

# Forge the future of European open source

Linux Foundation Europe Membership Overview





*Collaborate Locally, Innovate Globally*

Linux Foundation Europe  
launched in September 2022!



**ERICSSON**

Platinum

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**LONDON  
STOCK  
EXCHANGE**

Gold



Silver



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**One of our goals at SUSE is to provide the freedom and the ability to innovate everywhere. We are committed to open source, its power and its ongoing growth throughout the world. That continued growth demands new and stronger collaboration, facilitated by open source foundations that are also able to service projects rooted in Europe. Founded in Europe 30 years ago and now publicly listed there, SUSE is pleased to support the creation and launch of the Linux Foundation Europe.**

*Thomas Di Giacomo, Chief Product and Technology Officer at SUSE*

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# What is Linux Foundation Europe?



## **Neutral governance entity in Europe**

Belgium based non-profit to provide a local neutral asset ownership and Europe-aware project governance. Entry-point to the global LF federation.

## **Focus on Europe-strong projects**

Support the creation and growth of collaborations between individual contributors, private and public sector on OSS, OSH, Open Standards, Open Data.

## **LF Europe Membership Benefits**

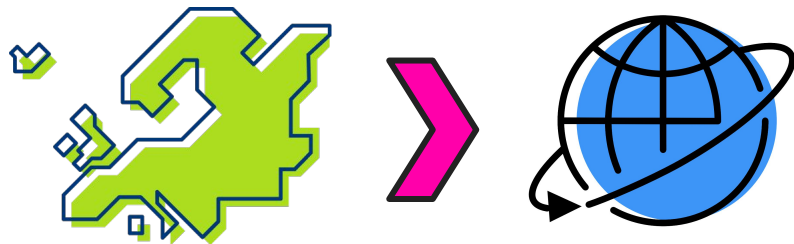
Host a project in Europe, fund it in local currency & join our Linux Foundation Europe advisory board.

## **Open to any organization in the world**

And free for existing Linux Foundation Members through reciprocal Membership at no cost.

## **Our vision**

Collaborate locally,  
innovate globally



### **Engage with the local Community**

Expand local presence and create venues to solicit input and interaction from all European community constituents.

### **Advocate for European collaborations**

Support the creation and acceleration of projects centered on European technology, industry and mission-driven collaboration opportunities as uncovered by the World of OSS research.

### **Bring European tech to the global scale**

Leveraging LF global federation, expand the scope of collaborations into global (de-facto) standards and industry collaborations.



# So, why...

...should you care?

## Unique cross-border landscape

Europe is the only region a supranational sovereign entity drives shared goals as well as rules of the road for European wide collaboration.

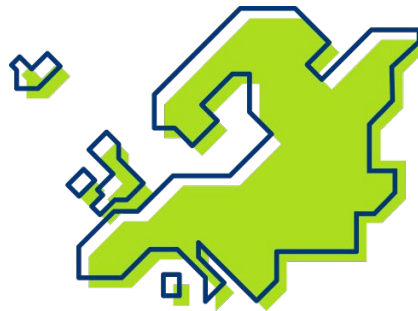
## The intersection of social and OSS

EU and European nations are leader in promoting open source and vision of digital commons to achieve ambitious Europe-wide policy goals.

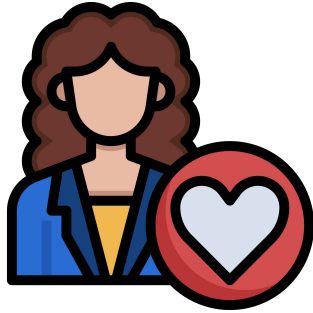
## Local priorities, global challenges

The European ecosystem of OSS adopters and contributors, and their priorities, is unique. But many OSS challenges are global, e.g. sustainability.

# Why Linux Foundation Europe?



# Individual contributors



SEE LF EUROPE PROJECTS

## **Contribute on a level playing field**

Through transparent governance which works for all community constituents

## **Supercharge your project**

Give your project the best chances to make it on a global scale, building a sustainable, global community around your project with our support.

## **Influence the Community**

Influence the community direction towards greater technology and social innovation outcomes.



# Corporate contributors



JOIN LF EUROPE

## Join global technology leaders

In shaping the direction of open source worldwide, by fostering both regional and global collaborations.

## Address industry-wide challenges

Collaborate with European peers to address long standing challenges in your specific area of technology, your industry or region/country.

## Foster a sustainable ecosystem

We all depend on open source, your business depends on open source. Your contributions accelerate the creation of an even more lively, sustainable commercial open source ecosystem in Europe.

(Global)  
Public sector



PROPOSE A PROJECT

## Use OSS as an apolitical tool

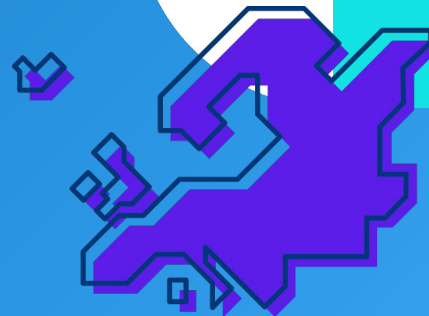
to drive collective value and innovation and truly realize the vision of the digital commons across political seasons.

