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Agenda

Opening Remarks

European Commission representative

- **Pearse O'Donohue**, Future Networks Director, European Commission

European Open Source Academy Launch

The European Open Source Academy - *Video introduction*

European Open Source Academy Launch

- **Johan Linaker**, Senior Researcher, RISE

European Open Source Inaugural Awards Presentation

Presentation of the European Open Source Achievement Award

- Award presenter : **Omar Mohsine**, *Open Source Coordinator, UN-ODET*
- Award recipient: **Daniel Stenberg**, Founder, cURL

Presentation of the Skills & Education Award

- Award presenter: **Felix Reda**, Director of Developer Policy, GitHub
- Award recipient: **David Cuartielles**, Founder of Arduino and Assistant Professor in Interaction Design at Malmö University

Presentation of the Business & Impact Award

- Award presenter: **Mitchell Baker**, Chairwoman, Mozilla Foundation
- Award recipient: **Amandine Le Pape**, COO & Co-Founder, Element

Presentation of the Advocacy & Awareness Award

- Award presenter: **Alexandra Geese**, MEPs, The Greens / EFA
- Award recipient: **Lydia Pintscher**, Portfolio Lead for Wikidata at Wikimedia Deutschland e. V.

Closing Remarks

*followed by a Gala
Cocktail Reception*

- **Dr. Sachiko Muto**, Senior Researcher, RISE, and Chair of Open Forum Europe



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Meet the European Open Source Awards Laureates

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cURL Founder

Daniel Stenberg

Award received:
**European Open Source
Achievement**

Daniel Stenberg is a Swedish Internet protocol expert and developer who has participated in and worked with Open Source for 30 years. He is most known for being the founder and lead developer of the curl project, one of the world's most widely used software components. He also participates in protocol development within the IETF and has authored books on curl, Open Source, HTTP/2, HTTP/3 and more. Frequent public speaker. Daniel is employed by wolfSSL.

Daniel Stenberg will join the European Open Source Academy as the President.



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**Element COO and
Co- Founder**

Amandine Le Pape

**Award received:
Business & Impact
Award**

Amandine Le Pape is COO and co-founder of Element, an open source, secure and interoperable communication platform built on Matrix, the open standard for secure and open communications. Element brings sovereign communications to heterogeneous organisations who can't rely on commercial cloud offerings, let alone non end-to-end encrypted ones. Matrix, which Amandine also co-founded, is a unique initiative aiming to democratise secure online communication and solve the problem of fragmentation in current Chat, VoIP, VR and IoT technologies. Since 2014, Amandine has been working on finding the best balance between growing a thriving open ecosystem via the non-profit [Matrix.org](https://matrix.org) Foundation and an sustainable open-source company with Element, which has the particularity of a strong focus on gov tech.

Amandine Le Pape will join the European Open Source Academy as the Head of the Business & Impact Section.



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**Arduino Founder and
Associate Professor at
Malmö University**

David Cuartielles

**Award received:
Skills & Education
Award**

David Cuartielles holds a PhD in Interaction Design and MSc in Telecommunications Engineering. He founded Malmö University's IOIO Lab, formerly known as K3's Prototyping Laboratory. He is also one of co-founders for the open source platform Arduino. With a decades-long career in education, David continues to collaborate with various universities as an educator in the fields of interactive art, creative coding, interaction design, and embedded technology.

David Cuartielles will join the European Open Source Academy as the Head of the Skills & Education Section.



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**Wikidata at Wikimedia
Deutschland
Portfolio Lead**

Lydia Pintscher

Award received:
**Advocacy & Awareness
Award**

Lydia Pintscher is a free software and open knowledge enthusiast from Germany who has been contributing to free software projects for over 18 years. She studied computer science at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. She works for Wikimedia Deutschland as the Portfolio Lead for Wikimedia's knowledge graph Wikidata and dedicates a lot of her free time to KDE as the Vice-President of KDE e.V.

Lydia Pintschner will join the European Open Source Academy as the Head of the Advocacy & Awareness Section.



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and amplify the impact
of open source community.

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