

Call for participation

Workshop title:

Open Source Software for Public Administrations

Informatics Directorate-General

Venue:

Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Room: AB-3A,

36, Rue Froissart, B- 1040 Brussels

Date:

Thursday 7 April 2011

1 In a nutshell

Some 20 years in the software industry already, open source software is now much more than just a few weird fellows trying to break free from commercial software.

In this arena, quality is the main stake: *How can public administration use open source software for the provision of public services?*

This workshop welcomes open source stakeholders and public administrations to discuss this issue and invites views from all perspectives. The workshop is supported by the ePractice.eu and the OSOR.eu communities and it will be held in Brussels on Thursday, April 7, 2011.

2 Workshop topics

This workshop invites all Open Source stakeholders and public administrations, and especially those linked to European Union funded initiatives, to discuss the quality dimension of open source with special focus for the use of open source by public administrations. The workshop topics can be grouped in two major directions:

- Licensing issues
 - How to choose an Open Source software product for professional use
 - Licensing implications in reusing OSS components
 - The relation of open source software development to licensing
 - The effect of open source licenses to the software development process.
 - Choosing a license for your own software
- Software production perspective
 - OSS production quality improvement
 - Documenting Open Source Software
 - How to interact with the OSOR community
 - How to set up a project on OSOR.eu, set up roles and manage contributions

Additional subjects falling within the umbrella of the workshop's topic on in general are also welcome based on potential speaker proposals.

3 Structure

The workshop will comprise presentations by European Commission officials, ePractice and OSOR.eu members with a particular expertise in the area of Open Source as well as experts external to ePractice that might be able to bring added value in the subject of interest. The workshop will consist of two sessions that will cover current and future initiatives on the field. Each session will wrap-up with a roundtable discussion, which will primarily address key presentation points, future research and implementation needs.

Presentations will be selected by the event organisers on the basis of short, factual and clear abstracts of one page maximum. Abstracts may be accompanied by summarised versions of the final presentation (not to exceed four presentation slides).

At the end of the event, there is a possibility for face to face interviews onsite with selected speakers. These interviews will be taken on camera and then uploaded on the ePractice.eu TV website for the Community to view and comment on.

4 Draft Agenda

The workshop will devote approximately two thirds of its duration to presentations and one third to brainstorming and discussion. The detailed agenda will be made available both online through the [workshop announcement](#) on ePractice.eu and sent via email to all participants, once contributions by prospective speakers have been received and finalised.

5 Who should attend?

The workshop is open to anyone interested in the area of Open Source, in public administrations as well as businesses and/or citizens who interact with them: cross-border project implementers; developers of Open Source software; stakeholders in FP6 and FP7 research projects; researchers; businesses; European Commission officers; ePractice members etc.

Registration is free of charge and may be performed through the registration page following the creation of an [ePractice account](#) if not a current member.

6 Submission guidelines

This event is open to people that are currently, or have been previously, involved in Open Source related initiatives. The organisers will be accepting summaries (*of no more than one page*) and four indicative presentation slides from potential speakers. All submissions are to be sent via e-mail to events@eurodyn.com by filling in all the necessary information on the “**workshop proposal form**” which can be found online under the “**Presentation and Documents**” section.

7 Important dates

Please pay particular attention to the following dates:

Submission of abstracts/ presentations:	18 March 2011
Speaker participation confirmation:	21 March 2011
Submission of final presentations:	30 March 2011
Workshop date:	7 April 2011

Publication of workshop proceedings:	Early May 2011
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8 Venue

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Room: AB-3A, 36, Rue Froissart, B- 1040.

9 Contact

For information, registration and submission of abstracts, please direct all communication to events@eurodyn.com.