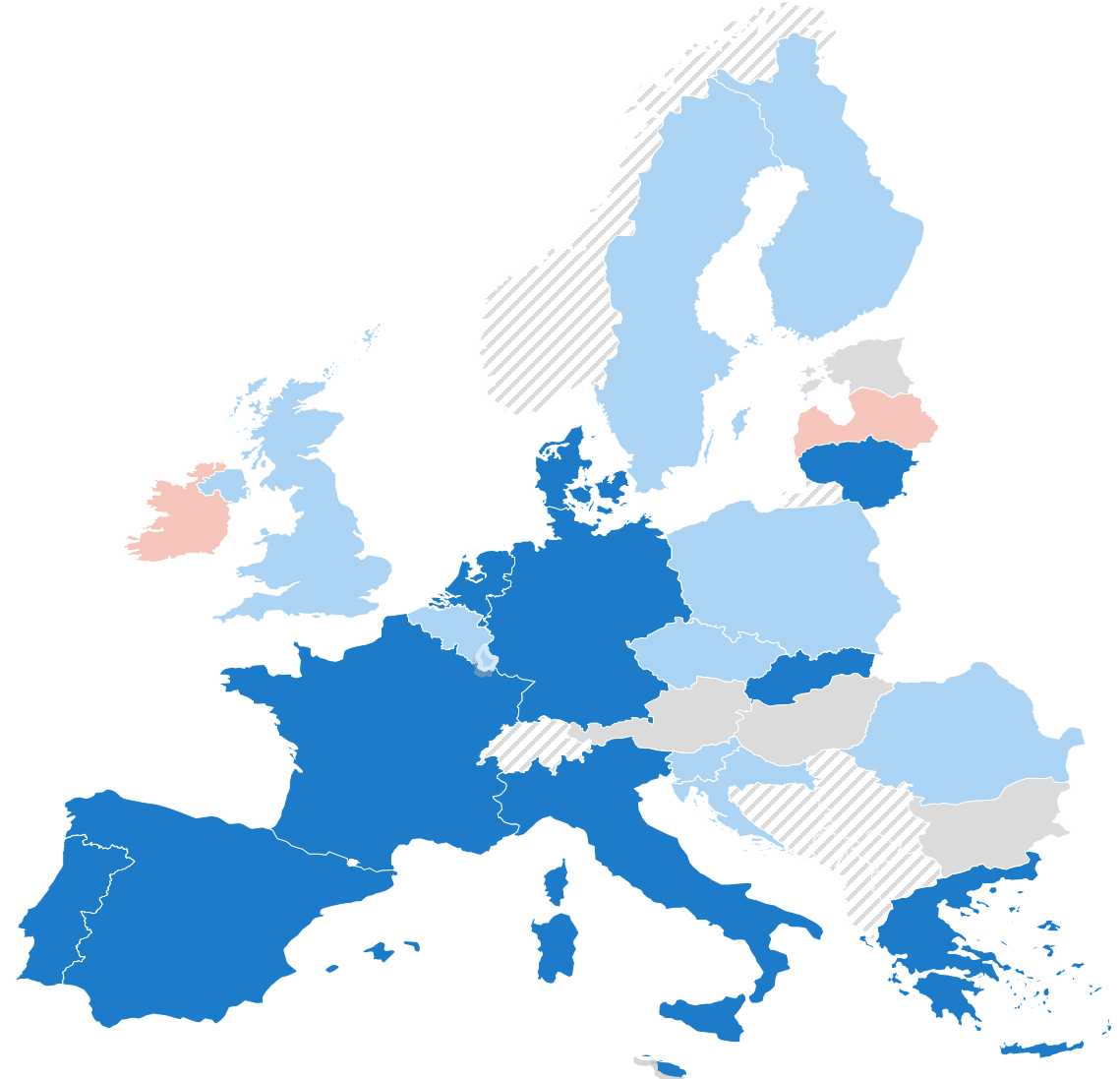
21 countries of the 23 analysed have both political and legal initiatives addressing OSS. Of the 11 countries with legal initiatives, three countries have more than one initiative.

