Open–source tools for community and social engagement on agroecology practices

How can open source solutions be able to respond to digital and live community needs?

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A roundtable to discuss how community based software solutions can be used to strengthen social values and practices. Open–source solutions can be the right resource to empower social and thematic communities. This is the case, among others, of the digital platform of the European and Central Asia Agroecology Community of practice facilitated by Schola Campesian, Ecoruralis , Elkana and ADI, with the objective of facilitating knowledge sharing amongst small-scale food producers' organisations and their Agroecology schools in the Caucasus, the Balkans and Central Asia. The multi language application, developed through a co–design thinking process, is based on the open–source solution Discourse supported by a worldwide active community of developers openly collaborating to its use and maintenance.

Time	Title of the Session and Speakers
	Carolina Starr – FAO Agricultural Officer from REU **Andrea Ferrante** – Schola Campesina Coordinator **Davide Montenovi** – ICT4D expert **Paola Fava**– ICT4D expert
11.00–11.05	Initial remarks and Introduction of participants of the round table and (Carolina Starr and Paola Fava)
11.05– 11.35	–Open–source solutions: general overview with pro and cons and examples. –Specific case Discourse for community engagement –Sustainability of open source solutions (Davide Montenovi and Discourse)
11.35–11.40	Why a Agroecology Community of practice needs digital tools : the issue of ownership – (Andrea Ferrante)
11.40–11.50	How a shared experience of agroecology community and opens source software community can work together and the process of design thinking (Paola Fava)
11.50–12.00	Q&A and Final remarks (Carolina Starr)

Registration link

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