



EUPL

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The European Public License

Originally for software produced by the EC

“copyleft”, and interoperable

Realistic approach of warranty and liability

Realistic approach of IPR and patents



All official EU languages

Uses European copyright law and terminology

Defines applicable law (MS of the Licensor) and venue

Covers “communication to the public” (including SaaS)



EUPL is “copyleft”, and interoperable

- **Copyleft:**
 - Work that is created using EUPL-licensed work needs to be put under OpenSource license again.
- **Interoperable:**
 - Different from more strict copyleft licenses, combination with work under other OS licenses is possible (as defined in Annex).



- Most OS licenses rely on US law, which is different regarding:
 - Warranty and liability,
 - IPR and patents
- EUPL is based on European copyright law and terminology
 - Defines applicable law (MS of the Licensor) and venue
- Public administrations trust in a license coming from the EC
- EUPL is translated to all official EU languages
=> Users can understand what they agree to



Version 1.2

Why a new version?

- Increase compatibility with other OS licenses
- Specifically GPLv3

What is different?

- Appendix with list of compatible licenses is updated, adding
 - Possibility to update the Appendix (to newer versions) without issuing a new version of the EURL.
 - No automatic impact when software was expressly covered "by the EURL v1.1 only"
- Applicable to "Works" instead of software only
- Allowing "additional agreements"