Legal






- Parliamentary resolutions
- Laws
- Directives
- Decrees

Political

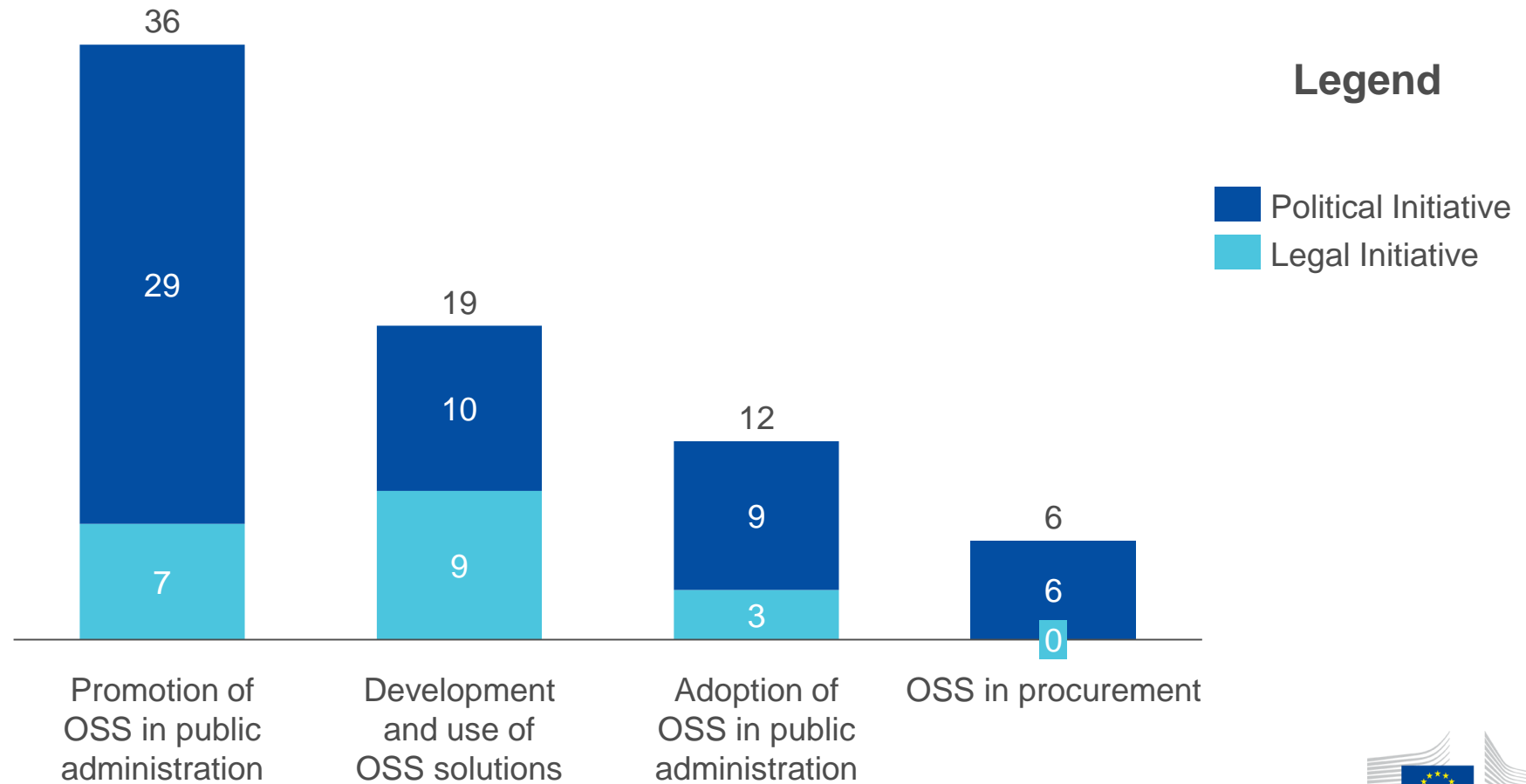
- Guidelines
- Political declarations
- Governmental programmes
- Strategies



Legend

-  Political and legal initiatives
-  Political initiative only
-  No political nor legal initiative
-  Not analysed
-  Out of scope

