Helping organisations to do the right thing about open source: the Good Governance Initiative

A PROJECT FROM THE OSPO ALLIANCE
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Organisations - whatever their size and shape - do **use open source**. In their critical processes and assets, products, and daily operations.

Many organisations have no clue about what open source is, how to use it, or what are the duties and responsibilities that come with it. Well, some just don’t care, true. But many actually just don’t know.

Like any entity, they can (should) **contribute to its ecosystem** with TLC, code, doc, support, funding..

⇒ The OSPO Alliance aims to help them do the right thing.

So we all benefit from this mutual collaboration.
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- **Usage** – help them understand what it is, how to properly and safely use it.
  - Legal, Intellectual Property, in-house knowledge and skills, security management.

- **Contribute** – to ensure evolution and maintenance of dependencies, processes, products. And to be a good citizen.
  - Enable and encourage contributions from employees, engage with open source projects, contribute upstream.

- **Participate** – to foster the community and sustain the ecosystem on the long term.
  - Engage with the community and ecosystem, fund initiatives and projects, promote open source.
The OSPO Alliance

- Launched in 2021 by European non-profit organisations to promote best practices in open source software management.

- Governed by open source principles: open, transparent, collaborative, meritocratic. Everybody is welcome, we hold regular meetings, collaborate in an open GitLab repo.

- Provides:
  - The OSPO Alliance website, forum, and community mailing list.
  - The OSPO OnRamp monthly webinars.
  - The Good Governance Handbook: a proven, actionable framework and set of guidelines and best practices for building a successful OSPO.
Who?

The **OSPO Alliance** in a few words:

- **A vendor-neutral** space, founded by European non profit organisations.
- **Participation is open to all.**
- **Low barrier:**
  No fees, no commitment.
  Just a statement of support.

Our **members include organisations of all sizes & types**: SMEs and large companies, academics, administrations.
What’s new in 2023?

New in 2023:

- Updates to the Good Governance Handbook: version 1.2 released last November!
  - New translations available for the handbook: German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French!
  - We improved our tools: deployment feature, adding metrics, new infrastructure.

- We created a Partner Hub to help organisations find reliable (& paid) support via consultancy and trainings.

- We worked on our governance model, created various taskforces to work on specific topics (e.g. communication & reach out, metrics for OSPOs..).
● Proposes a **path to a successful OSPO**, with a proven method and practical guidance:
  ○ Lists 25 **Activities**, from SCA and development best practices, to training, HR and executives education.
  ○ Activities are organised into **Goals**, from discovery to engagement and strategy.
Activities have the following structure:

- Description
- Opportunity Assessment
- Progress Assessment
- Recommendations
- Tools & Resources
- Recommended next steps

Activities are meant as templates, and need to be translated to the local context through Scorecards, which enable full adaptation.
GGI - Deployment

- Easy to deploy: 10mn setup on any GitLab instance.
- Provides complete access to all GGI features: activities, scorecards, boards, and a customised dashboard to track and share progress.

My Good Governance Initiative

This dashboard tracks information from your own GGI board instance. Please refer to the official documentation or download the PDF Handbook.

General progress

Activities:
- 25 activities
- 0 activities not started
- 0 activities in progress
- 0 activities done

Goals

Activities

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5 translations of the Handbook are available!

- Official translations: German, French, Portuguese, Dutch, Italian, Spanish!
- All available on: https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/
- We are using Weblate (an OSS project) to crowdsource the translations, please share and help! 😊
- And more to come!
Our Roadmap for 2024

Feedback is great. The GGI Handbook is useful to people and organisations.

- It has already been deployed at various organisations (private organisations, academia, public administrations).

Next steps for the roadmap:

- Nurture and develop the community & grow our ecosystem.
- Launch our new forum, make it a thriving & safe place for people and orgs to exchange about OSPOs, successful stories, pitfalls, how-tos, hints...
- Improve and enrich the handbook (metrics, variants..) and our deployment feature.
Join us! All of our work is public and accessible, and we welcome contributions.

- OSPO Alliance website: [https://ospo-alliance.org](https://ospo-alliance.org)
  - GGI Handbook: [https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/](https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/)
  - Contributing: [https://ospo-alliance.org/contribute/](https://ospo-alliance.org/contribute/)
- Forum (soon to be launched): [https://forum.ospo-alliance.org](https://forum.ospo-alliance.org)
- GGI Workplace (GitLab): [https://gitlab.ow2.org/ggi/ggi](https://gitlab.ow2.org/ggi/ggi)
Thank you!

https://ospo-alliance.org
Changelog:

- Global updates: improved activities, enriched and updated references.
- New section about InnerSource.
- Now display the next recommended activities.
- Updated deployment feature.

Freely available on [https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/](https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/) - HTML & PDF.

### GGI: InnerSource

**Proposed next activities**

- **GGI-A-21 - Manage legal compliance** Before being able to manage legal compliance. Before being able to manage any legal compliance. Before being able to manage their open source software.
- **GGI-A-22 - Manage software vulnerabilities** Before being able to manage software vulnerabilities. Before being able to manage dependencies in their open source software.
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- We **improved our tools**: deployment feature, adding metrics, new infrastructure.
- And, of course, we worked on the **Handbook**:
  - Introduced new chapter about InnerSource.
  - New section about recommended next activities.
  - General updates, fixes, and small improvements.
Some background

- **OSPOs:** a team or person in charge of rising awareness, promoting, and securing open source usage within an organisation.

- **OSPO Alliance:** an open and neutral initiative and community to help organisations build their own OSPO and apply best practices to use, contribute, and participate in open source and its ecosystem.

- **Good Governance Initiative Handbook:** a proven, actionable framework and set of guidelines and best practices for building a successful OSPO.
Thank you!

Join us, participate in the discussion and contribute to the initiative!

Follow up:

- The OSPO Alliance - [https://ospo-alliance.org](https://ospo-alliance.org)
- The Good Governance Initiative Handbook - [https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi](https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi)