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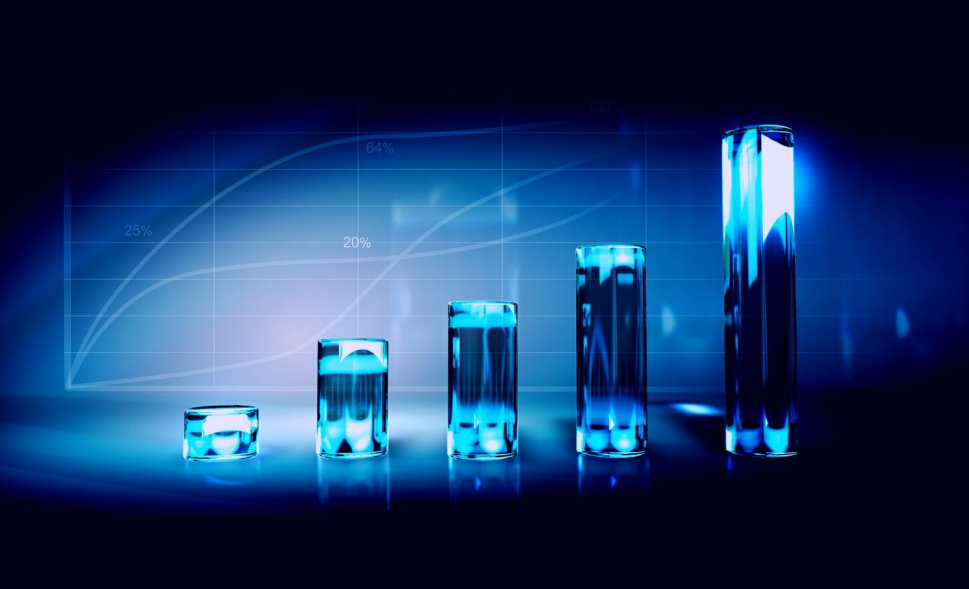
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Open source is mainstream

As open source is becoming mainstream, a growing proportion of organisations, public and private, need guidance to implement professional management of open source software.

Context

Open Source Program Offices

The concept of the Open Source Program Office (OSPO) is currently gaining popularity as a cross-functional team to help define and steer an organisation's open source management strategy and organizational readiness.

The OSPO Alliance

- Launched by European non profit organisations and concerned individuals to promote an approach to excellence in open source software management.

- Provides an open experience-sharing platform to facilitate discovery of tools and best practices and help define the state of the art in this domain.

- Shares the values of the open source movement and believes that lowering barriers to open source adoption, contribution, and participation will help disseminate its benefits society-wide.

- Set up a vendor-neutral experience-sharing platform, the Alliance is open to all willing to sign its Statement of Support, without further cost or commitment.

The OSPO Alliance

- Provide actionable solutions and a comprehensive methodology to help set-up and manage corporate OSPOs.
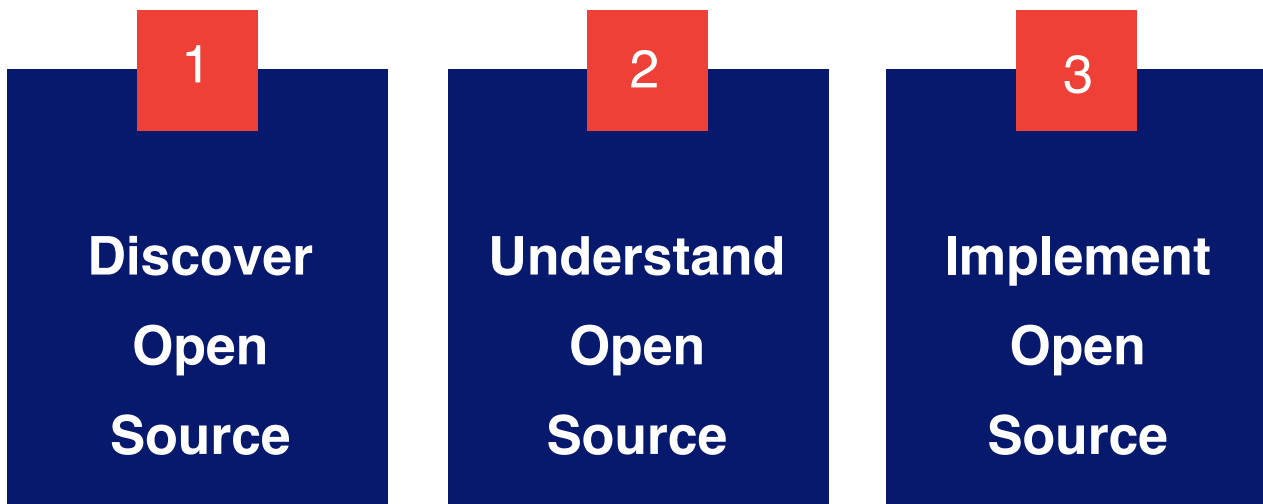- Foster open source excellence in Europe and beyond.

Founders

Supporters

Help organisations along the whole learning curve

1

Discover Open Source

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Understand Open Source

3

Implement Open Source

Based on the OW2 Good Governance Initiative

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 — Implementing best practices. Developing OSS culture. Sharing experience.

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

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

OW2 Goals to OSS Good Governance

Work in progress!

Discover
Open
Source

Create a selection of well-curated resources to help people get started

Understand
Open Source

- Interviews supporters
- Case studies
- Reference existing training material – need curation

OW2
Good Governance
Initiative release

First iteration of the GGI methodology and collaterals.
Ready for early adopters.

Coming soon

- More supporters

- A monthly public meeting

- Creation of an editorial board to review contributions

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THANK YOU!

Join the tribe!