



## **Introducing OSGeo Presence on the European Scale**

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Since 2006 a continuously growing number of Open Source Software projects has been organising itself in the global OSGeo umbrella organisation. OSGeo projects are quality checked, as they are evaluated in an incubation process whether their level of self-organisation meets the OSGeo standards of quality software. The roots of OSGeo stem from Central Europe, where it has established itself as a driving force for Open Science on the national scale. As a recent development, the formation of the OSGeo European Chapter complements the already established reach-out towards science organizations together with the local tertiary education (OSGeo Geo4All).

This presentation describes the emerging new opportunities for Academia and Research Infrastructures due to the growing OSGeo presence on the european scale.