



An introduction to the Good Governance Initiative

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AGENDA

- What's an OSPO?
- About the OSPO Alliance
- About the Good Governance Handbook
- Putting it into practice with My GGI
- How can you help?

What is an OSPO?

- An organisation's **OSPO** (aka **Open Source Program Office**) is dedicated to:
 - Foster the awareness and culture of open source.
 - Define and implement the open source strategy and policies:
 - Inbound, outbound, innersource.
 - Manage relationships with the open source ecosystem.
- It impacts many domains: legal, HR, security, development practices..
- More and more organisations now consider setting up one:
 - Administrations, corporations, SMEs, universities, NGOs..



The OSPO Alliance

- Launched in 2021 by **European non-profit organisations** to promote an approach to excellence in open source software management.
 - Low-barrier, no fee, no commitment.
 - All activity is public and freely accessible.
 - Governed by open source principles.
 - For all types and sizes of organisations.

The OSPO Alliance

- Our **mission** is twofold:
 - Help organisations **better manage open source** software.
 - Make them **good citizens**: contribute upstream, fund, participate.
- We have several taskforces:
 - The **Good Governance Handbook**.
 - A safe place to exchange information and share experiences.
 - Mailing lists, meetings, participation to events.
 - OSPO OnRamp sessions for feedback presentation and free exchange.
 - Evangelism & Dissemination.



The Good Governance Handbook

- A **blueprint** to help organisations **define and build their OSPO**.
 - Lists **25 Activities**, organised into **5 Goals**, from discovery to engagement and strategy.
 - Provides a **method** to implement them as an Agile-like program.
 - **Translations** are already available in German & French, with more to come.

Handbook - Activities

- **Activities propose good practices**, ranging from SCA and dependency management, to training, HR, funding, upstream contributions, and executives education.
- They all have the following structure:
 - Description
 - Opportunity Assessment
 - Progress Assessment
 - Recommendations
 - Tools & Resources

Manage software dependencies

Activity ID: GGI-A-23.

Scorecard

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Description

A *dependency identification* program looks for the dependencies actually used within the code and maintain a list of known dependencies for its code base and watch the evolution of the code.

Establishing and maintaining a list of known dependencies is an enabler for, and a prerequisite for,

- IP and licence checking: some licences cannot be mixed, even as a dependency. One has to be aware of associated legal risks.
- Vulnerabilities management: the entire piece of software is as weak as its smallest part: to know its dependencies to assess its associated security risks.
- Lifecycle and sustainability: an active community on the dependency project is a bright feature.
- Thoughtful selection of used dependencies, according to "maturity" criteria - the goal being to have a sane and well-maintained codebase, and a living, active and reactive community.

Opportunity Assessment

Identifying and tracking dependencies is a required step to mitigate the risks associated with code and processes to manage software dependencies is a prerequisite to properly manage quality.

Consider the following questions:

- What is the company's risk (cost, reputation, etc.) if the software is corrupted, attacked or vulnerable?
- Is the code base considered critical for people, the organisation, or business?

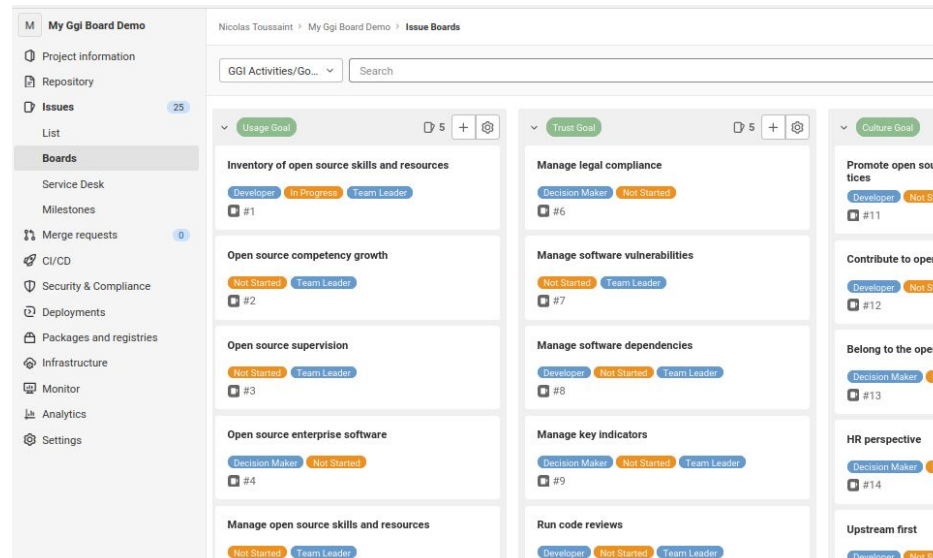
Scorecards

- Activities are meant as templates, and need to be translated to the local context through **Scorecards**, which enable **full adaptation**.
- Scorecards** are used to adapt the generic activity to the organization's context:
 - Local **teams, experts and competences**.
 - Internal **processes, tools and resources**.
 - Identify **specific tasks & objectives** to track progress.
- Available in two flavours: paper & digital.

