

PRESS RELEASE

Bolzano/Bozen, 30th October 2023

International Free Software Summit SFSCON is back: from the AI revolution to Smart Health

At NOI Techpark in Bolzano/Bozen, the global conference promoting free software to generate innovation

Bolzano/Bozen, 30 October 2023 – 2 days, 100 talks, more than 100 speakers, 10 thematic tracks, 1 Hackathon, many side events and the presentation of the European SFS Award. Back at NOI Techpark in Bolzano/Bozen, SFSCON, the international free software conference: meet on 10 and 11 November 2023 with developers, companies, decision makers, and researchers to share experiences and visions on the future of free software. It is also a meeting point for representatives of the most important free software organisations worldwide, such as Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE), Eclipse Foundation, Open Source Initiative (OSI), OW2 and many others.

SFSCON 2023 will be opened by **Simon Phipps**, former president of the Open Source Initiative. He will explore "Artificial Intelligence and the State of Free Software in Europe" with a speech and panel on "AI and Software Freedom". Artificial Intelligence will also be addressed by **Frank Karlitschek**, founder of Nextcloud, who will explain the impact of AI on Open Source, Open Tech and Open Societies, and his partner **Björn Schießle**, who will discuss how their organisation is integrating AI while taking ethical implications into account.

Floriano Zini, academic technologist at **Smart Data Factory**, a technology transfer laboratory of the Free University of Bolzano/Bozen at NOI Techpark, and other speakers will share knowledge about AI methods and techniques for analysing clinical data and developing open-source health software: from electronic health records to medical imaging, from smart hospitals to technologies for training, rehabilitation and patient well-being. In addition to the thematic talks dedicated to **AI** and **Smart Health**, the following tracks will be available at SFSCON: **Community, Cybersecurity, Developers, Legal, OW2, Public Money Public Code & Open Data, ZOOM Project, Open Data & Open Hardware.**

There will also be many side events accompanying the Summit: the 10th edition of the **NOI Hackathon SFSCON Edition**, with 24 hours of non-stop hacking, collaboration, co-creation and development to respond to business challenges set by companies and generate new ideas; the project track and interactive workshop toolkit with **ZOOM** to analyse intellectual property in collaborative innovation ecosystems based on open source, open hardware and open data (the "3Os"); the **OW2 track** dedicated to the use of AI to mitigate fake news. In addition, on 9 November, **World Usability Day 2023** will take place at NOI, with a conference on good usability practices being held in advance of the South Tyrol Free Software Conference.

Following on from last year's success, the children's book "**Ada and Zangemann**" will be read out: it tells the story of the famous inventor Zangemann and the girl Ada, a curious tinkerer. As is tradition, an award will be given to the person who has contributed most to the spread of the free software culture. For the first time, the award will be

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presented in collaboration with the **Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE)** and the **Linux User Group Bozen-Bolzano-Bulsan**, reinforcing SFSCON's commitment to promoting free software values on a wider scale. This year, the **“European SFS Award”** will be presented for the first time.

Founded in 2001 on the initiative of the **Linux User Group Bozen-Bolzano-Bulsan**, SFSCON has been jointly organised and promoted by NOI Techpark since 2005. The event will be visible in person after registration or streamed. All information about the conference can be found at: www.sfsccon.it.

The conference will be held in English. The sponsors of SFSCON 2023 are: Fondazione Eclipse, Gruppo FOS, Red Hat, Telmekom, Vates, IT Servicenet, Made in Cima, 1006.org, Catch Solve, Endian and Peer. The partners of SFSCON 2023 are: the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, FOSSlife, FSFE – Free Software Foundation Europe, Linux Magazine, LUGBZ – Linux User Group Bozen-Bolzano-Bulsan, OW2, Speck&Tech, stickermule, WUD - World Usability Day and Zoom. The conference is co-funded by the EU through the ERDF Project 1048 IMPACT.