R13 A2: Information technologies and intellectual property policy within FYEG

Proposers Swiss YG

Title

Change to:
Public support for the development of open source software

Motion text

From line 4 to 39:

their power and ignore user rights. Though there are save and secure free and open source alternatives available ~~for~~to almost every software tool and service the big tech companies offer at the moment. FYEG ~~does not only support and~~will act politically to dismantling tech giants ~~and demonopolising~~, de-monopolising digital offerings and the digital sphere~~, but also strives for the internal use of open source software and services,~~ and supports regulators to set the highest possible standards in terms of user rights, digital security and privacy.

~~**Open-Source commitment**~~

To support these aims and particularly ease the transition for users – no matter be it people, NGOs, the private or the public sector – we call for the EU-Parliament and Parliaments of Non-EU European countries to create funding programs with the objective to develop Free and Open Source Software through independent software developers. There should be similar programs which support the development of open source software libraries which substitute patented software which is at the moment one of the barriers for the wider use open source software.

Furthermore legal foundations must be created which define a timeline until when open source software must be in use in public institutions and institutions which operate with public money (partly or fully) or fulfil a public mandate.

~~As a principle FYEG:~~

~~• will adopt open source tools (as defined by the Free Software Foundation) for developing its work.~~

~~• will run free software on its own computers, especially those to be used in public.~~

~~• will use open formats for all public communications, publications and materials transmitted.~~

~~• will avoid the use of non-open-source, non-free contents in its website and all online tools.~~
~~• will ask for open formats to be used in documents officially addressed to FYEG.~~
~~The use of non-free software may be justified when no similar free software is available and when the objective cannot be reached by combining open source tools.~~
~~**Security**~~
~~At least one FYEG official e-mail address will count with a GPG signature. All official e-mail communications from FYEG shall be digitally signed. The public key will be made available to the public.~~
~~**Privacy and individual rights**~~
~~In order to protect the privacy of individuals participating in any FYEG activities:~~
~~• no pictures shall be posted on public sites or social networks without the explicit consent of the individuals who can be identified in them.~~
~~• mailing lists archives and MO listings shall be kept accessible only by its members.~~
~~The Executive Committee adopts a privacy policy that shall be accessible on its website, in line with legal requirements and adapts said document timely in case requirements and/or circumstances change and/or evolve.~~

Reason
after discussions with FYEG's EC we decided to give the resolution a more political scope, steering away from solely setting internal goals.