

FLOSS-CC: A Collaborative Network of FLOSS Competency Centers towards Open Source Software Adoption and Dissemination

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towards Open Source Software adoption and dissemination

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- Contract No: 015981
- Instrument: Co-ordination Action
- Duration: 24 months (start: Feb 2005)
- Budget: 775,000 EUR
- Co-ordinator: TUBITAK – UEKAE, Turkey
- 19 partners from 15 countries

Consortium

- TUBITAK-UEKAE (Turkey)
- PDA communications (Italy)
- XLAB (Slovenia)
- DIEE Univ. of Cagliari (Italy)
- eZ systems (Norway)
- Ukrainian Institute for Business Informatics (Ukraine)
- Tallin Univ. of Tech. (Estonia)
- Viewrope (Sweden)
- Knownet (Wales, UK)
- FTZ (Malta)
- Internet Society (Bulgaria)
- FUNDECYT (Spain)
- Fraunhofer FIT (Germany)
- Public Voice Lab (Austria)
- IOTA (Turkey)
- Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
- Intesi Group (Belgium)
- Univ. of Stuttgart (Germany)
- CONSEN (EEIG) Euro-Group (Spain)

Objectives

Need:

Although there is a committed open source community in IT-strong countries of Europe, there is lot more to be done.

FOSS communities throughout Europe can achieve better results through co-ordination of their research activities.

Main Objectives:

- integrating and exploiting already formed methodologies, strategies, skills and technologies
- share research results,
- establish synergies,
- build partnerships and innovate in an enlarged Europe.

Work Packages

- F/OSS Study
- National Programmes
- Usability Study
- Curriculum Development
- Dissemination and exploitation
- Management

FLOSS-CC: Rationale

Deriving upon current Europe wide experiences, and efforts, we suggest establishment of networked FLOSS Competency Centers for better collaboration, communication, and information dissemination at regional/national, European and global level.

We want to raise open discussions regarding feasibility, objectives, tasks, and organizational structure of such prospective centers.

FLOSS-CC: Objectives

- Providing sustainability to FLOSS based ICT development efforts
- Conducting advocacy, guidance, and/or research activities towards FLOSS adoption and dissemination
- Acting as FLOSS coordination, communication and collaboration hub

FLOSS-CC: Tasks(1)

1. Taking a leading role in development of FLOSS implementation strategies
2. Coordinating collaborations in between governmental, educational, and private institutions towards FLOSS adoption
3. Benchmarking national/regional FLOSS related activities and actions
4. Collecting and analyzing best practices

FLOSS-CC: Tasks(2)

