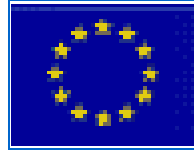


## ::: About tOSSad



tOSSad project ([www.tossad.org](http://www.tossad.org)) aims to improve the outcome of F/OSS communities throughout Europe by supporting the coordination and networking of these communities by means of state-of-the-art studies, national program initiations, usability cases and curriculum development.

## ::: tOSSad partners



tOSSad is a truly European project - it has members from all over Europe, including Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Belgium, Estonia, UK, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Malta, Norway, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

## ::: tOSSad F/OSS Usability Workshop in Bologna, Italy

tOSSad project organizes a F/OSS Usability Workshop in Bologna, Italy on December, 15. The theme of the workshop is F/OSS applications with a usability focus: designing for a successful project. The workshop will focus on the usability of free and open source software, aiming to build a bridge between the developers and the usability specialists. We welcome anyone interested in design of F/OSS products and involving usability in F/OSS: developers, usability experts, user interface designers and end-users.

This workshop has three main goals. The participants will

- have an understanding of the current relationship between F/OSS and usability, together with problems, barriers and actions taken.
- understand how F/OSS and usability will cooperate across the organization or a project.
- have the ability to integrate their refreshed usability skills and the project they are involved.

We welcome anyone interested in design of F/OSS products and involving usability in F/OSS: developers, usability experts, user interface designers and end-users.

Workshop topics include, but not limited to, the following:

- Interaction design
- F/OSS and usability
- F/OSS usability testing
- New products, services and libraries improving usability
- Involving usability experts in F/OSS projects
- Role of usability expert in F/OSS projects
- Resolving conflicting requirements
- Usability bug reporting
- F/OSS and out of box experience
- New trends in usability
- Prototyping and storytelling
- Accessibility and internationalization

The workshop will be held at CINECA (Bologna, Italy) in the Blue Room ([www.cineca.it](http://www.cineca.it)). Participation is free of charge. The workshop language is English. For more information, have a look at the workshop web page - and do not forget to register for the event.

Paper submission deadline is December, 1st.

## ::: Next tOSSad Steering Committee Meeting

The next tOSSad Steering Committee Meeting is to be held in February 2007. Although the place and the exact date of the meeting has not been definitely fixed yet, but it will most probably be

held during the Free Software World Conference to be held in February 7-9, 2007 at Badajoz, Spain.

## **::: OSS 2007 The Third International Conference On Open Source Systems, 11-14 June 2007, Limerick, Ireland**

The third of the International Conference on Open Source Systems series is to be held in Limerick, Ireland on June 11-14, 2007. The goal of OSS 2007 is to provide an international forum where a diverse community of professionals from academia, industry and public administration can come together to share research findings and practical experiences. The conference is also meant to provide information and education to practitioners, identify directions for further research, and to be an ongoing platform for technology transfer.

Conference topics include but not limited to:

- OSS Historical Foundations and Emerging Trends
- Public and Private Sector Adoption of OSS Solutions
- OSS, Open Science and "Open Knowledge"
- OSS, Health Services Management and E-Health
- Knowledge Management, e-Learning and OSS
- OSS Education and Training
- Socio-cultural Dynamics of OSS
- OSS and Social Networks
- OSS Usability, Scalability, Maintainability and other quality issues
- Tools and infrastructures for OSS Development
- Architectures and patterns for OSS Development
- Techniques and processes for OSS Development
- OSS and Agile Development
- OSS and Distributed Development
- Documentation of OSS projects
- Licensing, IPR and other legal issues in OSS
- Free software and GPLv3
- OSS and Innovation
- OSS and e-Government
- OSS Business models and strategies
- Cost, value and economic models of OSS
- Empirical analysis of OSS including surveys, field studies, case studies, experiments and experience reports

Tutorials and workshops will also be held during the conference.

