

## **Open source software development: “GNU communities” projects as mature software industries**

The presentation engages with open source software development projects with focus on specifics of the communities behind them. A short introduction shall cover aspects of the architecture of F/LOSS (Open/Libre Open Source Software) projects and the specifics of the communities behind one such project: Drupal. Drupal is an open source content management system (CMS) that has steadily grown to be one of the leading frameworks, but is also often recognized from within the community as a social platform in itself. Part and parcel of the portrait of a F/LOSS project are issues such as :

- means of information flow,
- modular software development,
- social and technical capacity ranking,
- free-riding and individuals' contributions,
- the politics of the GNU license and the rise of “open source” governmental portals

The presentation will further focus on two localized communities (the Bulgarian and Austrian Drupal communities). Conclusions from the analyses of the CMS and the localized communities behind it shall cover several economical and political aspects of F/LOSS projects development and in particular: development of F/LOSS projects as mature software industry.