



Festa do Software Livre 2024

Festa do Software Livre (translated from Portuguese as Free Software Festival) is an event dedicated to promote and advocate for the usage of Free Software, organized by several Portuguese voluntary associations and communities.

Organization

This year, the event took place at DETI - Departamento de Eletrónica, Telecomunicações e Informática da Universidade de Aveiro, on the 11th and 12th of October 2024, and was organized by the following associations and communities:

- ANSOL – Associação Nacional para o Software Livre
- ESOP – Associação de Empresas de Software Open Source Portuguesas
- Humaneasy Consulting
- Universidade de Aveiro
- GLUA – Grupo de Linux da Universidade de Aveiro
- Ubuntu Portugal Community
- Associação Drupal Portugal
- Wikimedia Portugal Association
- Flutter Portugal Community
- Inércia Association
- Associação D3 – Defesa dos Direitos Digitais
- OpenPrinting Community

Sponsorship

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Agenda

The 2024 edition featured **11 parallel tracks** over **two days**, totaling more than **70 presentations and workshops**. Each track was promoted by one of the organizing entities, which allowed a very varied set of communities to be brought together in the same space, and allowed the co-organization of some events included in the Festa do Software Livre 2024: Drupal Day 2024 and Ubucon Portugal 2024.

The opening session was marked by the presence of the Pro-Rector of Universidade de Aveiro José Manuel Neto Vieira, and representing DETI - Departamento de Electrónica, Telecomunicações e Informática José Luís Oliveira, and for the President of the Ordem dos Engenheiros Técnicos, represented by the President of Secção Regional do Centro and member of the National Board of Directors, Technical Engineer Luis Filipe Almeida.

At the end of the first day, there was a political debate that brought together representatives from several political parties to the same table:

- Iniciativa Liberal (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe affiliate), represented by Rui Ribeiro - member of the Executive Committee;
- LIVRE (European Greens affiliate), represented by Filipe Honório - member of the Contact Group;
- CDS-PP (European People's Party affiliate), represented by Raquel Castro Madureira - Party leader;
- Bloco de Esquerda (European Left Alliance affiliate), represented by Pedro Filipe Soares.

This day culminated with MarnoTuna's musical performance.

The second day was marked by side events, such as Ubucon Portugal 2024, a Linux Installation Party and the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Festa do Software Livre, which also did not go unnoticed, with a cake to celebrate this event.

Participants

The event was free to attend, with no registration needed and without any mandatory check-in, but people were asked to pick up an identification badge at the main desk. We registered, throughout the two days **over 200 participants**.

As in the previous year, **free accommodation** was made available, with the aim of welcoming students, unemployed people and volunteers, with a total of 10 people who were able to enjoy of this opportunity.

The party organizers also provided **150 free meals** (75 lunches, on each of the two days), for any participant in the Festa do Software Livre 2024.

Photographic and video recordings

During and after the event, we've promoted the idea of submitting photos to Wikimedia Commons, with the help of Wikimedia Portugal. This record can be found here:

- https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Festa_do_Software_Livre_2024

There's also an ephemeral record on social media with the hashtag **#FestaSoftwareLivre2024**:

- <https://masto.pt/tags/FestaSoftwareLivre2024>
- <https://twitter.com/search?q=%23FestaSoftwareLivre2024>

Some of the sessions were broadcast live via the YouTube platform and can be viewed in full on the Ubuntu Portugal and Wikimedia Portugal channels.

Next edition

We've already started working on Festa do Software Livre 2024. We'll see you there!



Group photo, with MarnoTuna - day 1



Group photo- day 2



FSL 20th birthday cake



Presentation: Ubuntu Core



Accommodation