

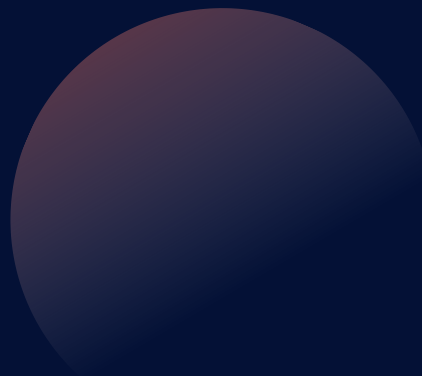


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Year in Review

2021



2021 has been an important year for OFE, but also digital policy in general. Open technologies have been recognized at the highest level as an important tool to meet the digital and societal challenges we face. Open technologies have played an important role in our response to the covid pandemic, we have seen a renewed appreciation for interoperability's importance for well-functioning digital markets, and the importance of Open Source and open standards is right at the heart of the discussions on digital autonomy. The discussions revolving around the Digital Services Act package as well as the new rules for Open Source Software distribution, the building of Open Source Programme Offices across Europe show that the policy makers' interest has been piqued. I hope to see that the next 20 years will be spent to come together to make the promise of 'open' a reality.



Shaping policy for an open future

This year has been a busy one for OFE. So busy, in fact, that we have not celebrated our 20th anniversary properly. We hope that you will join us (albeit online) for our EU Open Source Policy Summit on February 4 where we will acknowledge this, but mainly focus on the role of Open Source in finding the solutions for the grand challenges we face.



Later in 2022, when we can meet in person again, we will have a real celebration. That party, however, will fittingly be hosted by OFE's [new Executive Director](#), Astor Nummelin Carlberg.

Year in review letters tend to be a long numeration of different accomplishments and this one will is not very different. I would like to focus on a few key moments from the year gone by:

OFE Events in 2021

While the global pandemic kept us physically apart, OFE managed to bring the global Open Source community together in a series of events on many different topics. Do go through the list and view the recordings of events that are relevant to you:

OFE Open Source Policy Series 2021

[EU Open Source Policy Summit 2021](#)

[OFE Lounge 6-week Series: Standardisation and Open Source](#)

Open Policy Series: [Smart cities](#)

Open Policy Series: [Results of our study on the impact of Open Source](#)

Open Policy Series: [The automotive sector](#)

Open Policy Series: [OSPOs in governments and universities](#)

Open Policy Series: [Introduction to Open Hardware](#)

Open Policy Series: [Decarbonisation of energy grids and sustainability](#)

[Virtual Debate: Interoperability in the DMA and DSA](#)

[OFA Symposium 2021:](#)

The European Commission Open Source Study

[EU Open Source Policy Community Meeting 2021](#)

[A New Business Model for the Internet](#)

OFE on the Conference Circuit

Edge Computing World Europe 2021
DigitALL Public Conference: The Role of Open Source
NGI Forum: The Open Source Model
CampusSource Tagung 2021

March

April

May

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Linux Foundation Open Source Summit OSW2021 – Open Source Week

Mindtrek

European blockchain week of the Slovenian presidency.

September

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OSPOCon Europe

Paris Open Source Experience

Internetdagarna Sweden

October

November

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Internet Governance Forum: Open Source Collaboration for Digital Sovereignty

Il valore dell'Open Source? Studio dell'UE sull'impatto dell'Open Source

NGI Commons, High level Digital Policy Summit Belgium

AICE working group meetup

December

November

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Looking Ahead

Thank you to those who made it through this long list of actions and achievements. This could not be possible without all our partner organisations, businesses, academics and friends of OFE. We thank you all for supporting our work and playing an active role in shaping the digital infrastructures of the future in a way that is open and collaborative.

Now, the OFE team starts their well-earned vacation and wishes you all the best for the holidays and the new year 2022.

Warm regards,
Sachiko Muto
CEO & Chairman,
OpenForum Europe

