OW2 OSS Good Governance initiative
OSS Governance with a European Perspective

An Introduction
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Three Drivers

- Cross-pollination of industry best practice beyond compliance and the fragmentation of national silos.
- Neutral home to host experience sharing. But big global organisations are not easy to deal with.
- EU context is relevant both economically and culturally. A convenient framework and scale for sovereignty issues.
The Path to Good Governance Maturity

Abraham Maslow’s Hierarchy of Behavioral Motivation

OW2 Goals to OSS Good Governance Maturity

- Strategy
  Embracing the full potential of OSS. Proactively using OSS for innovation and competitiveness.

- Engagement
  Engaging with the OSS ecosystem. Contributing back. Developing visibility, event participation.

- Culture

- Trust
  Securely and responsibly using OSS. Compliance and dependency management policies.

- Usage
  Technically using OSS. Technical ability and experience with OSS. Some OSS awareness.


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The Good Governance Initiative:
a Maturity Model for Producing and Using Open Source Software

- A heuristic approach to open source
- A blueprint for open source policy implementation

- Five complementary GOALS
  - Usage: basic skills in producing, using OSS
  - Trust: compliance and safety in doing OSS
  - Culture: belonging to the OSS world
  - Engagement: giving back to the OSS ecosystem
  - Strategy: OSS for digital transformation

- Supported by ACTIVITIES
- Verified by SCORECARDS
Usage Goal
Basic Skills in Using Open Source Software

Key content
- Using OSS and competences in using OSS. It covers technical ability and experience with OSS
- Developing some understanding and awareness of OSS

Verification points
- Inventory of OSS used
- Inventory of available skills
- Inventory of required skills
- Understanding of OSS licenses
**Trust Goal**
Secure and Appropriate Usage of Open Source Software

**Key content**
- Using OSS legally and safely
- Organised software reuse
- Organised licence management
- OSS production best practices

**Verification points**
- Compliance policy, officer
- Dependency and security management
- Use of compliance and dependency management tools
Culture Goal
Belonging to the Open Source Community at Large

▸ Key content
▸ OSS culture that helps implementing best practices
▸ Sharing with the open source community
▸ Engaging with support communities

▸ Verification points
▸ Personal and Professional contributions to OSS projects
▸ Individual attendance at OSS events
Engagement Goal
Engaging with the OSS Ecosystem

Key content
- Contributing back to OSS projects and supporting OSS communities
- Asserting publicly use of open source

Verification points
- Communication actions
- Event participation
- Financial sponsoring
- Publicly shared code and contributions
Strategy Goal
Open Source as a Corporate Strategy

Key Content
- C-level awareness of open source as an enabler
- Innovation
- Sovereignty
- Digital transformation

Verification points
- Open source in corporate IT strategy
- Open source supporting new activities
A blueprint for Open Source Good Governance Implementation

- Guidance for implementation
- Experience sharing
- Progress monitoring and reporting

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How to get in on it?

Easy! Join the Good Governance Initiative Resource Center!

The OW2 Open Source Good Governance Initiative

The OW2 Open Source Good Governance Initiative is a joint effort between OW2 members and non-members to grow awareness and expertise on how to properly use and contribute to open source software with the objective to improve competitiveness and enhance the sustainability of the European OSS ecosystem.

OSS Good Governance Resource Center

The initiative is developing an OSS Good Governance Resource Center. It is organized in five main sections after the Good Governance Maturity model presented at OW2online 20 (videos, slides) on June 18th, 2020.

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Strategy Goal

- Open Source as a Corporate Strategy
And now let's talk
Q&A
Disagreements
Complements
Feedback
etc.

Thank You

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