## Leverage open governance

to its full extent, beyond its transparency, ensure a level playing field across constituents, across borders, industries and individual citizens.

## Think global from the outset

When starting national or European wide collaborations. Open Source has the potential to address global technology challenges and Europe is a leader on several fronts.



# Linux Foundation Europe Membership Benefits and Tiers



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**Our members are among the pioneers of digital innovations from cloud to AI. They serve as a guiding force that fuels the growth of our projects and the creation of new markets and categories.**

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*Jim Zemlin, Executive Director of the Linux Foundation*

## Host a project in Europe

Members can sponsor funded / unfunded projects hosted out of Europe, based on open governance powering the largest global OSS collaborations.

## Interact locally, in local currency

Leverage LF Europe as primary billing center your all your LF Membership, in local currency (€).

## LF Europe Advisory Board (coming soon!)

Linux Foundation Europe Members get different level of access to the LF Europe Advisory Board.

## Join the LF at no additional cost<sup>(\*)</sup>

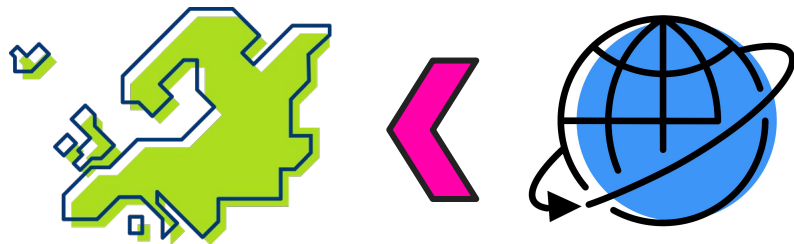
And support the largest shared technology investment in the world.

*(\*) Requires separate, no cost, Membership agreement with the Linux Foundation.*

# Linux Foundation Europe Membership Benefits



# Are you an existing Linux Foundation Member?



## Join Linux Foundation Europe at no cost

Linux Foundation Europe is open to any organization in the world. Existing Linux Foundation Members can [join Linux Foundation Europe](#) for free.

## Make Europe your primary billing center

By joining Linux Foundation Europe you have the option to use LF Europe as billing center for your Linux Foundation Membership. Reach out to Member Success at [membersupport.linuxfoundation.eu](mailto:membersupport.linuxfoundation.eu) to update your preferences.

# Your Membership Supports

- Educating developers to good open source practices.
- Linux Foundation organizations such as LetsEncrypt.org, Kernel.org, overall development of the Linux kernel, and salaries for full-time fellows such as Linus Torvalds, Greg Kroah-Hartman, and Shuah Khan.
- Open source security initiatives and funds critical security research, providing developers access to security tooling, free secure coding education, security audits, and facilitating an industry response to security challenges.
- Travel and mentorship funding to help train and engage future contributors to open source communities.
- Essential IP protection for open source, including our support for the Unified Patents open source zone that benefits all users and vendors using open source.
- Legal work to improve the quality (licensing, export controls, trademark programs, privacy programs, etc.) of our upstream projects that you incorporate into your products and solutions.
- Creation of best practices materials covering each stage of your open source journey. Materials include foundational value proposition materials, setting up and running an open source program office, compliance workflows, tooling, contribution practices, templates, and enterprise management practices.
- Educating developers to good open source practice.
- Operations spanning the United States, European Union, United Kingdom, Switzerland, China, Australia, and Japan.
- Research on open source, including our partnership with the Laboratory for Innovation Science at Harvard University on security and open source topics.
- Legal structures for projects to be created under a neutral governance model.
- Training and certification course creation and development, supporting millions of developers worldwide.
- Diversity and inclusion programs, allowing us to offer registration scholarships to LF events, mentorship programs, diversity & socioeconomic need-based travel funding (not limited to LF events).
- Onsite programs at LF events supporting diversity & inclusion efforts that your membership supports, including free childcare, onsite nursing room/milk storage, onsite prayer rooms, pronoun and preferred communication badge stickers, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages at evening events, diversity social events, complimentary kids day coding workshop, conference session videos freely available online, and other initiatives.

# Your Membership Supports

Call for Code with The Linux Foundation: a worldwide, multi-year initiative inspiring developers to solve pressing problems with sustainable solutions.

- 500,000+ participants in Call for Code since its launch in 2018
- 180 nations represented in the Call for Code community
- 15,000 applications built for disaster resiliency, racial justice, and climate change mitigation
- 14 official open source projects hosted by The Linux Foundation
- 70+ GitHub repositories.



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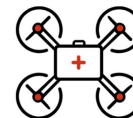


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# Example: Europe-centric OSS research!



Download the report!

# Membership tiers and dues

**Platinum**

**€500,000/year**

**Gold**

**€100,000/year**

**Silver**

**Silver Fee Scale Based on Consolidated Employees**

5,000 Employees & Above: **€20,000**

Between 500 and 4,999: **€15,000**

Between 100 and 499: **€10,000**

Between 1 and 99: **€5,000**

**Associate**

**Free**

**Restricted to non-profits, academic and governmental institutions**

# Ready to take the next step?

Apply for Linux Foundation Europe!

*Click the button above to proceed to our online membership application form.*

*Questions? Get in touch at [info@linuxfoundation.eu](mailto:info@linuxfoundation.eu)*

# You're in Great Company. Thrive Together.

