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DINUM/NLnet grant agreement

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The parties

DINUM / Etalab www.numerique.gouv.fr / etalab.gouv.fr

The Interministerial Digital Directorate (DINUM) is a public administration in charge of the State's digital transformation for the benefit of citizens and civil servants alike, in all its aspects: modernisation of the State's information system, quality of digital public services, creation of innovative services for citizens, digital collaborative work tools for civil servants.

The Etalab department is in charge of data policy. Within Etalab, the open source software unit is piloting an open source software and digital commons action plan, the objectives of which are to open up public sector source codes, encourage the use of open source software in administrations and strengthen the attractiveness of the State as an employer by using open source.

Nlnet Foundation – nlnet.nl

NLnet Foundation has supported people and organizations that contribute to an open information society since 1997. NLnet Foundation started with funds from the running and subsequent sale of the first Internet Service Provider of the Netherlands. The small team has financially supported hundreds of projects, many of which are currently essential to the efficient running of the internet. Currently, NLnet mainly cooperates with other organizations in strengthening the full breath of hard- and software components that make up our communications.

Purpose of the grant agreement

DINUM supports the NLnet Foundation to present a series of Free Libre *Open Source* Software (FLOSS) awards to European Union (EU) citizens or non-profit organisations based in the EU.

These prizes will reward these citizens or associations for their work on a specific software project. They will target software that is guaranteed to be used in a French administration. The award will be given to software that is widely used and for which the award will be useful,

through the financial support provided and through the visibility that the award will give to the project.

The aim of this series of awards is to highlight the need to support the "small" open source software projects on which the administration's information systems sometimes depend without knowing it.

Rules for the awarding of prizes

By the end of the partnership, four open source software awards will be presented, each with a call for entries at European level.

EU citizens or non-profit organisations based in the EU may apply for these awards.

Each prize will amount to €10K and will not give rise to any consideration on the part of the person or structure rewarded.

These prizes will reward their investment in a software project whose source code is published under one of the free licenses recognised by the Free Software Foundation and the Open Source Initiative (see the detailed list of licenses in the annex).

The choice of the awarded person or structure will be made by a jury set up by DINUM.

All four awards are to be presented by the end of the partnership.

Roles of the parties

DINUM will:

- Set up a jury, open to public officials and qualified civil society figures, and to publish the list of persons participating in this jury.
- Define the elements of the form to be filled in by the persons or structures applying, the same form being used for the four prizes.
- Mobilise the jury to select the successful candidate for each of the four prizes.
- Publish a page dedicated to these awards online on one of the websites of the free software cluster (communs.numerique.gouv.fr or code.gouv.fr).
- Validate the communication contents published by NLnet in English (award information page, communication contents for the announcement of the opening of applications and the announcement of the awards).
- Subsidise NLnet with €60K for this collaboration.

NLnet commits to:

- Submit the communication contents to DINUM for validation before publication.
- Publish an English presentation of the award series online at nlnet.nl.
- Publish a form online for each of the prizes and to receive applications.
- Transfer the applications in a readable form to DINUM.
- Communicate in English for the announcement of each award.
- Transfer the 10K€ awards to the projects.

Duration

This agreement is concluded for a period of one (1) year, after signature by the Parties. It may be renewed by means of an amendment.

Applicable law and disputes

French law is applicable to this grant agreement.

The Parties shall endeavour to settle amicably any dispute arising in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this agreement. If no amicable solution is found within thirty (30) days of notification of the dispute by one party to the other, the French courts shall have sole jurisdiction.

Done in two copies, one for each Party,

in Paris, on the 4th November 2022

On behalf of the Interministerial Digital
Directorate (DINUM),

Stéphanie Schaer, Directress

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On behalf of NLnet foundation

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