The political and legal initiatives were found to focus on the four recurrent issues and domains below



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Promotion of OSS in public administrations

- Denmark (Parliamentary resolution)
- Germany (Parliamentary resolution)
- Lithuania (Parliamentary resolution)
- Netherlands (Act)
- Portugal (Ministry resolution)
- Spain (Ministry resolution)



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Development of OSS in public administrations

- France (Decree, Bill, Law, Circular)
- Greece (Law)
- Portugal (Decree-law)
- Slovakia (Decree)
- Spain (Laws)



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Adoption of OSS in public administrations

- Italy (Bill)
- Malta (Directive)
- Portugal (Law)

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Promotion of OSS in public administrations

- Strategy (**Croatia**, Denmark, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovakia, United Kingdom)
- Programme (Belgium, Finland, Luxembourg)
- Policy (Belgium, **Malta**)
- Action Plan (**Denmark**, Slovenia)
- Papers (Finland, Poland, Sweden)
- Etc.



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Development of OSS in public administrations

- **France (Policy)**
- Germany (Guidelines)
- Italy (Guidelines)
- Malta (Strategy, Consultation)
- Poland (Programme)
- Slovenia (Guidelines, Strategy)
- **Spain (Guidelines)**
- **Sweden (Policy)**



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Adoption of OSS in public administrations

- Czechia (Policy)
- Denmark (Action)
- France (Action)
- Lithuania (Government programme)
- Malta (Strategy)
- Portugal (Strategy)
- Romania (Digital Agenda)
- Slovakia (Action plan)
- **Slovenia (policy)**



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OSS in procurement

- **Finland (Guidelines)**
- Germany (Agenda)
- **Malta (Governmental White Paper)**
- **Netherlands (Programme)**
- Slovenia (Guidelines)
- Sweden (Framework agreement)

In the course of the collection of our data in 23 countries, a total of 200 OSS initiatives were described. The most common types of initiatives are the following



Migration to OSS in governmental bodies



Online platform



Collaboration with strategic players



Use of various OSS in public sector bodies



Repositories



Adopting OSS from other public administrations



Creation of an OS cloud in governmental bodies



Event/Training



Citizen participation

Lightning Talks

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Lightning Talks



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Share your thoughts!

What are you looking for in the OSS country reports?



Q&A with Bastien and Leonardo



Which missing aspect would you like to learn more about in the country reports?



Based on the findings of all the country reports, we will be publishing a comprehensive study of the reports. How could you use this information within your organisations?



We have talked about governmental actors, strategic players, policies and legislation. What else do you think can contribute to the adoption of OSS in the public sector?



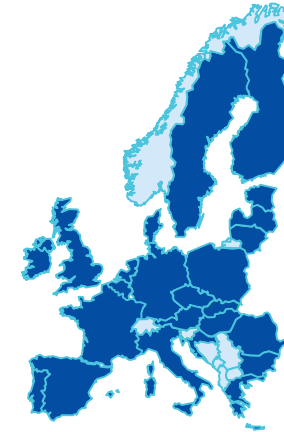
In your community, who do you think could further contribute to the country reports?

Next steps

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Austria, Bulgaria,
Croatia, Cyprus,
Estonia, Hungary,
Lithuania, Poland,
United Kingdom

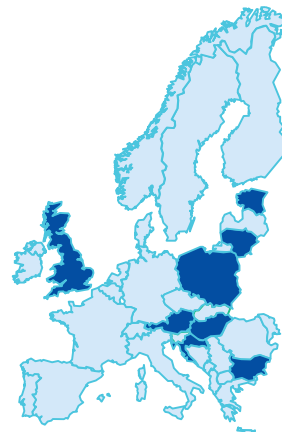


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Greece, Latvia,
Luxembourg, Malta,
Netherlands, Romania



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New repository on
Joinup, created by
the **European**
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Interoperability Unit
with contribution from
the OSOR team

The repository of digital responses to COVID-19 is a live project, which is updated on a regular basis and relies on your contribution too!

<https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/collection/digital-response-covid-19>

