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Costs, culture or communism? Why governments choose open source

Governments in Europe and the US have different reasons for adopting open source and cost isn't always high on the agenda



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**REGULATION IS SLIDING
IN THE DIRECTION OF
OPEN SOURCE**

**OSGEO CAN INCREASE
AWARENESS OF THE AVAILABILITY
OF OPEN SOURCE TOOLING**

FROM USER TO CONTRIBUTOR

Beta-tester, Translator, Documentation, Trainer, ambassador

**INITIATOR OF NEW
SOFTWARE
(COMMUNITIES)**

**GEONETWORK IS BORN IN
GOVERNMENT (FAO),
COMPANIES STEPPED IN
TO OFFER SUPPORT**

GEONETWORK IMPLEMENTS
BEST PRACTICES
+ INSPIRE IS A BEST PRACTICE
= INSPIRE  GEONETWORK

And GeoNetork loves INSPIRE

HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS CO-OPERATE ON AN OPEN SOURCE PROJECT?

Do we need to gather a set of success stories?

ENGAGE IN THE EXISTING CONSULTATION STRUCTURES OF FOSS PROJECTS

Don't start new (competing) projects/discussion platforms
Don't ask a support company to engage with the community for you