For further information:

<http://oss2007.dti.unimi.it/>

## **::: Free Software World Conference, February 7-9, 2007, Spain**

The conference will take place in Badajoz (Extremadura - Spain) February 7-9, 2007 under the motto "challenge for the imagination. This Conference, his third edition, has become the forum of presentation and debate of ideas, projects and experiences and in one of the most excellent events worldwide. In its two last editions, celebrated in Malaga and Mérida, more than 10,000 participants were present. The main target of the Conference is the one to establish a frame of reference for the analysis of the development and the evolution of the different strategies that are taking the organizations with respect to the introduction and implantation from Free Software and the Free Knowledge in their structures, political actions, lines of investigation and business. Structured in two thematic blocks, Free Software and Free Knowledge, the Conference is going to be the scene of debates of technical, political, cultural, artistic nature, where developers of free code will take part, people in charge of companies and administrations, creators of contents and

jurists worldwide.

The following subjects will be covered in the conference.

**Free Software:**

- Distributions of free software, kernel, surroundings graphs, applications for the domestic user and enterprise, ofimáticas tools, data bases, surroundings of development, super-computing, network servers, voice on IP, GIS, Systems for the management of the information and knowledge, software of work in group, applications of development multimedia, etc.
- Software Libre used like support to projects of investigation
- Software Libre for the accessibility of people discapacitadas
- Implantation of Software Libre in Administration, the Company and in Organizations without Spirit of Profit. Migration of proprietary software to free software. Open standards.
- The policies of Software Libre within the framework international
- Experiences

**Free Knowledge:**

- Science and culture
- Artistic creation
- Legal aspects of the Free Knowledge (also Free Software)
- Activism
- Policies of cooperation for development. South-south cooperation
- Industry of the Free Knowledge
- Policies of the Free Knowledge within the international framework
- Experiences

For further information:

<http://www.freesoftwareworldconference.com/>

**::: Other Upcoming F/OSS events in 2007**

- **SCALE 5x - 2007 Southern California Linux Expo,**  
Feb 10-11, 2007, Los Angeles, CA  
<http://www.socallinuxexpo.org>
- **LinuxWorld OpenSolutions Summit**  
February 14-15, 2007, New York, New York  
<http://www.linuxworldexpo.com/live/14/>
- **EclipseCon**  
March 5-7, 2006, San Jose, California  
<http://www.eclipsecon.org/2007/>
- **MySQL Users Conference**  
April 15-18, 2007, Santa Clara, California  
<http://www.web2expo.com/>
- **RailsConference**  
May 17-20, 2007, Portland, Oregon
- **Open Source Business Conference OSBC**  
May 22-23 2007, San Francisco, California  
<http://www.osbc.com>

## ::: Past tOSSad events

### **tOSSad in IST 2006 event**

tOSSad was represented in a joint booth during the IST 2006 event in Helsinki between 21-23 November, 2006. The booth, shared by 8 IST FP6 projects, was located in section 8, along with FP7 support activities.

### **tOSSad Steering Committee Meeting in Stuttgart**

tOSSad partners gathered again for a Steering Committee Meeting in University of Stuttgart, Stuttgart, Germany on November 15-18, 2006. Individual workpackage meetings (WP1 to WP4) were held during the SC meeting.

### **Wizards of OS Conference Berlin September 14.-16.2006**

tOSSad took the opportunity to be present at the fourth Wizards of OS Conference. A conference that covers the fields of free software and free knowledge. For three days, more than 90 renowned scientists, technologists, artists and activists from around the world examined the technological, legal, cultural and artistic developments of the last years in light of free culture. During this three days the tOSSad booth was well visited. We handed out brochures, proceeding books of the usability workshop in Como, printouts of several deliverables out of all work packages and gave an insight in the tOSSad project, its aims and outcomes. tOSSad was also a part in the workshop about cooperatives and their opportunities in the area of Open Source. The presentation highlighted the project itself, the build up of the partners and their business models to show different interests of varying business models to construct a bridge to the cooperation as one possible alternative. The conference itself was another event bringing tOSSad in the minds of decision makers and more important to keep it there.

## ::: Upcoming tOSSad deliverables

### **Curriculum report**

The curriculum report will address training and educational issues in F/OSS. The report will investigate the following aspects of F/OSS curricula:

- F/OSS phenomenon and the need for F/OSS curricula
- F/OSS body of knowledge
- Training and learning methods
- Training needs analysis
- Formal curricula
- Vocational School Curricula
- University level curricula
- Professional learning
- Resource base
- Training needs analysis questionnaire and results
- Example curricula

**Keep an eye on tOSSad activities!**  
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