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### OW2con'23 links open source software to digital commons

With 40 professional speakers from 8 different countries and 14 active open source sponsors, the OW2 community's annual conference addresses technical, organisational and societal issues.

**Paris, 5 June 2023** - OW2, the international community of open source software for information systems offers, at Orange Gardens in Paris Châtillon, several dozens of testimonials on the central theme of "**open source software and digital commons**". No fewer than 33 sessions and 4 face-to-face workshops will take place over the two days of **14-15 June 2023**.

A growing number of public and private players are combining their efforts to develop **common digital projects and usages**, as alternatives to the dominant solutions from the global Internet giants. This trend reflects a cultural change that motivates the co-design, development and operation of digital resources by a community of players prepared to share the same rules of governance. The outcomes of these efforts include text and audiovisual content, databases and free software.

Just as **Wikipedia** forms an encyclopaedia of collective knowledge on the Internet, **OpenStreetMap** and **Open Food Facts** are becoming collaborative reference tools for dealing with geographical data and food products respectively. Digital commons and open source software share a number of characteristics: they serve a community, are inclusive, designed for sustainability, and free of proprietary dependency.

**On Wednesday 14 June**, three keynote speeches will launch OW2con'23 : **Philippe Latombe**, member of the French parliament will address the protection of individual rights for cloud end users, **Wolfgang Gehring**, FOSS ambassador at **Mercedes-Benz Tech Innovation** will cover open source development practices and culture in corporations, and **Jean-Luc Dorel**, **European Commission Project Officer** will detail the **Next Generation Internet** programme.

Next, the Dutch foundation **NLNet** will highlight the importance of commons such as dykes, mobile networks and social networks for the citizens of a flat country situated largely below sea level. This will be followed by three digital common stories from **Open Food Facts**, the Alps city of **Echirolles**, and the French **Ministry of Education**.

We will also be discussing **Open Data** with the **Dinum**, the **Open Data Hub**, and the **Datami** project. Then, three uses of open-source tools will be described: migrating a proprietary wiki to **XWiki**, the **AICS** platform built with **Knowage** for monitoring sustainable development objectives, and the use of Ubuntu servers by **Orange** premises.

During the **Cloud & Security** session, Christophe Maudoux from the **Gendarmerie Nationale** will specify how the LemonLDAP:NG WebSSO protects cross-server exchanges. **Geir Horn** from the University of Oslo will explain Morphemic's role in managing cross-cloud applications involving hardware accelerators. **Florian Caringi** from the **BPCE groupe** (Banque Populaire, Caisse d'Epargne) will summarize an OSPO success story with **TOSIT**. At the end of the day, three OW2 projects will receive an **OW2con'23 Best Project Award** for their exceptional contribution in terms of technology, community and market performance.

**On Thursday 15 June 2023**, seven testimonies will focus on the community management of open source projects (APH10, Hermine, QuickApp, INRAE, PrestaShop, Siemens, Babel.coop), followed by a round table on open source governance within large organisations, bringing together **François Desmier (MAIF)**, **Jacob Green (OSPO++)**, **Gilles Rouvier (Lawways)**, **Frédéric Aatz (Microsoft)** and **Simon Phipps (OSI)**.

Funding for open source projects, the latest standards, and presentations by new OW2 members **Belledonne Communications**, **OpenStudio**, and **Xenogenics** will conclude the OW2con'23 annual conference.

Four workshops are planned for this year, focusing on the **OW2 Technology Council**, **CLIF** performance testing, **OSPOs at French universities**, and **OSS governance**. Please, find a detailed program with workshop schedules and free online registration for professionals on the conference website: [www.ow2con.org](http://www.ow2con.org)

#### About OW2

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