



Open Source Observatory Policy Factsheet Slovenia

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General Information

Slovenia has an extensive, yet largely invisible, open source infrastructure that powers government services. Although it has not adopted a systematic policy approach to open source uptake, the new Ministry of Digital Transformation, established in 2023, is updating and coordinating the government's digital transformation, recognising open source as key to encouraging the sustainable development of software for the public sector. Open source initiatives are mainly driven by civil society organisations and volunteer networks, which develop interesting projects and promote open source adoption through a bottom-up approach.

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Actors

POLICY MAKERS

The Ministry of Digital Transformation is responsible for monitoring and crafting digital policies and strategies, as well as overseeing digital technology within the government and developing the information society.

STRATEGIC PLAYERS

Slovenia's Open Source Centre (COKS) is the national centre for developing and using open source solutions in the private and public sectors, providing support to users.

Today Is A New Day (Danes je nov dan) is an NGO focused on digital technologies and has developed several open source projects.

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Policy and Legal Framework

DIGITAL SLOVENIA 2030 STRATEGY

The strategy's goal is to plan Slovenia's digital transformation. It builds on European strategic documents, addressing key areas and promoting digitalisation across all segments: society, government, municipalities, and economy. Open source is mentioned for its use in creating public services.

GUIDELINES FOR INFORMATION SOLUTIONS DEVELOPMENT

First published in 2018 and revised by the Ministry of Digital Transformation in 2025, the guidelines cover all project phases, from planning to production, and encourage public administrations to utilise solutions provided by the state on the National Interoperability Portal, which includes open source options.

DIGITAL PUBLIC SERVICES STRATEGY 2030

Key to Slovenia's digital transformation, the document sets out the direction for developing digital public services and creates a framework for simple services in the digital public sector. Openness and transparency are listed as two guiding principles.

GENERIC TECHNOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT

Updated in 2024, the document presents mandatory instructions for creating information solutions to be installed on the Ministry of Digital Transformation's central infrastructure. It contains equal treatment guidelines for proprietary and open source solutions in the development, implementation and hosting of new systems in public administrations.



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Open Source Software Initiatives

SLEDINIK AND ZDRAVNIKI

Sledinik is an open source, public tracker developed by volunteers to collect, analyse and publish data on the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. It was highly successful during the 2020 pandemic. The same group also developed Zdravniki, an open source tool that provides a portal to see doctors' availability, facilitating the process of finding a doctor.

PARLAMETER

Parlamer is a tool that monitors the work of the Slovenian National Assembly. The open source software was developed in 2016 by Danes Je Nov Dan. Several city councils across Slovenia, as well as the national assemblies of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Ukraine have also adopted the initiative.