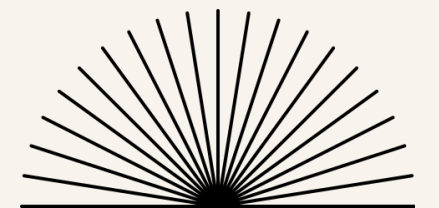# European OpenSource

Open code, shared future!

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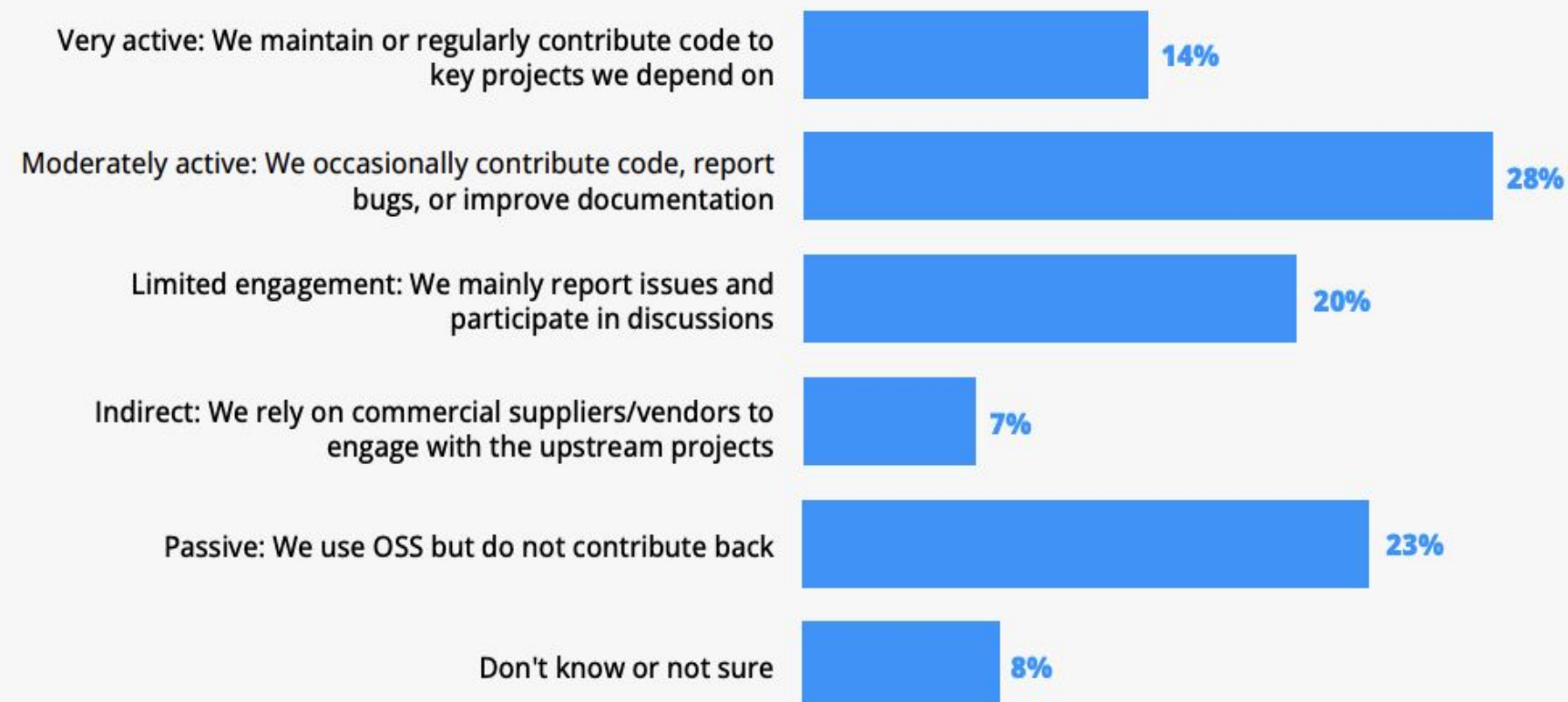*"I firmly believe that progress is founded on free, accessible, and transparent sharing.*

Agenda

Real problems

Which of the following best describes your organization's engagement with OSS projects?

