R13 Information technologies and intellectual property policy within FYEG

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FYEG opposes monopolies and oligopolies. Unfortunately, at the moment large sectors of the digital sphere are dominated by very few companies which are constantly trying to circumvent regulations, relentlessly aiming to increase their power and ignore user rights. Though there are save and secure free and open source alternatives available for almost every software tool and service the big tech companies offer at the moment. FYEG does not only support and act politically to dismantling tech giants and demonopolising digital offerings and the digital sphere, but also strives for the internal use of open source software and services, and the highest standards in digital security and privacy.

Open-Source commitment

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

this text is, except slight modifications, as point 8.3. Annex 3, part of the current IRPs. the ec suggest deleting it without replacement, whereas we believe it is important to keep a committment to open source software and highest security and privacy standards in a written document within the organisation.