



Public Money? Public Code!

Modernising Digital Public Infrastructure

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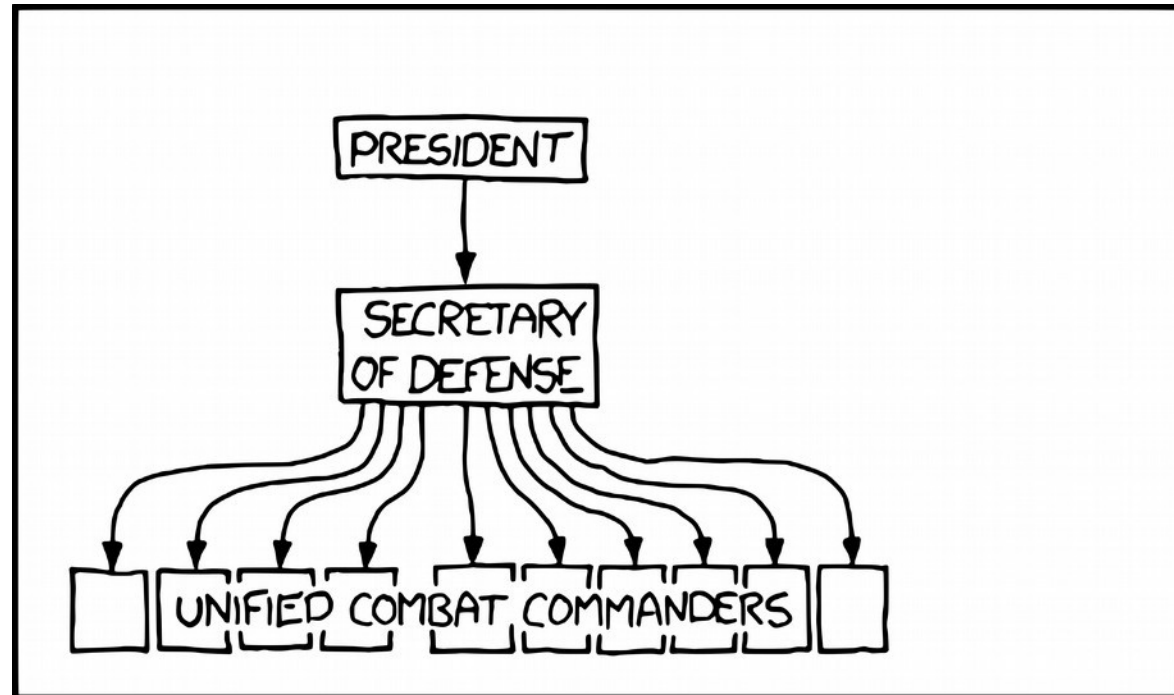


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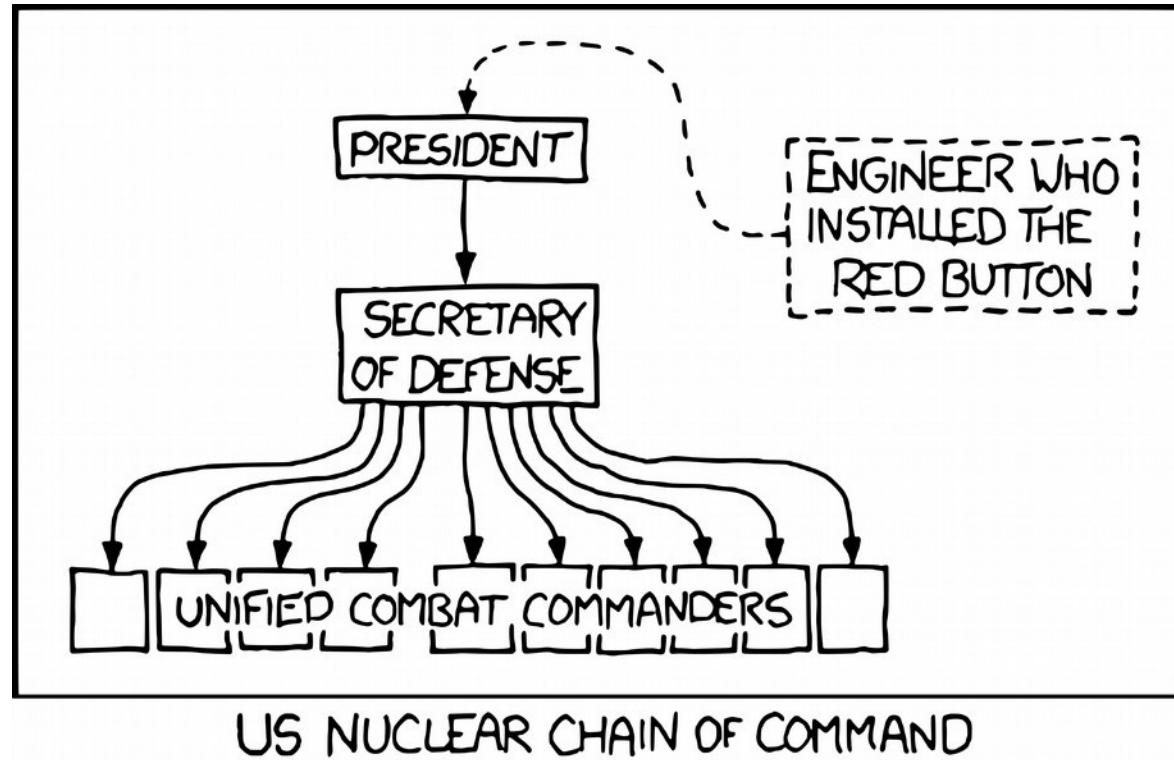
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Free Software



