

COSPA include observers from all over Europe. Why shouldn't you be one of them?

COSPA is a European 6th framework project. Its goal is to introduce, analyze, and support the use of Open Data Standards and Open Source software for personal productivity and document management in European Public Administrations.

Public Administrations spend considerable funds for Commercial Off-The-Shelf software licenses. By using appropriate technologies, such expenses could be either dramatically reduced, or re-routed to further develop local business ecosystems.

We are:

- creating a catalogue of existing Open Data Standards and available Open Source Software applications that are and can be used in Public Administration.

- extracting requirements for OS and ODS from the partner PAs; identifying differences in needs between small and large PAs, and across different kinds of PAs: small and large townships, provinces, hospitals, educational centers.

- introducing a framework for measuring the effects of OS and ODS introduction and evaluating the returns or losses.

- on the basis of the collected requirements, identifying specific OS & ODS that will serve the needs of PAs. Then, identifying and developing necessary plug-ins and bridging tools that make OS interoperate with pre-existing systems in the target PAs, through identified ODS.

- running a pilot project in the partner PAs to determine the effects of the introduction of the OS and ODS in order to understand what data is relevant for the analysis, the system value and the PAs requirements.

Being an observer ...

means that you will have free access to all internal documentation and the deliverables except those classified as confidential.

means that you will have free access to project meetings

means that you can participate in COSPA's pilot projects for the introduction of Open Source Software in Public Administration

is totally free of charge

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We especially welcome observers from the new EU-member states, Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

