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Let's monitor implementation of Free Software Policies!

How to sharpen the demand for public code across
Europe and monitor progress with  **TED**ective

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Free Software Foundation Europe



We are a charity that empowers users to control technology.

Free Software

use

The software can be used for any purpose, without restrictions.



study

The software and its code can be analysed by anyone.

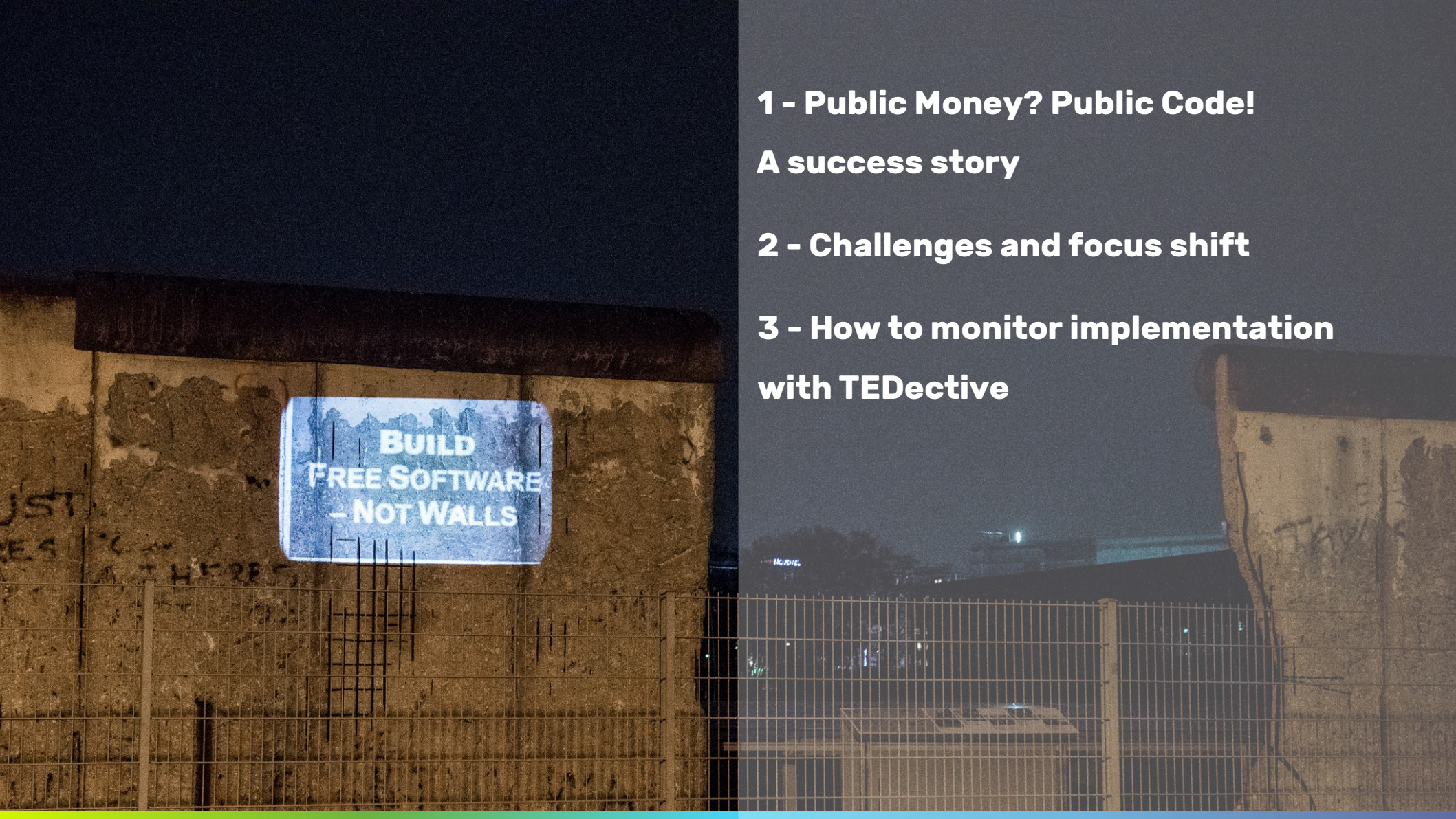
share

The software can be shared without limitations. The price doesn't matter.



improve

The software can be modified by you or others to give back to the community.



