

Open Source Software **in Ireland and Europe** **An Intelligence Briefing**

“Companies may find that embracing Open Source Software (OSS) is not an option, but an imperative, in order to maintain market share”

...Forfas Report, July 06.

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There is no doubt that open source benefits business in Europe.

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Open Source Trends

And business models, guidelines for key Irish stakeholders

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How far can Open Source Go?

Lessons from the Public Sector.

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OpenIreland

A place for open source information and support

Mel McIntyre
OpenApp

The Reality

Open source and open standards in Government

Douglas Heintzman
IBM

Mel McIntyre is chairman of OpenIreland, an open source advocacy group set up in 2003 to support the uptake of OSS in business in Ireland. **OpenIreland** is participating with OpenForum Europe and OSL Denmark, through OpenApp and Sybernet, in a pan-European project, The OpenForum - TOF. The goal is to market trial a number of support services, including an all-island OSS Directory, ECDL accredited OpenOffice.org training and Certified Open, through a portal - <http://www.openireland.com>.



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Rishab Ghosh is a Senior Researcher at the UN University at Maastricht, conducting evidence-based research on the socio-economic, legal and technical aspects of Free/Libre or Open Source Software (FLOSS) worldwide. In late 2006, The European Commission released the **FlossImpact** report, a study of the economic impact of FLOSS on the European ICT sector. It was prepared by a consortium of research institutions led by UNU-MERIT's Rishab Aiyer Ghosh.

The conclusions are testament to the enormous impact FLOSS is having on European Business.



Els Compernelle is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Enterprise Policy and Communications Department at **Forfás**. Forfás is Ireland's national policy and advisory board for enterprise, trade, science, technology and innovation. In 2006 Forfás commissioned a study on Open Source Trends and Business Models, providing Guidelines for Irish stakeholders.



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