



# CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND USE OF OSS

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## OSPO for municipalities

- **Less vendor influence**
- **Shared costs**
- **Interoperability**
- **More competitive market**
- **Customizability**
- **Community support**
- **Enhanced Security**



# Challenge 1

## Lack of experience, knowledge and information

- public officers are not familiar with open source software and its use or procurement
- it is not common to (re-)use or procure OSS
- prejudice and misinterpretation
- language barrier
- overcautious lawyers



# Challenge 2

## Vendor lock-in practices

- pressure from large suppliers
- de facto oligopolies
- impossibility to change contracts (not ready for re-use)
- data and resources locked in software
- lack of proven OSS

A photograph of a city skyline at sunset, with buildings reflected in the water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, and the water is calm, showing clear reflections of the buildings.

## Challenge 3

### **Stuck mindset and resistance to change**

- **most public administrations operate with historical processes and tools (not re-use system management)**
- **most public administrations operate with historical processes and tools**
- **OSS procurement and (re-)use usually means more work or learning**



**Thank you! Questions?**

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