USE

The software can be used for any purpose without restrictions



STUDY

The software and its code can be studied by anyone

SHARE

The software can be shared with friends without limitations.
The price doesn't matter



IMPROVE

The software can be modified by you or others to give back to the community

a.k.a. Open Source, FOSS, FLOSS...



Pillars of Our Work



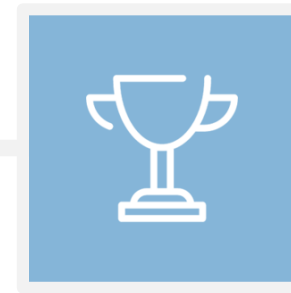
Community

Represent users and developers, build a strong community, and give them a voice



Legal

Connecting legal experts with the Legal Network, facilitating a safe platform to solve legal issues and create change



Policy

Pushing Free Software from European to regional levels, support political change with our expertise, and build collaborative networks



Exemplary Activities



FOSS4SMEs



REUSE



Save Code Share



Free Your Android



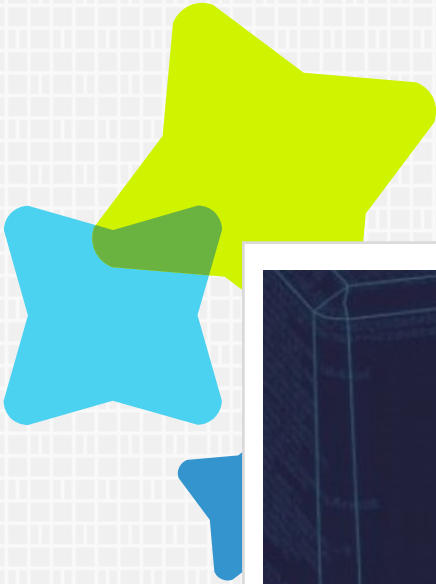


Some Honesty

1 Do you...
finance the
development of
non-free
software on a
regular basis?

2 Are you...
forced to do so?

3 Do you...
pay taxes?



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PUBLIC MONEY

PUBLIC CODE

Why is software created using taxpayers' money not released as Free Software?

Code paid by the people should be available to the people!

If it is public money, it should be public code as well!

publiccode.eu



We're not alone!



More than **18.400** individuals

and **153** organisations





Imagine for a moment



Reasons for Public Code



Tax Savings

Similar applications don't have to be programmed from scratch every time.



Collaboration

Major projects can share expertise, risks and costs.

Security

Free Software enables independent security audits and transparent contributions.



Innovation

With transparent processes, others don't have to reinvent the wheel.



(Digital) Public Infrastructure

What are we talking about?



- Education
- Security Services
- Data Storage and Processing
- Geographical Analysis
- Participation Platforms
- Communication and information

Old and new challenges



Public Code can help



Problems of proprietary software

- Lack of interoperability
- Vendor lock-in
- Low acceptance by public
- No local investments and innovation
- Strong security concerns

- Interoperability through Open Standards
- Independence from single vendors
- Transparency by default
- Inclusion of regional providers
- Auditable and attributable code

Solutions by Public Code



A Word on Munich/LiMux...