SELECT ONE | Source: 2025 World of Open Source Survey, Q36, Sample Size = 316 (Europe only)

Engagement	%
Very active: We maintain or regularly contribute code to key projects we depend on	14%
Moderately active: We occasionally contribute code, report bugs, or improve documentation	28%
Limited engagement: We mainly report issues and participate in discussions	20%
Indirect: We rely on commercial suppliers/vendors to engage with the upstream projects	7%
Passive: We use OSS but do not contribute back	23%
Don't know or not sure	8%

* Graph extracted from page 11 of the report: Open Source as Europe's Strategic Advantage

01   Fragmentation

In the European technology ecosystem there is a lack of reference points. Maintainers are isolated and companies and communities are not cohesive. Much regulation, but little concrete action..
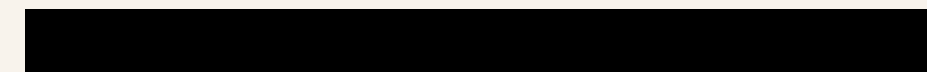
02   No vision and awareness

Companies do not perceive the return on investment (ROI) from using and contributing to open-source software. There is still a misconception that open source software is free.

03   Security and supply chain

Companies do not have full control over private software, which puts them at risk of vendor lock-in. In addition, they lack visibility into the lifecycle and dependencies of open projects.

04   ████████████████

Current situation

Market cap

In **2025** it is estimated at between **40 and 50 billion dollars**.
Forecasts say that by **2030** it will be worth about **80 billion**.

How Europe is taking action

Europe is moving forward through regulation, outreach, and promotion regarding the adoption of and contribution to open-source software. Companies and communities are beginning to invest and collaborate to build a stronger ecosystem.

What should we do?

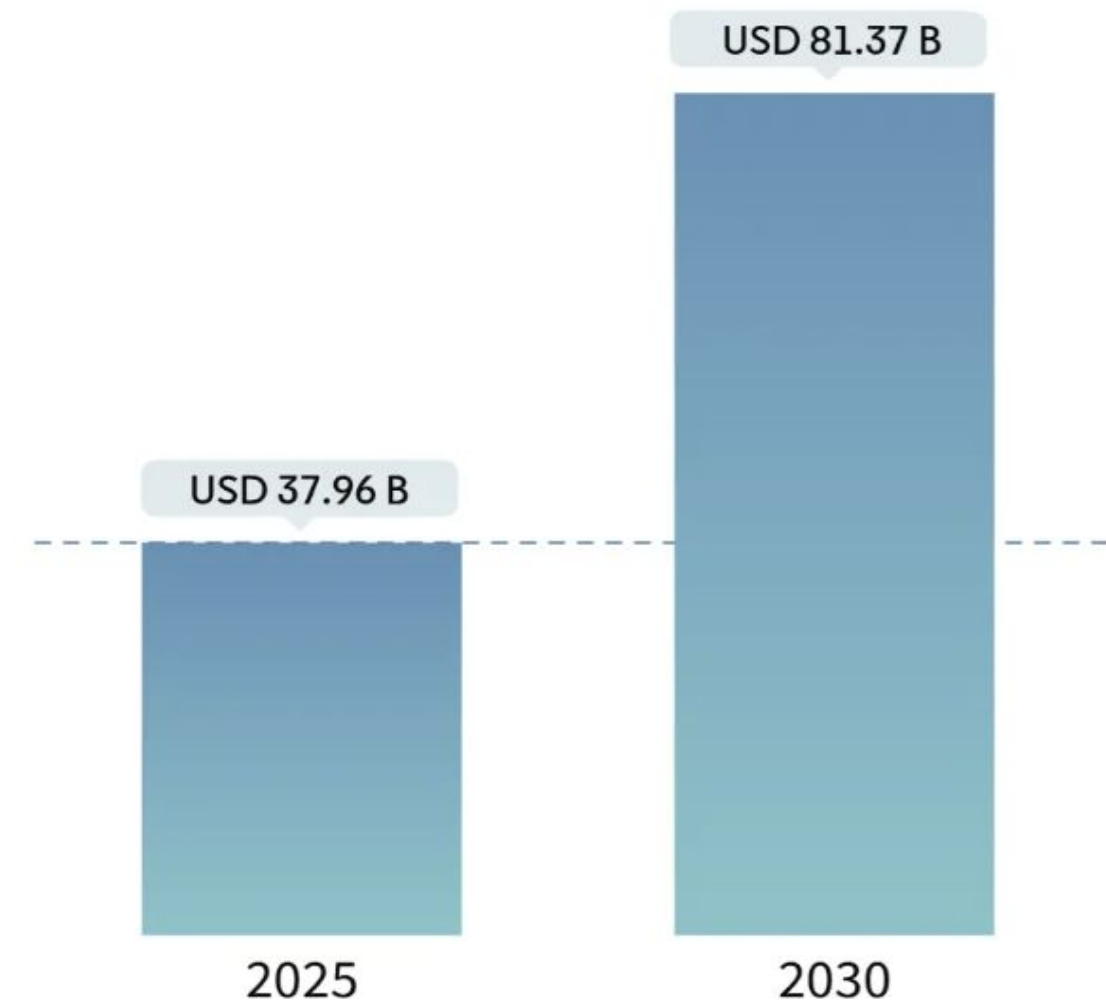As professionals, our role is to participate in, contribute to, and advocate for open source.
As companies, it is to invest in open source to accelerate innovation, improve security, and gain greater control over their systems.

