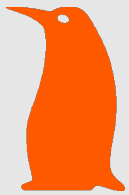
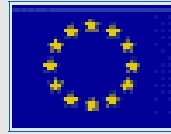


::: About tOSSad



The tOSSad project aims to improve the outcomes of the 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, curriculum development and the development of collaborative information portals. Find more information about the EU-funded tOSSad project [here](#).

::: tOSSad partners



tOSSad is a truly European project - it has members from Germany, Australia, Bulgaria, Belgium, Estonia, UK, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Malta, Norway, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine. Find out [who is who in this project](#).

The tOSSad project consists of 5 different work packages. Get more information about the 5 work packages [here](#).

::: tOSSad in Genova

tOSSad had a joint booth with IDEAL-IST project at The First International Conference on Open Source Systems (OSS2005). The booth was visited by conference attendees from almost all parts of the world. [CALIBRE](#), [COSPA](#), [IDEAL-IST](#) and [tOSSad](#) project members found the chance to present their projects and exchange ideas during the "EU projects get together" session. The visitors were informed about tOSSad activities & plans, leaflets and other printed material was distributed throughout the event.

tOSSad was presented by the coordinator, Kaan Erkan. All tOSSad members attending the event met F/OSS experts from industry, public administrations, academia and discussed cooperation possibilities. Furthermore, tOSSad members Bülent Özel and Graham Attwell gave presentations during other technical sessions. The conference attendees showed a lot of interest to all the sessions tOSSad members have given.



::: tOSSad in Brussels

On the 12th of July the tOSSad project was presented on the Concertation meeting of the projects of the 6FP of Software Technologies that was held in Brussels. Julia Velkova ([Internet Society Belgium](#)) and Sandra Frings ([Fraunhofer / IAO](#)) presented in detail the tOSSad project's objectives. Potential links with other projects were discussed during the Free and Open Source Software session. Emphasis was on directions of the F/OSS research agenda and the role of international cooperation.

::: Advances in curriculum work package

[Work Package 4](#) of the [tOSSad](#) project aims to develop an open source curriculum to be offered in a high school and university computer science / computer engineering departments. The work group is discussing and elaborating the content inventory and is

proposing various course topics and a masters curriculum. The activity is being undertaken in cooperation with similar initiatives and projects in Europe.

The workgroup is holding an Open Workshop at the Conference on Open Source for education in Europe at the Open University of the Netherlands on the 14th and 15th of November. Michele Marchesi will present a paper based on the project in the main conference.

[Knownet](#) are undertaking dissemination of the work. In June, Graham Attwell presented the project at a Conference Open Culture: accessing and sharing knowledge - scholarly production and education in the digital age, held in Milan. He also organised a seminar on Open Source in education for visiting professors from Peru in July and in October will present the work to a seminar organised by IBM in Stuttgart..

!!! Finished and upcoming tOSSad activities

tOSSad partners are working on future deliverables and activities. Bülent Özel from [TUBITAK/UEKAE](#) has prepared the first draft of "F/OSS in national programs: A start-up roadmap report". The report will be online in September. Also, partners of [work package 3](#) (F/OSS usability study) are working on an extensive survey which will be available by mid September, which is a successor of the report "tOSSad usability workshop" available from tOSSad portal. Moreover, regional governments of Extremadura and Andalusia, open source related companies and other entities are organizing the 2nd [Open Source World Conference](#) where [FUNDECYT](#), tOSSad work package 1 leader, will take part.

!!! EU parliament rejects Software Patent Directive

The representatives of the European Parliament rejected with a overwhelming majority the proposition for a software patent directive. 648 out of 680 votes were against the directive, with only 18 abstentions. Its interesting to note that 680 out of a total of 732 representatives put down their vote.

Keep an eye on tOSSad activities!

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