OSPO ALLIANCE

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

A PROJECT FROM THE OSPO ALLIANCE

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Some background 1/2

- **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.

Some background 2/2

- **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.

Founders

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Supporters

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Microsoft · Red Hat · SAP · THALES Building a future we can all trust

SUSE · wipro · ZEISS

Bitergia · Castalia Solutions · inno CUBE · LINAGORA

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..).
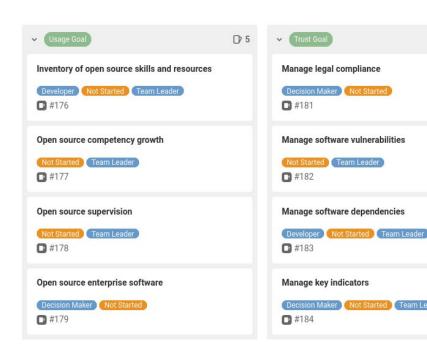
GGI Framework - Goals

- 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.

Usage Goal	Trust Goal	Culture Goal	Engagement Goal	Strategy Goal
Basic Skills in Using Open Source Software	Secure and Appropriate Usage of Open Source Software	Belonging to the Open Source Community at Large	Engaging with the OSS Ecosystem	Open Source as a Corporate Strategy

GGI Framework - Activities
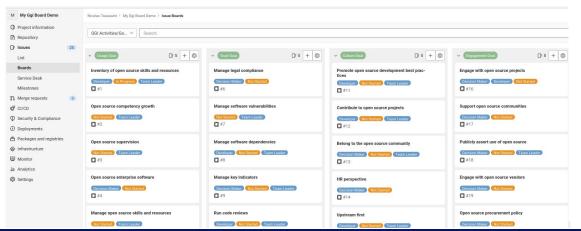
- **Activities** have the following structure:

  - 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**.

Usage Goal · 5

Inventory of open source skills and resources
Developer · Not Started · Team Leader
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Open source competency growth
Not Started · Team Leader
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Open source supervision
Not Started · Team Leader
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Open source enterprise software
Decision Maker · Not Started
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Trust Goal

Manage legal compliance
Decision Maker · Not Started
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Manage software vulnerabilities
Not Started · Team Leader
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Manage software dependencies
Developer · Not Started · Team Leader
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Manage key indicators
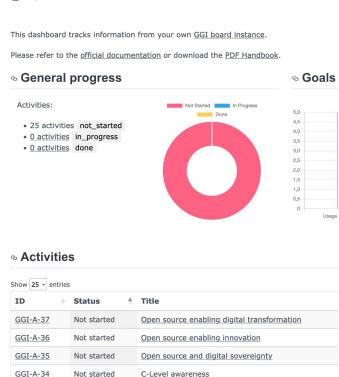Decision Maker · Not Started · Team Le...
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GGI - Deployment

- 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.
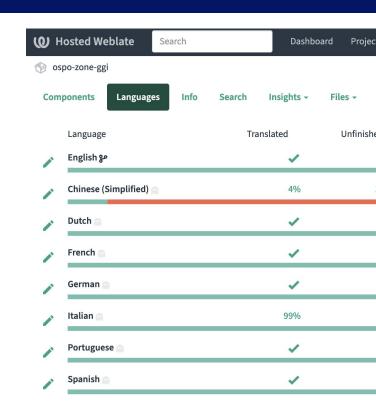
GGI - Translations

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.

GGI - Contributing

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Join us! All of our work is public and accessible, and we welcome contributions.

- OSPO Alliance website: https://ospo-alliance.org

  - GGI Handbook: https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/

  - Contributing: https://ospo-alliance.org/contribute/

- Forum (soon to be launched): https://forum.ospo-alliance.org

- GGI Workplace (GitLab): https://gitlab.ow2.org/ggi/ggi

Thank you!

https://ospo-alliance.org

GGI - Handbook v1.2

- Changelog:

  - Global updates: improved activities, enriched and updated references.

  - New section about InnerSource.

  - Now display the next recommended activities.

    GGI: InnerSource

    Proposed next activities

    - GGI-A-21 - Manage legal compliance Before being ab
      their open source software.
    - GGI-A-22 - Manage software vulnerabilities Before be
      dependencies in their open source software.

  - Updated deployment feature.

- Freely available on https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi/ - HTML & PDF.

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- 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

- The **Good Governance Initiative Handbook** - https://ospo-alliance.org/ggi