

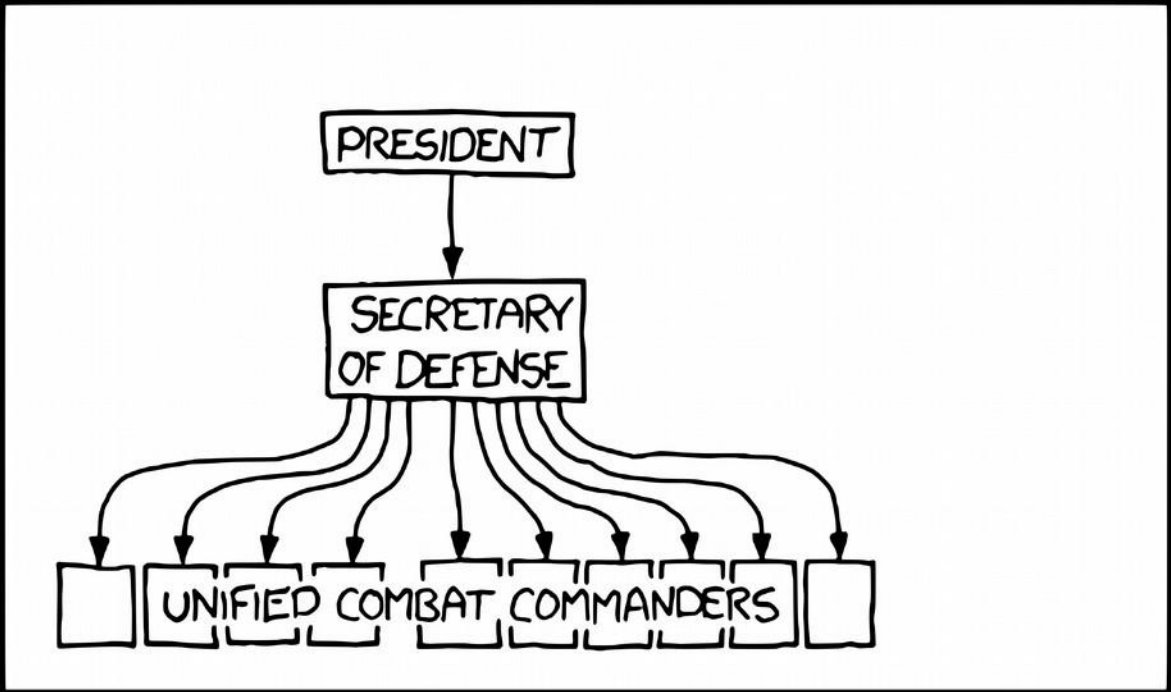
Public Money, Public Code!

Modernising Public Infrastructure with Free Software

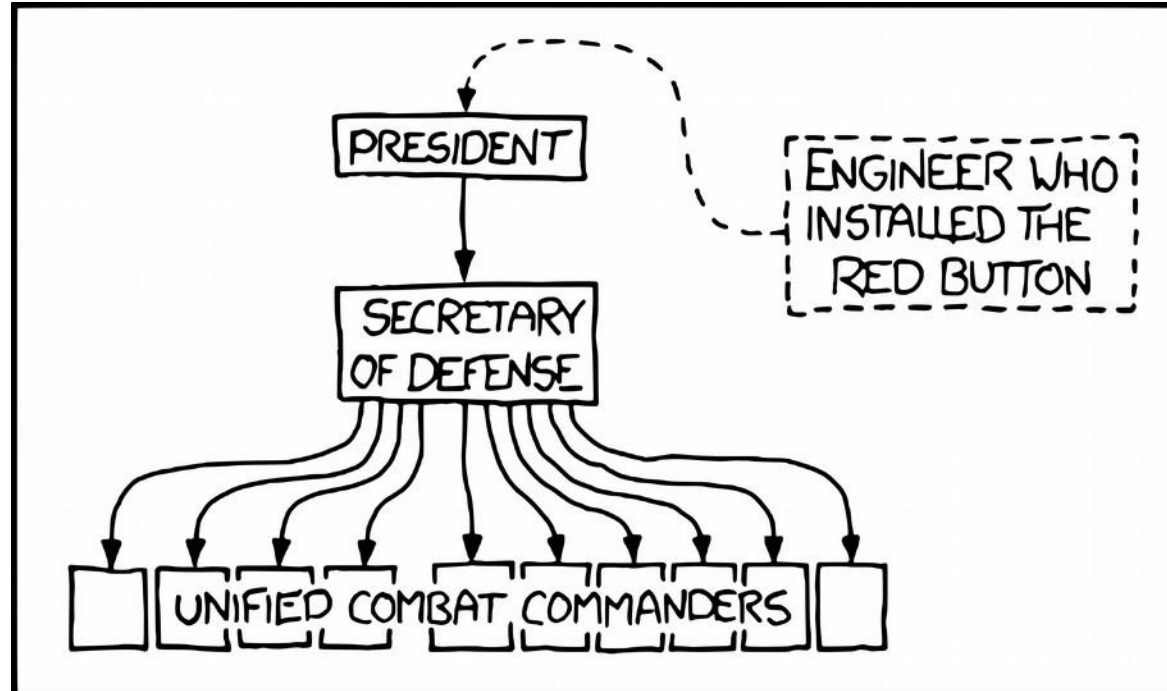
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**Free Software Foundation Europe is a charity that
empowers users to control technology.**