1 - Public Money? Public Code!

A success story

2 - Challenges and focus shift

**3 - How to monitor implementation
with TEDetective**



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PUBLIC CODE

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We want legislation requiring that publicly financed software developed for the public sector be made publicly available under a Free and Open Source Software licence.

If it is public money, it should be public code as well.

<https://publiccode.eu>

Public Money? Public Code!

We aim at **incremental change** across Europe, on all levels.

Sign our **open letter** it now if you haven't done it!

<https://publiccode.eu>

Our **brochure** with best practices, definitions, arguments, how-tos is a great tool to convince decision-makers and people in administrations.

We have **good arguments**: overcoming vendor lock-in, enabling collaboration, creating trustworthy systems, supporting sustainability, and fostering local communities and SMEs.

A success story ...

The **slogan** is widely known and used.

Free Software is regarded to be key for **digital sovereignty**.

Commitments, papers (strategies, regulations, code repos). E.g. Digital Administration Code (CAD) Italy + AGID guidelines causing paperwork for proprietary software

There is a momentum for Public Money? Public Code! In Europe!



Public Money

Public Code

publiccode.eu



Time to sit back?

Challenges

Paper doesn't blush. Fine words are not enough.

We need **concrete progress** in implementing Free Software policies.

The term "**digital sovereignty**" is being diluted.

European server locations and diversification are not sufficient.

We encounter attempts of **open-washing**.

"Based on Free Software" \neq "Free Software"!

Vague wordings and **loopholes** weaken existing policies.

How can we monitor progress if there are no **indicators** and **statistics**?

How to react?

Time for a **focus shift** of Public Money? Public Code!

We need to **monitor implementation** of Free Software policies even more vigilantly and be ready to **intervene** when things move in the wrong direction.

If we want Public Money? Public Code! to become a reality, we need to be more like **watchdogs**.

Halftime for the German government: Thank you for the fine words, now let the deeds speak!

on: 2023-08-29

The Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE), together with an alliance of civil society and the Free Software industry, calls on the German government to implement a sustainable digital policy and to provide the necessary funds in the federal budget now.



What's Tenders Electronic Daily?

TED publishes **European public procurement data** as XML since 2015. ~700k notices p.a. describing procurement processes totalling at least € 670 billion p.a. in value.

Everything (above a certain threshold) that public institutions in the EU buy from whom for how much is in there.

Search scope

 Current OJ S issue [?] Active notices [?] All notices [?] Statistics mode[▾ Expand all](#) [^ Collapse all](#)

^ Text

Find results containing

^ Business opportunities

More options

 Planning Competition Result

^ Subject matter of the contract

Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

Type of contract

Place of performance

Total procurement value [?]

Minimum tender value

Maximum tender value

Currency

^ Procedure

Type of procedure

Languages in which tenders may be submitted

^ Date

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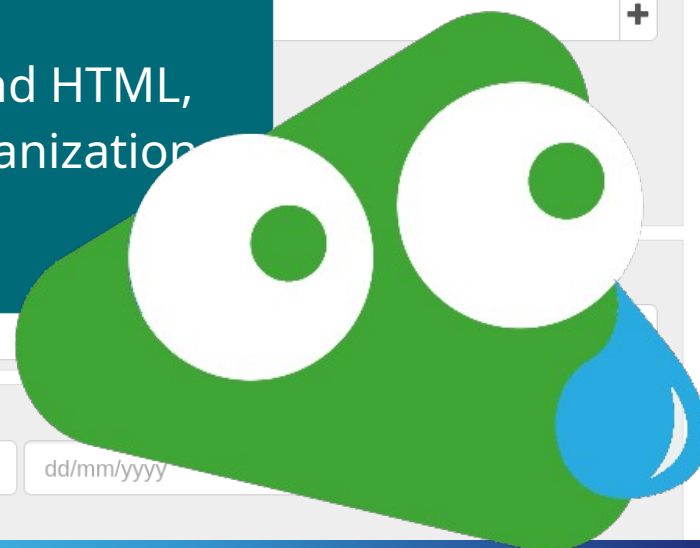
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Solutions for analysing TED?

There have been a number of attempts to make TED data more **accessible**.

