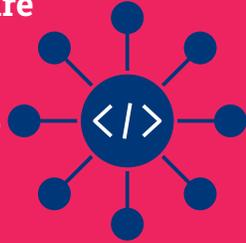


# Open Source Innovation as a Potential Lever for Economic Recovery

**Open source software is a low-cost, high-quality alternative**

to closed source software for digital innovation, especially during an economic downturn.



**Open source has financial and efficiency benefits, as well as longer-term organizational benefits.**

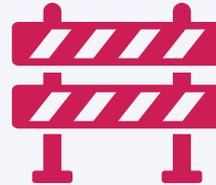


**Open source innovation may have the greatest impact in developing economies** by enabling new modes of economic participation.

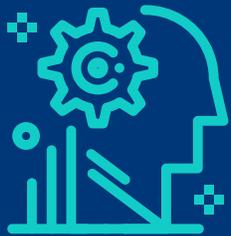
Open source supports the development of **cost-effective public service delivery solutions** and tackles long-standing vendor lock-in problems.



**Institutional barriers, such as lack of leadership, policies, and investment,** are holding back the potential of open source in the public sector.



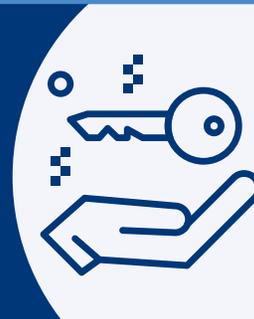
**Education about the benefits of open source innovation is needed** to scale open source participation across society and the economy.



**Open Source Program Offices help to encourage an “open source mindset” within organizations.**

**Open source is a key part of our global digital infrastructure.**

Like any type of infrastructure, we need to invest in its development, maintenance, and security.



**Organizations from various sectors should work together** to fund the open source communities building and maintaining our digital infrastructure.



**Open source innovation is an effective approach to building shared solutions to global problems.**

**Organizations that benefit the most from open source software should reciprocate** their fair share to open source communities in order to ensure their sustainability.



**Companies can support open source communities in many ways,** including funding or encouraging their employees to contribute during working hours.

