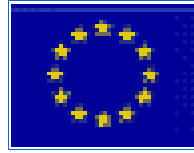


## ::: About tOSSad



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 workshop in Como



tOSSad workshop will be held on June 10th 2006, Italy, Como, Grand Hotel at Balbianello room. The main objective of this tOSSad workshop at OSS 2006 meeting is to integrate and to discuss already formed methodologies, strategies, skills and technologies in F/OSS domain in order to help governmental bodies, educational institutions and SMEs to share research results, establish synergies, build partnerships and innovate in an enlarged Europe.

The workshop fee is 20€ and covers participation in the workshop and coffee break(s). **The program is at the end of this newsletter.**

## ::: Upcoming Workshop at OSS 2006

tOSSad Workpackage 4 partners will gather in the context of *"tOSSad workshop on governmental, educational, usability, and legal issues towards open source software adoption in an enlarged Europe"*, hold at 2<sup>nd</sup> Internationale Conference on Open Source Systems in Como, Italy, on June 10th 2006.

They will hold the "2nd Workshop on F/OSS in Education", with the aim to discuss and assess a roadmap for developing a vendor neutral F/OSS curriculum (with shared objectives, prerequisites, goals, suggestions). The focus of the workshop will be on finding the best F/OSS training and learning methodologies and systems, discussing issues and possibilities while developing F/OSS curricula for K12s, NGOs, youth empowerment centers, university graduate and post graduate studies.

## ::: Review of 1<sup>st</sup> year: successful results

The general result of the review meeting with the EU commission in Brussels, March 30, was positive and tOSSad was allowed to proceed with the 2nd period tasks of the project. We would like to thank every partner for making it possible.

The tOSSad partners received detailed remarks by the reviewers and are currently integrating them in the deliverables. The new, updated versions will be published on [www.tossad.org](http://www.tossad.org) soon.

## ::: tOSSad online questionnaire: Contributors wanted

The questionnaire on training needs analysis regarding F/OSS has been finalized and is on <http://agilegroup.diee.unica.it/tossad/questionnaire.php>. The questionnaire, jointly developed by WP4 partners, has been designed to evaluate the current F/OSS awareness and training needs -- especially of SMEs, consultants, public bodies -- to guide the development of the F/OSS curriculum within the tOSSad project.

We warmly ask SMEs and bigger industries, consultants, public bodies, schools, and other relevant organizations, to take their time to give a look and answer to the on-line questionnaire.

The objective of the questionnaire is to gather information about the scope, responsibilities and tasks related to the F/OSS. The questionnaire has been organized in four sections:

- *Section 1: Organization profile and IT strategy:* This section gathers introductory information from the respondent as well as the current and future consideration of F/OSS in their IT strategy.
- *Section 2: Perception of F/OSS by organization:* This section gathers how well the concepts and features of F/OSS are perceived by the organization.
- *Section 3: F/OSS experience:* This section gathers the level of skill of the organisation in F/OSS and software development in general.
- *Section 4: Training needs in F/OSS:* Using task and organization oriented questions, this section gathers the core information for training needs.

## ::: tOSSad at LinuxTag in Wiesbaden



Between May 3-6, 2006 LinuxTag took place in Wiesbaden, Germany. With more than 9.000 visitors, LinuxTag Wiesbaden is a significant event around Free Software, Linux and Open Source in Europe. This year more than 30 participating nations, 250 talks from international speakers (e.g. South Africa, Argentina, Japan, Great Britain, France and the USA) made LinuxTag a platform for F/OSS. tOSSad with its partner PUBLIC VOICE Lab was one of 90 projects that used the chance to be present at LinuxTag. The main aim was to create a bigger awareness for the project, its objects and goals.

In our conversations we got to meet Marie-Laure Dainesi, Directrice Générale of Cetril, the European Free Software

Transfer and Research Centre ([www.tropheesdulibre.org](http://www.tropheesdulibre.org), [www.cetril.org](http://www.cetril.org)) that concentrates its actions to educate, train and advise companies, communities and educational institutions to develop the uses of free software. In exchange of display materials and information about the projects, a first step is done to establish new connections.

Attending LinuxTag should be one of following public relation activities to make tOSSad more popular for people working and acting inside and outside the F/OSS world.

**Keep an eye on tOSSad activities!**  
**"Your tOSSad team"**

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# tOSSad workshop program

**Saturday, June 10th 2006, Italy, Como, Grand Hotel, Room: Balbianello**

**09:00-09:10: Welcome and Opening, Bülent Özel**

**09:10-09:30: "tOSSad Project", Kaan Erkan, Project Coordinator**

**09:30-10:45: Session 1: FLOSS Training/Educating Needs and Methods, Chair: Michele Marchesi**

**Presentations:**

- Enn Öunapuu, "Determining best F/OSS training methods"
- Onur ihsan Arsun and Selahattin Kuru, "A Questionnaire for F/OSS Training Needs Analysis"
- Kivilcim Hindistan, Boran Puhaloglu, Emre Sevinç, Ergin Sevinç, Alper Tuna and Vehbi Sinan Tunalioglu, "Computers for Kids: More Than a Simple Recycling Operation"
- Bülent Özel, Mehmet Gençer and Chris Stephenson, "An MSc Programme in Open Source Information Systems"

**10:45-11:15 Coffee break**

**11:15-12:30 Session 2: FLOSS Training Experiences, Chair: Michele Marchesi**

**Presentations:**

- Anas Tawileh, "Experiences in Building a Free and Open Source Software Training and Certification Programme"
- Giluio Concas, Michele Marchesi, Andrea Piras, Stefano Sanna, Efisio Sciola, and Selene Uras, "Polaris4OS: a best practice for training and adoption of F/OSS in SME"
- Mehmet Gençer and Chris Stephenson "FLOSS in Academic Computing Infrastructure: Experiences in Computer Science, Mathematics and Business Informatics Departments"

**12:30-13:15 Lunch break**

**13:15-16:00 Session 3: FLOSS adoption cases and experiences, Chair: Bülent Özel**

**Presentations:**

- Michael Amberg and Steffen Möller, "Adoption of Open Source Software on the Enterprise Desktop"
- Oliver Strauss, Oliver Höß and Anette Weisbecker, "Using a WikiWikiWeb to support Open Source Adoption in Small and Medium Sized Companies"
- Bardhyl Jashari and Filip Stojanovski, "Challenges and obstacles: Usage of Free and Open Source Software in local government in Macedonia"
- Harald Schmidbauer, V. Sinan Tunalioglu, Bülent Özel, and Mehmet Gençer, "Free and Open Source Software, Human Development and Public Policy Making: International Comparison"
- Bülent Özel, Julia Velkova, and Manon von Leeuwen, "F/OSS in European National Programmes"

**16:00-16:30 Coffee break**

**16:30-17:15 Session 4: Legal Issues in FLOSS Adoption, Chair: Julia Velkova**

**Presentations:**

- Andrés Guadamuz González, "GPL v3: A legal Analysis"
- Darren Skidmore, "Too many Open Source Licenses! But do the existing licenses adequately encompass the diverse needs and concerns of particular stakeholders?"

**17:15-18:00 Session 5: Usability in FLOSS; Chair: Sandra Frings**

**Presentations:**

- Damiano Verzulli, Uros Juvanovic and Görkem Çetin, "A F/OSS Usability Study: tOSSad Case"
- Ellen Reitmayr, Björn Balazs and Jan Mühlig, "Integrating Usability into Open Source Development: Case Studies from the Initiative OpenUsability.org"

**18:00- Conclusions & Closing**