# Open Source in public services:

## Europe's best practices in openness, governance and responsible ownership

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**Free Software Foundation Europe is a charity that empowers users to control technology.**

# Free Software / Open Source

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## Use

Free Software can be used for any purpose and is free of restrictions such as licence expiry or geographic limitations

## Study

Free Software and its code can be studied by anyone, without non-disclosure agreements or similar restrictions.

## Share

Free Software can be shared and copied at virtually no cost.

## Improve

Free Software can be modified by anyone, and these improvements can be shared publicly.

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# Why you should support Free Software

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**In order to establish trustworthy systems, public bodies must ensure they have full control over the software and the computer systems at the core of our state digital infrastructure.**

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**Public bodies are financed through taxes. They must make sure they spend funds in the most efficient way possible.**

**Tallinn Declaration on eGovernment**

**We will in our countries:**

**make more use of open source solutions and/or open standards when (re)building ICT systems and solutions (among else, to avoid vendor lock-ins), including those developed and/or promoted by EU programmes for interoperability and standardisation, such as ISA 2**

**Tallinn Declaration on eGovernment**

**We call upon:**

**the Commission to consider strengthening the requirements for use of open source solutions and standards when (re)building of ICT systems and solutions takes place with EU funding, including by an appropriate open licence policy – by 2020.**

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## Regionality

Regional SMEs  can become strong partners.



## Autonomy

Free Software helps to develop and maintain tailored software that suits your needs, not just the vendor’s business model.

## Efficiency

With transparent processes, others don't have to reinvent the wheel. Major projects can share expertise and costs.

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**Governments are amongst the largest purchasers of information technology (IT) goods and services and comprise up to 27% of revenue for software firms.**

Source: Frank Nagle: Government Technology Policy, Social Value, and National Competitiveness; P. 2

**France regulation led to**

**a 0.6% - 5.4% yearly increase in companies that use FS,**

**a 9% - 18% yearly increase in the number of IT-related startups,**

**a 6.6% - 14% yearly increase in the number of individuals employed in IT related jobs,**

**and a 5% - 16% yearly decreas in software related patents.**

**Barcelona:**

**Collaboration with other cities**

**70% of its software budget to be invested in open source software**

**3.000 Companies, 60% SMEs**

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**OGP Toolbox**

**1.415 tools**

**592 organizations**

## OGP Toolbox

The OGP Toolbox is a free software initially developed on behalf of the Open Government Partnership community.

OGP Toolbox is one of the main deliverables of the OGP Global Summit hackathon (December 2016).

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**Over 120 government organisations from over 17 European governments have, in total, licensed nearly 5.000 instances of Free Software on github**

**Cooperation – local, national, international**

**Consul – participation platform, used in 18 countries – nominated for Sharing and Reuse Awards 2019**

**Decidim – platform for citizen participation; used in 4 countries, nominated for Sharing and Reuse Awards 2019**

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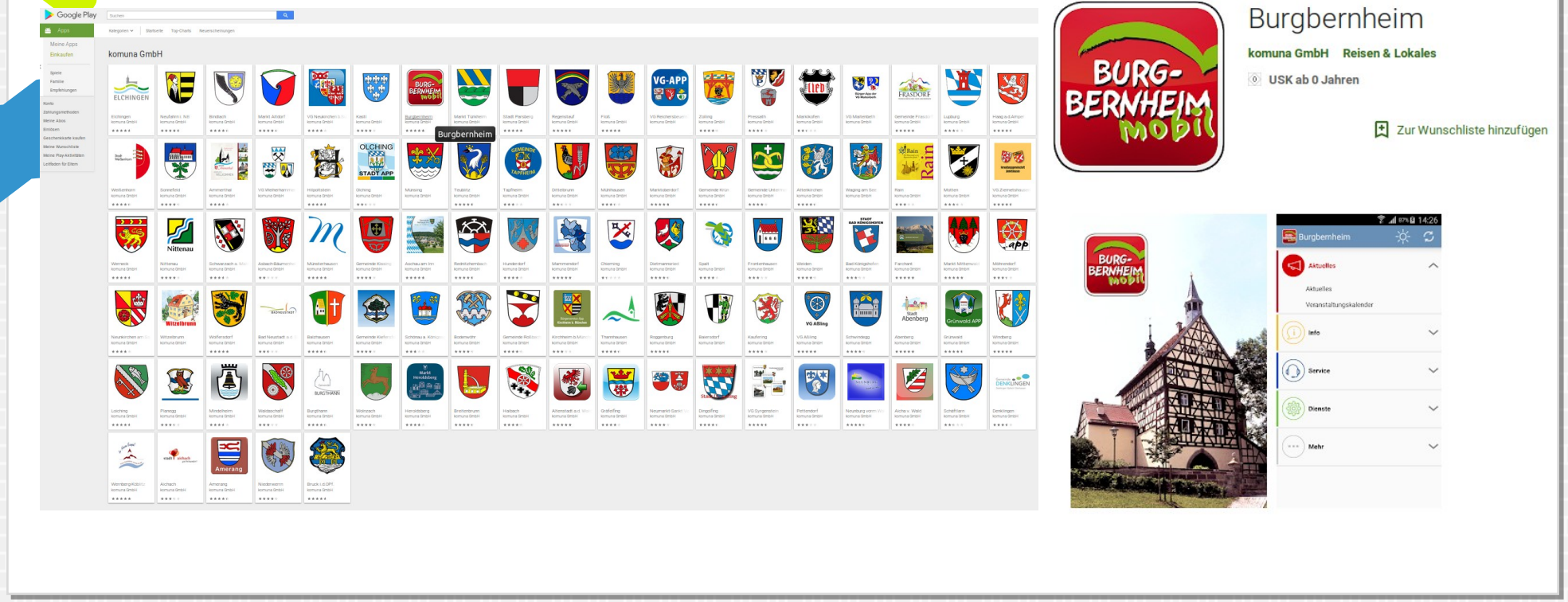
Ckan – Platform for Open Data, used by 31 countries; EU Open Data Portal implemented the system

Gnu health - health and hospital information system, used in 12 countries

Fix my Street – platform to report street problems, used in 13 countries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We want legislation requiring that publicly financed software developed for the public sector be made publicly available under a Free and Open Source Software license.

**If it is public money, it should be public code as well.**

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Public Code

Modernising Public Infrastructure
with Free Software

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# SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

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