5. Promoting, participating, and coordinating FLOSS related research & development activities, e.g:

- FLOSS Business Models
- FLOSS Organizational Structures
- FLOSS technologies

6. Providing consultancy for migration and implementation of FLOSS solutions

7. Coordinating training activities:

- Youth/Women Empowerment Centers
- FLOSS Computer Driving License

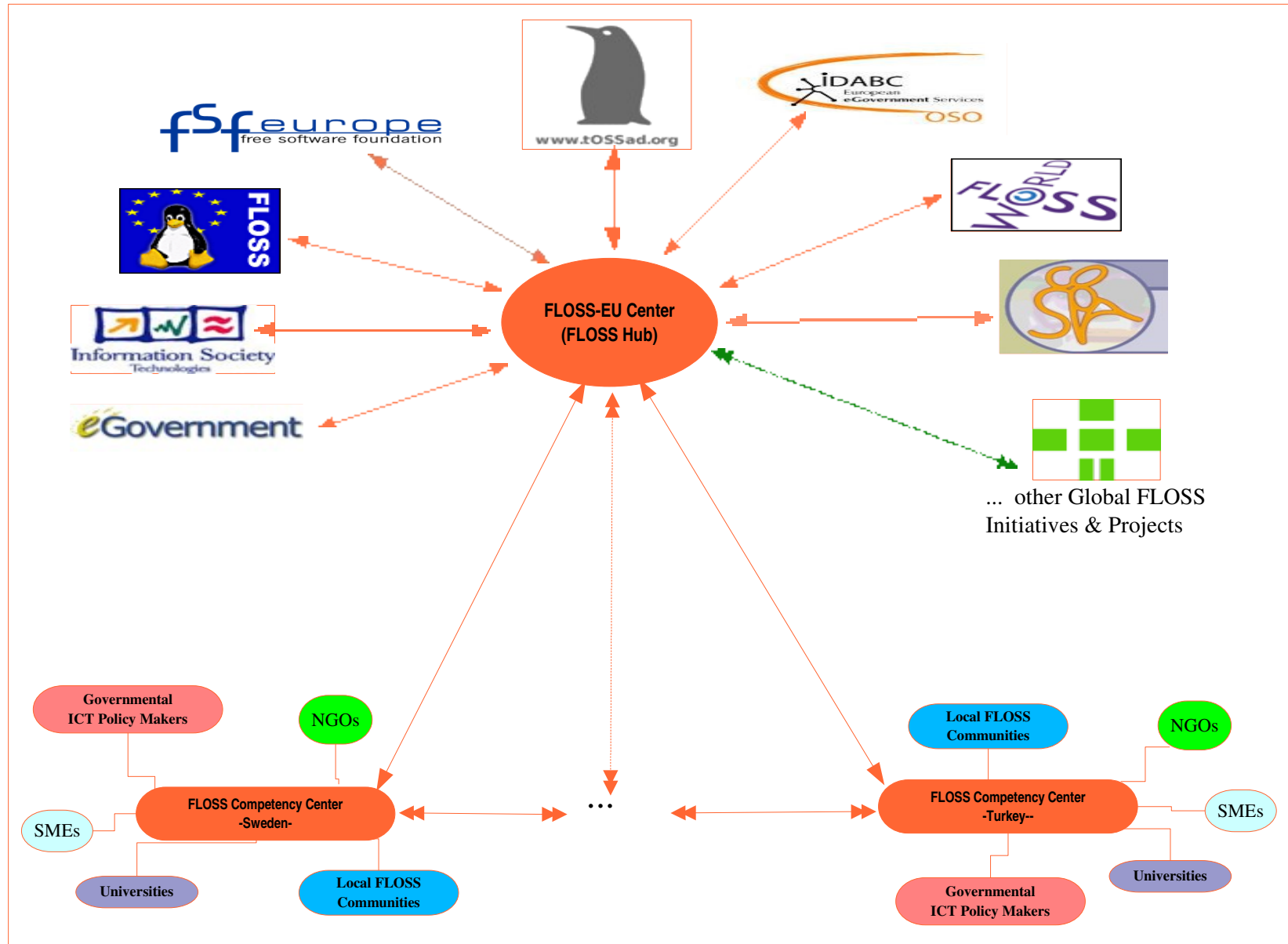
FLOSS-CC: Tasks(3)

8. Providing consultancy for private and public enterprises or individuals in preparing FLOSS based proposals in government IT procurement
9. Actively communicating and collaborating with FLOSS-EU Center and other National/Regional FLOSS Competency Centers
10. Participating/coordinating activities that increase public awareness on clear benefits and possibilities offered by FLOSS based implementations

FLOSS-CC: Some EU Evidences

- Dutch Programme OSOSS (www.canos.nl)
- Open Knowledge Centers (OKCs) for the rural area of Extremadura
- Consortium of FLOSS service providers in U.K (www.opensourceconsortium.org)
- OS Kompetenzzentrum the German FLOSS Competency Center (<http://www.kbst.bund.de/OSS-Kompetenzzentrum/>)
- IDABC-OSO: The Umbrella Organization !? (<http://europa.eu.int/idabc/en/chapter/452>)

FLOSS-CC: The Network



Questions&Discussion

*Open Issues: Feasibility, Funding,
Organization, Initiatives...*

Thanks...

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