OSPO Good Governance Initiative		THE GOOD EXAMPLE COMPANY		Customized Activity Scorecard	
Goal / Activity Culture 1		Promote open source development best practices		Last update 07/28/21	
Customized Description <i>Scope of what has to be done</i> Brief essential description ... • Brief highlights... •			Opportunity Assessment <i>Why is this activity relevant</i> • Key pain points... • Key progress opportunities...		
Objectives <i>What we aim to achieve in this iteration</i> • Objective 1... • Objective 2 ...		Tools <i>Technologies, tools and products used in the Activity</i> • Resources...		Operational Notes <i>Approach, method to progress in the Activity</i> • Start with... •	
Key Result <i>How we will measure success in this iteration</i>		Progress	Score	Personal Assessment	
1. Key result 1 (minimum one key result)		xx%	.9	Personal comment	
2. Key result 2		xx%	.5	Personal comment	
3. Key result 3		xx%	.5	Personal comment	
4. Key result 4 (maximum four key results)		xx%	.0	Personal comment	
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Timeline <i>Start-End dates, Milestones</i> • Date indication here		Efforts <i>Time and material budget</i> • Time allocation over the next three months • Budget allowance		Assignees <i>Who participates? Leads?</i> • XX to prepare internal presentation	
Issues <i>Difficulties, uncertainties, roadblocks, points of attention, Dependencies</i> • Concern 1... • Concern 2...		Status <i>How the Activity is doing</i> Personal comment on the health of the Activity			
			Overall Progress Rating ▶		XX%

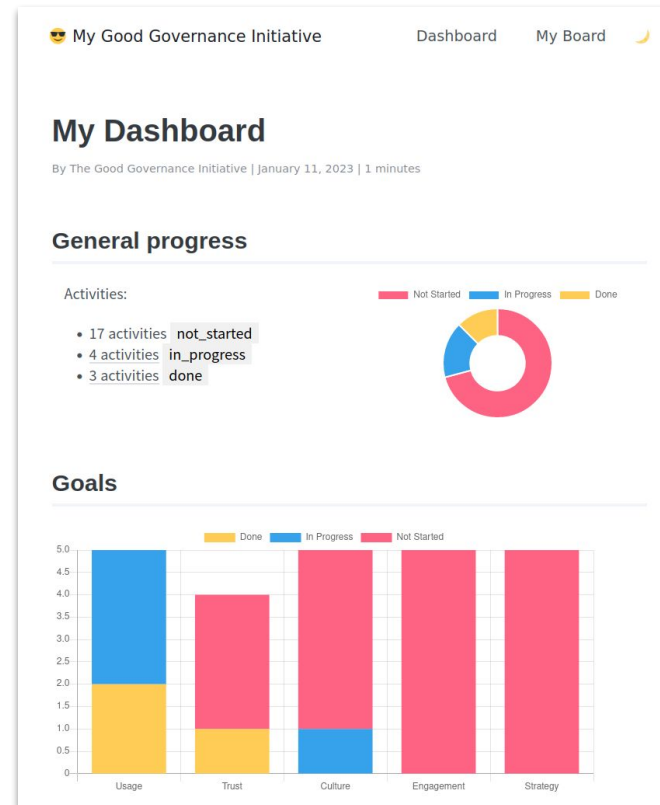
My GGI Board 1/2

- **Start working on your OSPO in less than 10mn on any GitLab instance!**
 - Works on gitlab.com, and on all GitLab versions (CE, EE).
- A quick and easy way to **deploy and implement the GGI method.**
 - Creates activities as issues, and a board to visualise them.
 - Lets you start working on the activities and scorecards.






My GGI Board 2/2

- Start working on activities, mark them as completed, and select a new set.
- **My GGI helps you track progress** and communicate on your program:
 - **Creates a static website** to report to the organisation, teams, stakeholders.
 - **Displays the list** of completed and current activities, with their **scorecard**.
 - Provides a (simple) **dashboard** to measure progress.



Join us!

- Check out our resources:
 - Website: <https://ospo-alliance.org>
 - Get the Handbook: <https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi>
- Join the community:
 - Weekly calls, mailing lists, events: <https://ospo.zone/contribute/>
- Social Networking:
 -  Mastodon [@OSPOAlliance@mastodon.cloud.lu](https://mastodon.cloud/@OSPOAlliance)
 -  LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ospo-alliance/>
 -  Twitter (still active for now...) [@OSPOAlliance](https://twitter.com/OSPOAlliance)



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