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Free Software / Open Source

Use

Free Software can be used for any purpose and is free of restrictions such as licence expiry or geographic limitations



Study

Free Software and its code can be studied by anyone, without non-disclosure agreements or similar restrictions.

Share

Free Software can be shared and copied at virtually no cost.



Improve

Free Software can be modified by anyone, and these improvements can be shared publicly.

Why you should support Free Software

In order to establish trustworthy systems, public bodies must ensure they have full control over the software and the computer systems at the core of our state digital infrastructure.

Public bodies are financed through taxes.

They must make sure they spend funds in the most efficient way possible.

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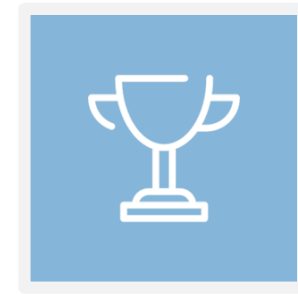
Regionality

Regional SMEs can become strong partners.



Autonomy

Free Software helps to develop and maintain tailored software that suits your needs, not just the vendor's business model.



Efficiency

With transparent processes, others don't have to reinvent the wheel. Major projects can share expertise and costs.

Solution Free Software

- No interoperability
 - Vendor lock-in
 - Unpredictable costs & maintenance
 - Low acceptance by citizens
 - Investments are lost
 - security issues
- Interoperability due to open standards
 - Independence through free licenses
 - Collaboration shares risks and costs
 - Transparency by default
 - Involvement of local partners
 - Auditable code

Governments are amongst the largest purchasers of information technology (IT) goods and services and comprise up to 27% of revenue for software firms.

Source: Frank Nagle: Government Technology Policy, Social Value, and National Competitiveness; P. 2

France FS Policy led to

a 0.6% - 5.4% yearly increase in companies that use FS,

a 9% - 18% yearly increase in the number of IT-related startups,

a 6.6% - 14% yearly increase in the number of individuals employed in IT related jobs,

and a 5% - 16% yearly decrease in software related patents.

Barcelona:

Collaboration with other cities

70% of its software budget to be invested in open source software

3.000 Companies, 60% SMEs



We want legislation requiring that publicly financed software developed for the public sector be made publicly available under a Free and Open Source Software license.

If it is public money, it should be public code as well.

Already 21829 SIGNATURES –
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SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS

The following organisations support our [open letter](#). If your organisation is also interested in joining the call for Public Code, please [contact us](#).



All International NGOs Administrations National NGOs Regional NGOs





Junta General
del Principado de Asturias



Ajuntament
de Barcelona



FSFE welcomes CDU decision to make Free Software mandatory

on: 2019-11-25

The Free Software Foundation Europe welcomes the CDU's party convention resolution on the use of Free Software. At its 32nd party conference this weekend, the CDU resolved to join FSFE in demanding that software developed with public money should be publicly available as Free Software. This decision aligns with our "Public Money, Public Code!" campaign, which is supported by over 170 organisations and 26,000 individuals.

This is why the following will apply to all (public) digitisation projects in Germany in the future: the awarding of contracts and funding will be subject to compliance with the principles of open source and open standards.

**Software financed by public funds should serve all citizens.
In addition, free and open APIs should facilitate access for independent developments.**

Public Money

Public Code



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