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Copyright Management and "No Code"

More than 100 Free Software experts will meet in Bolzano: SFScon, Europe's leading event on open source, returns to NOI Techpark

Bolzano, 3 November 2022 – The 22nd edition, over 100 speakers from all over Europe, 9 thematic tracks in 2 days and a hackathon are the numbers of this year's SFScon, the international conference for Free Software, held again at NOI Techpark in Bolzano on 11 and 12 November 2022. Developers, companies, decision-makers and researchers will discuss the future of Free Software and present best practices as well as the latest trends, technologies and innovations.

Michael Meeks from **Collabora** will open SFScon 2022, giving insights into sustainable digital sovereignty using free software, followed by reflections on open hardware, IoT in industry, open-source analytics and much more. The main emphasis of this year's edition is laid on two topics, namely copyright and software licence management and no-code development. The former will be introduced with talks by Oliver Fendt from **Siemens** and Alexios Zavras from **Intel**. Indeed, software development is becoming increasingly complex, including additional difficulties in rights management and, thus, requiring third-party libraries. Augustin Benito Bethencourt from the **Eclipse Foundation** will also treat this issue, addressing all phases of managing an open-source project. The second topic, No Code in terms of data quality testing without code, will be presented by the experts Chiara Masci and Davide Montesin from **Catch Solve**.

SFScon will come with a multi-layered agenda, including several parallel thematic tracks. Likewise, the B2B Matchmaking meetings, organised by the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) to initiate cooperation between companies and the research world and develop new business opportunities, will also take place along the tracks. And as tradition would have it, SFScon will again clear the stage for the NOI Hackathon, a two-day programming marathon in which software developers work on real business challenges and create their own open-source solutions. Finally, on 8 November, the International Conference on Software Business (ICSOB) by unibz will take place for the first time.

SFScon was founded in 2001 by the Linux User Group Bozen-Bolzano-Bulsan and has been organised by NOI Techpark since 2005. Participation is free, and the events can be attended in person or online. More information is available at **sfscon.it**

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