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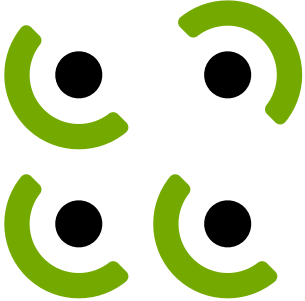
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Welcome to NLnet Foundation

We support organisations and people who contribute to an open internet for all. We fund projects that help fix the internet through open hardware, open software, open standards, open science and open data. After its [historical contribution to the early internet in Europe](#) in the 1980's, NLnet has been financially supporting the open internet since 1997.

Projects we support

NLnet has contributed funding to many important and very visible projects around fundamental standards from securing the **core routing protocols** and the **domain name system** of the internet to **safer email**, **vendor-independent videoconferencing**, **more reliable wireless networks** and **private instant messaging** - all based on open standards and verifiable open source software and/or hardware. It spawned the world-renowned [NLnet Labs](#), and supported great open source projects like [Jitsi](#), [Peertube](#), [WireGuard](#), [NoScript](#), [Tor Hidden Services](#), [GPLv3](#), [GNUnet](#), and [CryptPad](#). And [many more ...](#).

Active funds

The goal of the [NGI Zero Commons Fund](#) is to reclaim the public nature of the internet. It is the widest in scope of the active funds and supports projects that help to deliver, mature and scale new and existing internet commons across the whole technology spectrum.

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NGI TALER is a pilot programme with the very concrete objective to roll out a new, best-in-class electronic payment system. It builds on the strong foundations of GNU Taler — the privacy-preserving digital payment system developed by the GNU community and Taler Systems SA.

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NGI Mobifree is a pilot programme specifically aimed at creating more ethical and human mobile software involving a number of Android-based open source efforts. Let's get beyond the status quo and create a virtuous cycle of innovation within and on top of the foundation of Mobifree.

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NGI Fediversity is a pilot programme focussing on bringing easy-to-use, hosted cloud services with service portability and personal freedom at their core to everyone. It aims to provide everyone with high-quality, secure IT systems in a way that runs everywhere and scales effortlessly.

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Practical support

In addition we run the NGI Zero Review programme, which supports projects within the larger Next Generation Internet initiative to improve their quality and inclusiveness — for instance by hardening security and privacy, improving accessibility, tackling open source licensing compliance issues and through standardisation. >> **more...**

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Currently open for proposals:

- NGI0 Commons Fund
- NGI TALER
- NGI Mobifree
- NGI Fediversity

Job opening

NGI Zero is looking for a Regional Representative.

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Conversations with people building the Next Generation Internet

Events

2025-02-01 - Let's meet at FOSDEM 2025

2024-11-28 - Webinar: Ask Us For Help: Practical Support for NGI Beneficiaries

2024-05-02 - Tech talk with bunnie on IRIS: an open hardware project to verify chips

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