

Why Free Software needs secured long-term funding

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PMPC

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- Not only funds but procurement
- Public money? Public Code!

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 - public talks and panel discussions
 - media activities