

Open Source Policy CZECHIA



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General Information

Although the Czech government is only beginning to actively promote the use of OSS solutions in public administrations, there is a diverse scene of strategic players working to change this through community outreach. Furthermore, there are many initiatives at the local and municipal levels, signalling a willingness among citizens and government staff to move away from proprietary software towards OSS solutions in public administrations.

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Actors



The **Ministry of the Interior** is responsible for policies pertaining to the modernisation of government administrations. Increasing the use of OSS is the responsibility of the **eGovernment Department** within the Ministry of the Interior.

The **Open Source Alliance** is a non-profit OSS competence centre in Czechia. Its goal is to support the use of OSS solutions in public administrations while cooperating with similar organisations in the European Union.

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Policy and Legal Framework

2006

2018

2019

Czech Open Government 2006 Initiative

Digital Czechia

Right to Digital Services Act (nr. č. 12/2020 Sb.)

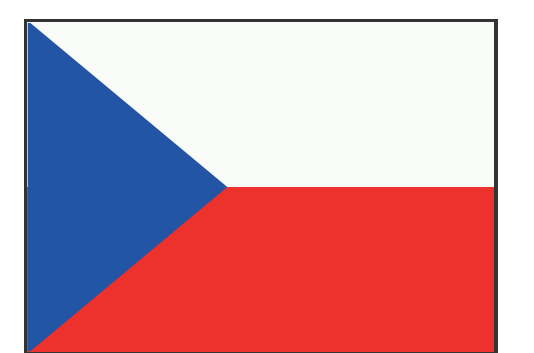
Launched to examine the potential of using OSS solutions within Czech public administrations. The possibility of producing OSS solutions was also explored.

The government is developing part of the Czech citizens' portal using OSS solutions as part of Digital Czechia, a policy to ensure the readiness of the public sector for changes caused by digitisation

Emphasizes the expansion of digitisation and eGovernment across the public sector. The government intends to integrate an open source element into the Czech government portal in the context of this law.

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Open Source Software Initiatives



CityVizor: CityVizor is an online visualisation platform used by 10 Czech municipalities and all city districts in Prague. The platform enables municipalities to show citizens how their money has been invested in their locality. The platform was developed as an OSS application by employees of the Ministry of Finance.

Red Hat and the Czech Technical University: In 2017, Red Hat opened an open source laboratory at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering at the Czech Technical University in Prague. Engineering students have the opportunity to work in collaboration with Red Hat on community-based OSS projects and research.

Supervizor: Supervizor is an application used for the visualisation of expenses in institutions and public administrations, helping to provide transparency about government spending. It was developed by employees of the Ministry of Finance of Czechia and is available as OSS on GitHub.

CzechPOINT: Since 2007, the Czech government has used a central information system that was built with OSS solutions. CzechPOINT allows citizens and enterprises to access certified documents and communicate directly with public administrations, while public administrations can use it to share data among themselves.