- Large German city migrates from GNU/Linux to Microsoft
- Political victim of new mayor
- Scapegoat for organisational problems
- Focus on operating system is outmoded
 - Concentrate on freeing the custom applications first

Let's make Free Software the “product”, not Linux!

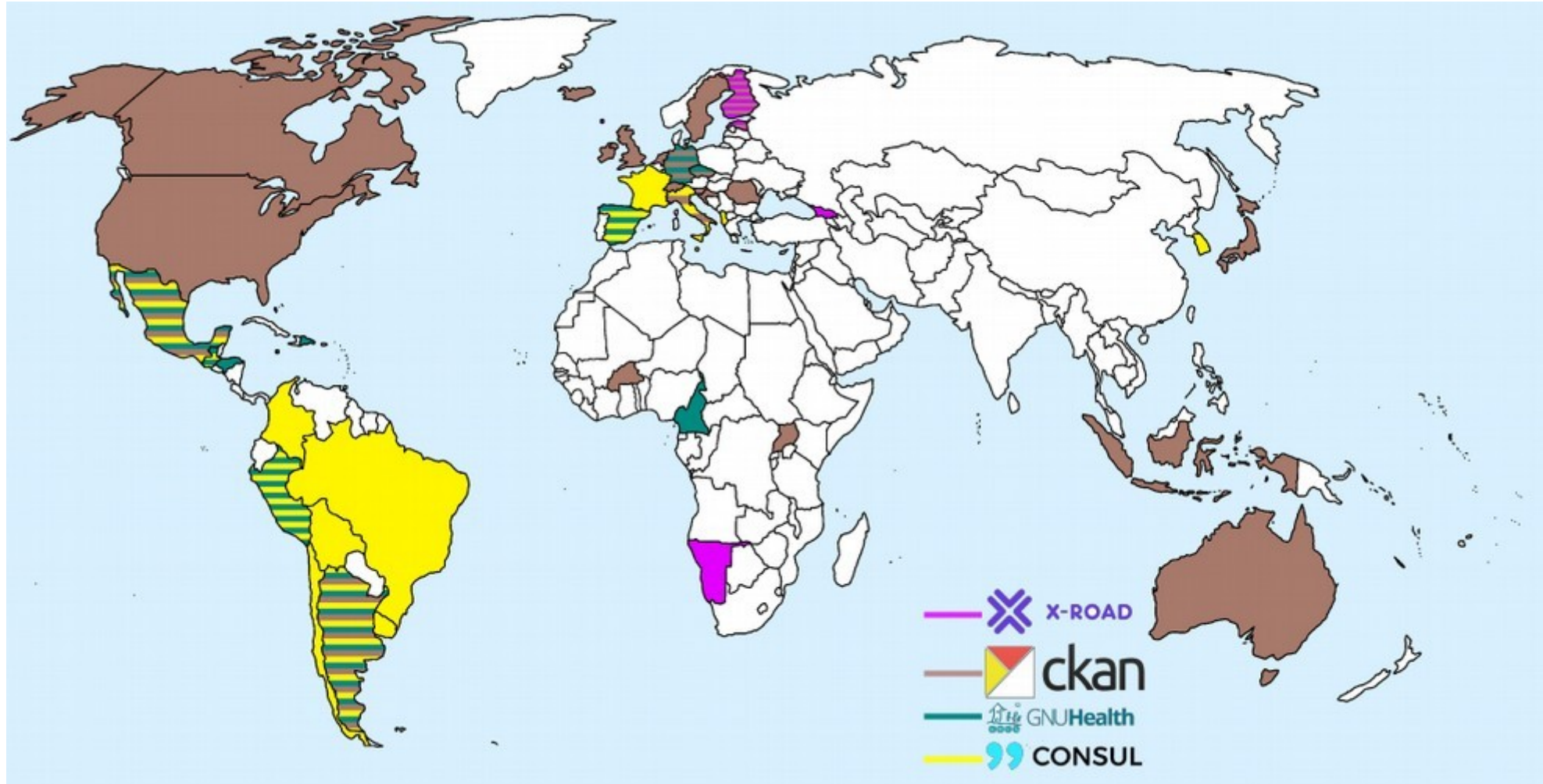
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International Cooperation



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Lessons Learnt

Improve Procurement

Enable smaller and regional providers to participate in tenders, and involve exit costs



Knowledge Transfer

Authorities should increase communication with each other, and share experiences



Policies > Laws

Policies are easier to create and implement, and closer to the actual aim

Cultural Change

We have to guide the necessary modernisation in public administrations



What can I do?



