

OS2 – Public Digitalization Network

OS2 is a network of public bodies that works with open source software to ensure local anchoring and shared development software. In OS2, the public entities in the network – rather than the supplier – owns the software.

Ownership by the Members

OS2 is based on the idea that the network must hold the legal ownership of the core-codes, and documentation of the software. The network either develops software together or it is given to the network by members. The values of inclusion and democracy are essential to OS2.

The sprints in OS2 are highly customer controlled and the planning and development are centered around teams of representatives from the public bodies. The work is strongly customer-centered, yet, it is still a collaboration between the OS2-members and the suppliers in order to create quality IT-solutions and synergies.

Better and Cheaper Software

Open Source makes it possible to offer cheap software – also to the non-member bodies. Public bodies using the OS2-products pay the network a yearly, membership fee and the fee for the actual hosting, and development, as well as support to the suppliers when needed.

The Rules for Participating

A project or a development of a software solution grows from a challenge or a need from the member or a suggestion of a supplier. Every project needs two or three formalized teams with representatives from the public bodies, but minimum one. Hereby the idea “matures”, increases in governance level, and quickly becomes an actual product. The governance levels go from one to three and demands certain levels of (1) relevance, (2) form, (3) governance, and (4) strategic coherence.

The Beginning

The network was founded in 2012, while the shared *rammearkitektur* was created and the market prepared for a more competitive structure than previously. The result of the foundation of OS2 was a network based on the concept of innovation through active participation and sharing of results.

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