



Free/Libre/Open Source Software Worldwide impact study: FLOSSWorld

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FLOSSWorld: Aims and objectives

- Strengthen EU participation in global research
- Build a global constituency of policy-makers and researchers on FLOSS issues
- Enhance global awareness of FLOSS:
 - human capacity building
 - policy and use in government
 - technical, organisational and business differences between regional FLOSS projects



FLOSSWorld: 4 Track Workplan

- 1: skills development and employment generation: surveys of developers, employers and higher education insts.
- 2: study differences between regions in development methods, participation in global community, links to industry, quality of local FLOSS software



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- 3: survey attitudes, usage towards FLOSS and open standards in govt orgs.
- 4: conduct regional and international workshops and working groups to develop and build upon tasks 1-3, to create a global research/policy constituency



FLOSSWorld: 4 Track Workplan

- Research tracks 1-3 largely extend past EU studies to the 8 target countries
- Core design/analysis done by EU partners
- Regional issues, implementation addressed by regional partners
- Easily extended to regions outside the consortium



FLOSSWorld: Geographic scope

- Target countries (consortium partners):
 - Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, India, Malaysia, South Africa
- Related countries (outside consortium) include:
 - Japan, Korea, USA (existing letters of support)
 - Other possible countries: Ghana, Uganda?



FLOSSWorld: Consortium - EU

- Coordinator: MERIT, University of Maastricht
Leading survey research tracks
- Oxford Internet Institute, Univ. of Oxford
Contributing to survey development/analysis
- FUNDECYT, Junta de Extremadura, Spain
Leading workshop and collaboration track
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain
Leading software project comparison track



FLOSSWorld: Consortium - regional

- Argentina:
 - USUARIA, business IT user organisation
 - Fundacion Via Libre
- Brazil:
 - Natl. IT Institute (ITI), Office of the President of Brazil
 - University of Campinas



FLOSSWorld: Consortium - regional

- Bulgaria:
 - Internet Society Bulgaria
- China:
 - China Education & Research Network (CERNET): largest network in China, under Ministry of Education
 - China Standard Software Company: one of largest FLOSS companies in China



FLOSSWorld: Consortium - regional

- Croatia:
 - Multimedia Institute MI2: hosts SummerSource developer workshop
 - Croatian Academic Research Network
- India:
 - Centre for Development of Advanced Computing: largest IT lab in India, under Ministry of IT



FLOSSWorld: Consortium - regional

- Malaysia:
 - MIMOS: govt-owned leading IT research organisation, author of national open source policy
- South Africa:
 - Council for Scientific and Industrial Research: Africa's largest R&D organisation
 - University of the Western Cape



FLOSSWorld: External support

- Not part of consortium, letters of support
- India: National Assoc. for Software & Services Cos.
- USA: Stanford University Inst. Econ & Policy Research
- Japan: Mitsubishi Research Institute
- Open Society Institute / Soros Foundations
- UNCTAD



FLOSSWorld: Observers

- Observers, collaborators can participate in FLOSSWorld
- No funding, but they can get interim results
- They can conduct FLOSSWorld studies in their own countries / regions
- FLOSSWorld will provide survey questionnaires, methodologies and analysis



FLOSSWorld: Observers

- Australia: New South Wales govt
- Chile: Centro de Software Libre
- Taipei: OSSF / Academica Sinica
- Colombia: SEAQ Servicios
- Costa Rica: ALAS Libre
- Iran: GNU/Linux Localisation project
- Portugal: Madeira Tecnopolo
- Spain: Catalan Govt
- Uganda: Uganda Martyrs University
- MySQL



More information

- Coordinator: Rishab Ghosh, MERIT
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- FLOSSWorld: <http://flossworld.org>
- FLOSS Project report (2002)
<http://flossproject.org/report/>