Open Source Service Market
Market Size in USD Billion
CAGR 16.48%

USD 81.37 B

USD 37.96 B

2025   2030

Source : Mordor Intelligence

* Graph extracted from the report: Global Open Source Service Market

Our mission

Building a platform to unite the European open-source ecosystem by connecting those who build, fund, and adopt open technology. We work for a free and independent Europe.

Vision

We envision a world where technology serves as a means, grounded in freedom, to help build a more just and equitable society
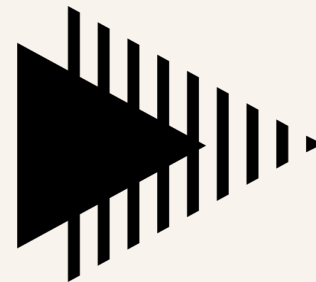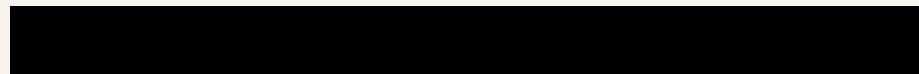
Next steps?

My 2 cents

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04 **Technology seen only as business**

Technology makes sense when it brings
freedom, connection, and fairness to society.
Profit is a consequence, not the goal.
Let's put ethics back at the center and let the
economy follow.

Some important initiatives to support

- OpenSource Initiative: **Open Source AI definition**
- Privacy and Freedom: **Fight Chat Control**

Thank you

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Resources

Reports
- Open Source as Europe's Strategic Advantage
- Funding Europe's Open Digital Infrastructure
- Funding through an EU Sovereign Tech Fund (EU-STF)
- Cloud Sovereignty Framework

Sites and Initiative
- Project Europe
- Public Letter: European Industry and Civil Society Call for Open Source Maintenance
- Open Source Software Adoption and Reuse in European Local Governments
- EIT - European Institute of Innovation and Technology
- Sovereign Edge
- Euro Stack
- European Digital Innovation Hubs Network
- Open Source Observatory (OSOR)
- European Alternatives
- Rise Europe

European Act
- Interoperable Europe Act
- Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA)
- NIS 2 Directive