Yet, we weren't able to identify a single, freely accessible solution **based fully on Free Software** that allows you to explore European public procurement networks.

This is why we applied to last year's EU Datathon ...

The logo for TEDective features a green stylized shape on the left containing two white circles, resembling an eye or a camera lens. To its right, the word "TEDective" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. "TED" is in a dark blue color, and "ective" is in black.

TEDective

A **free and open-source** solution to make
European public procurement data **explorable** for
non-experts

User journey

You might be a **civil servant** who wants to know who buys what from *Microsoft* to see how much money you could save by using free software instead?

Or you are a **journalist**, who want to investigate the recent purchases made by the Polish Border Guard.

TEDective will allow **anybody** to **explore** European public procurement data.



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Surveillance services [Vigilanza2022-2 Servizio di vigilanza Autostazione di Bolzano]

260.173,23 EUR



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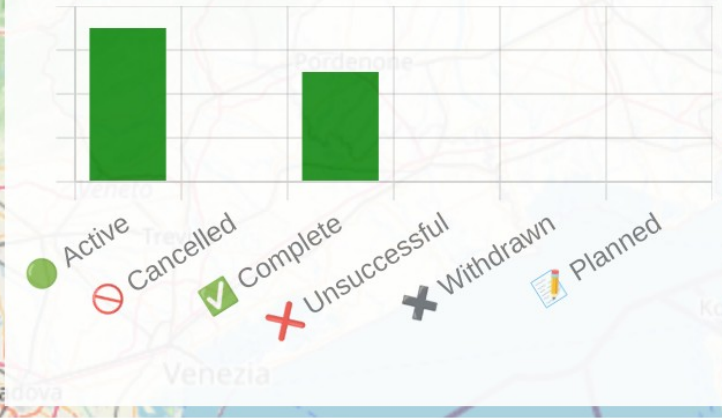
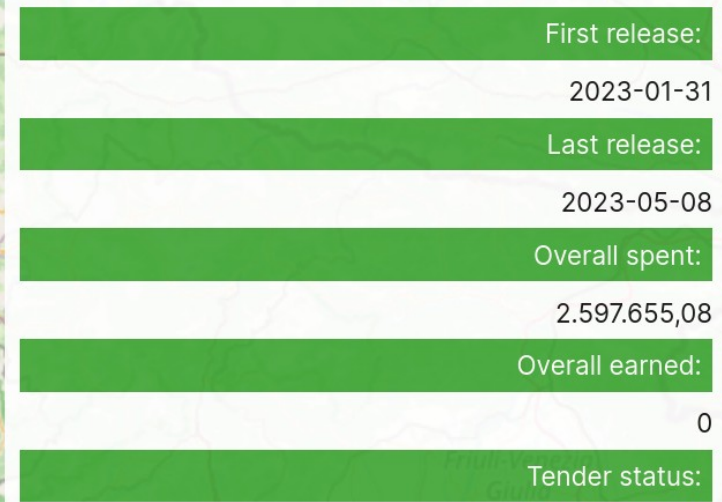


Security services [Vigilanza2022-3 Servizio di vigilanza presso il centro di mobilità di Brunico]

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TEDetective's key characteristics



... is developed and released under a **free and REUSE-compliant license** so that others can use, share, study and improve it.

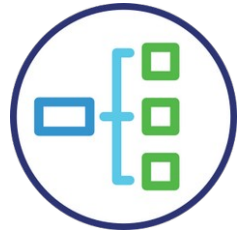


Software is made for people. **TED**etective is and will be designed, maintained and monitored transparently and in close co-operation with **all relevant stakeholders and user groups**.

TEDetective's **key characteristics**



We love interoperability! This is why we will offer **bulk downloads** of our cleaned and deduplicated data, compliance with [OCDS](#) and an [OpenAPI](#) interface.



Linked data is more interesting. Our aim is to connect cleaned and deduplicated TED data with other publicly available data sources.

Enriching TEDective



OpenCorporates would enrich the data on buyers and suppliers and link them to individuals.



OpenSanctions would allow us to highlight potentially sanctioned entities.



The **OffshoreLeaks** database by the ICIJ would highlight potential links to offshore companies.

How you can get involved

All the code <https://git.fsfe.org/TEDetective>

To contribute create an account via
<https://my.fsfe.org/register/new>

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