1 **Sign the Open Letter**
Go to publiccode.eu and raise your voice

2 **Spread the word**
Speak with your friends, colleagues, and political representatives

3 **Support us**
Contribute translations, tech help, and become part of the FSFE's supporter base



This is just the beginning!



16 video subtitles

*Stickers, posters,
postcards*

*publiccode.eu in 18
languages*

*Brochure for decision
makers*

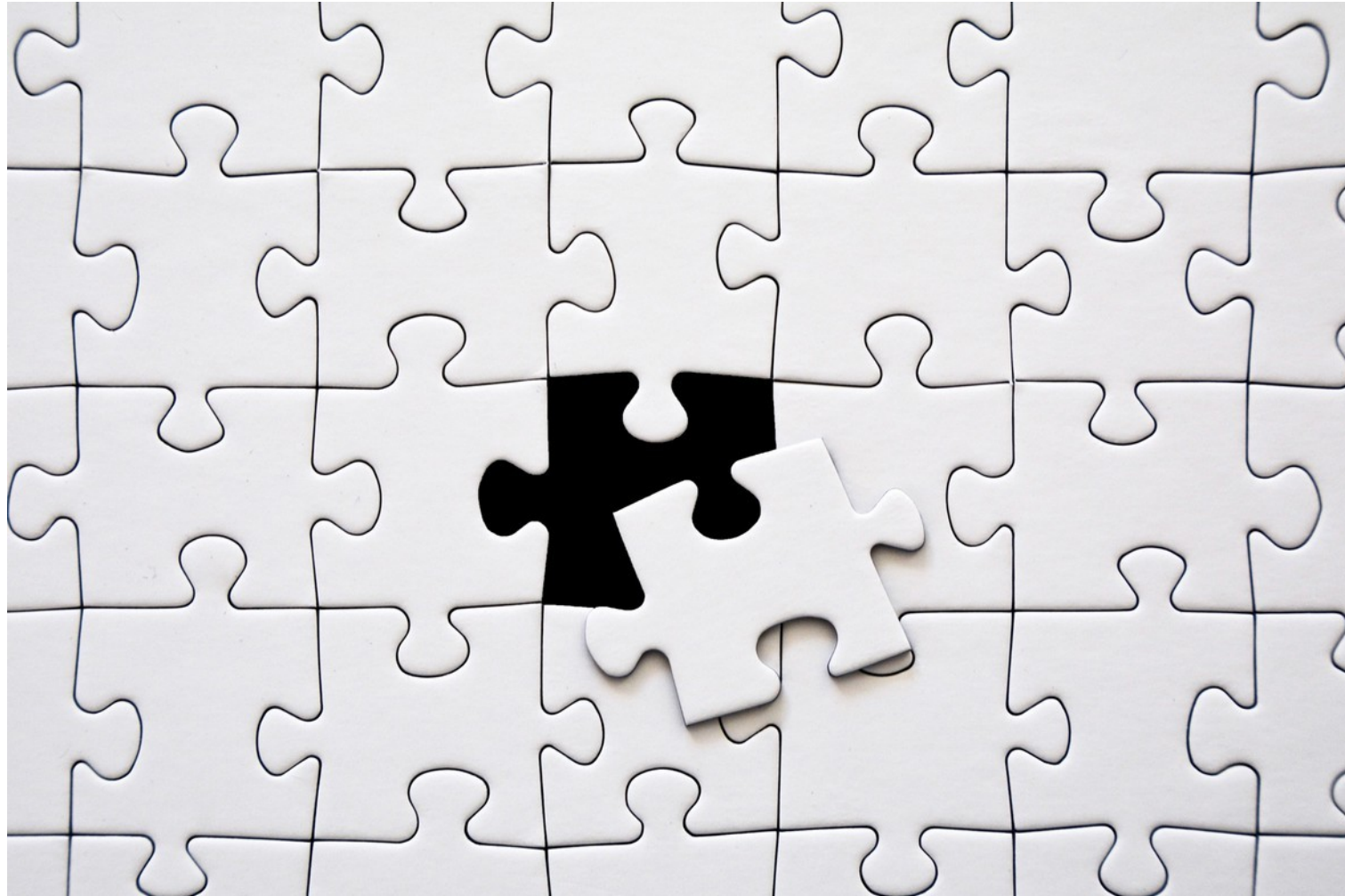
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Be part of it!





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