

OPEN SOURCE IS A MECHANISM FOR EUROPEAN INNOVATION AND VALUE CREATION across industry sectors, with the creation of standards and interoperability being the most widely cited benefits.

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Across Europe, personal contributions are **MOTIVATED BY LEARNING AND FUN** rather than by a desire to further career advancement.

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OPEN SOURCE IS THE APOLITICAL KEY

to fostering a digital commons while enabling European nations to plot their own courses in the digital world.



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CLEAR LEADERSHIP—via a structured OSPO or dedicated employees contributing to open source—PAYS DIVIDENDS, with micro- and enterprisescale organisations leading the way.

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57% of respondents have POLICIES THAT OPENLY **ENCOURAGE OPEN SOURCE** (OS) CONSUMPTION. However, the imbalance between consumption and contribution challenges OS sustainability.

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During the last 12 months, 47% of survey respondents said that THE VALUE THAT THEY DERIVE FROM OPEN SOURCE IS CONTINUING TO GROW.

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realise its value.

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In addition to cost savings, **INDEPENDENCE** FROM CLOSED-SOURCE **SOLUTIONS** drives open source adoption.

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CLEARER OS CONTRIBUTION POLICIES WERE REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS WORKING FOR THE LARGEST ORGANISATIONS (>10,000 employees), than those working for mid-sized organisations.

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THERE IS A POLICY IMBALANCE, with 35% reporting a lack of a clear contribution policy compared with 17% reporting a lack of a clear consumption policy.





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THE PUBLIC SECTOR IS FAILING **TO FULLY CAPITALISE ON OPEN**

SOURCE. Contribution is encouraged for only 29% of public sector respondents (versus the survey mean of 46%), and there is a notable lack of a clear policy.

While 63% of respondents agree

consume OSS to improve security,

IMPROVED GOVERNANCE OF

OSS CONSUMPTION AND BEST

PRACTICES IS NEEDED to safely

that organisations should

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SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL **DIFFERENCES EXIST** in

the perceived value of open source and permissive consumption and contribution policies.

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