Festa do Software Livre 2023

Festa do Software Livre is an event whose goal is to promote and advocate for the usage of Free Software, organized by several Portuguese voluntary associations and communities.

Organization

This year, the event was organized by the following voluntary associations and communities: ANSOL – Associação Nacional para o Software Livre, Associação D3 – Defesa dos Direitos Digitais, Associação Wikimedia Portugal, Associação Inércia, ESOP – Associação de Empresas Open-Source Portuguesas, ANPRI – Associação Nacional de Professores de Informática, Associação Drupal Portugal, CryptoCafe, DevPT, Flutter Portugal, Grupo Linux da Universidade de Aveiro, and Ubuntu Portugal.

Sponsorship

Organizing Festa do Software Livre 2023 was only possible thanks to our sponsors: Banco Santander, Dropsolid, INFO-CARE, Luso Digital Assets, OnlyOffice, PTServidor, Students for Liberty Portugal, Ubiwhere, and Unikraft.

Agenda

This year's edition was composed of **17 tracks** over the course of **three days**, with a total of **over 100 talks and workshops**. Each track was managed by one of the organizing entities, providing an environment where different communities from different backgrounds could interact.

The event's opening session was by João Machado, Councillor for the City Hall of Aveiro; José Manuel Neto Vieira, Pro-Rector of the University of Aveiro; and Nuno Borges Carvalho, Director of the Department of Electronics, Telecommunications and Informatics of the University of Aveiro.

The closing session was preceded by a panel with José Gusmão, Member of the European Parliament elected by Bloco de Esquerda; Ricardo Matos, representing the Portuguese Communist Party; and Lucas Lasota, Legal Programme Manager for the Free Software Foundation Europe.

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 three days, **over 300 participants**.

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_2023

There's also an ephemeral record on social media with the hashtag **#FestaSoftwareLivre2023:**

- https://masto.pt/tags/FestaSoftwareLivre2023

- https://twitter.com/search?q=%23FestaSoftwareLivre2023

We've recorded some sessions and are currently working on editing them. They'll be available on our website. We'll release them gradually to maintain some engagement until next year's edition.

Next edition

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

Social event: Podcast live recording

Signage: Festa do Software Livre Banner

Session: Case studies in Libraries and Archives

Meals: Lunch provided free-of-charge to participants