

# Ethical hosting and free software in Europe

Presentation of

- **Assodev-Marsnet**, free/libre digital in France for non profit organisation , promotion of solidarity internet and free/libre computing for associations  
Ethical hosters, associative and militant, located in Marseille, created in 2004

- **CHATONS**, a collective of ethical hosters, (Alternative, Transparent, Open, Neutral and Solidarity.)  
Brings together French-speaking structures offering free/libre, ethical and decentralized online services to allow users to quickly find alternatives to GAFAM

- **Libre hoster**, a collective of English-speaking Ethical Free / Libre hoster

- **Open Minds** - Free digital in Europe

Open/Free digital solutions adapted to the socio-cultural sector and non profit organisation (platform of free/ libre resources + trainings) project financed by ERASMUS, and carried by 4 European structures of which CHATONS ASSODEV-MARSNET

- **European Mobilities**

financing travel to conferences / hackmeeting, or meetings of European colleagues with ERASMUS mobility adult education - experience sharing of Assodev-Marsnet

## CHATONS - Collective of ethical hosters in France

Video CHATONS 25 min

<https://video.linux.it/videos/watch/3cde81eb-8ccd-4f1d-b3b6-504b0359d20e>

CHATONS

- **Collectif des Hébergeurs** Alternatifs, Transparents, Ouverts, Neutres et Solidaires.
  - Collective of Alternative, Transparent, Open, Neutral and Solidarity Hosters.
  - Brings together French-speaking structures offering free, ethical and decentralized online services in order to allow users to quickly find alternatives to GAFAM
- **Libre hoster**, a collective of **English-speaking** hosters

## Assodev-Marsnet (Marseille - France)

- Free / libre digital in France for non profit organisation
- <https://www.chatons.org/chatons/assodev-marsnet>
- <https://marsnet.org>

### Marsnet :

- **Associative and militant hoster**, one of the founding members of CHATONS
- Created in **2004** by free / libre software activists (Globenet, No-Log and Gitoyen)
- Public mainly associative
- Marseille

### Assodev

- Association that manages Marsnet
- Created in 2001,
- Goal: **promotion of free / libre digital** - development of non profit organisation - popular education

### Activities: Digital solutions for non profit organisation 100% free/libre

- **Coaching, consulting**, project management, development of solutions, popular education actions
- **Professional training**, volunteer training, self-help workshops, conferences
- **Digital services and solutions :**
  - Online services (cloud, pad, data survey, large files...)
  - Hosting (mailboxes, sites, lists, collaborative tools,

### All types of solutions for non profit organisation

- **communication** : websites, social networks, web platform, video conferencing, emails, discussion lists
- **collaborative tools**, remote work, messaging, free online services,
- **management** and office automation
  
- **250 members**, mainly non profit organisation
- **A highly qualified team of trainers**, consultants and computer scientists in free/libre digital
- 3 permanent staff + speakers
- 1 technical team (4-5)
- about 20 contributors (board, tech and working group).
- **5 servers** for shared and dedicated hosting services - 2 machines in data center (Globenet - Lost oasis)
- **5000 direct beneficiaries** (workshops, training, sites, hosting, services)
- 500 days of training since 2001
- **26 digital training modules** in the catalog (1 to 5 days)
- 1500 digital projects supported
- 5000 digital services and hosting
- 1 training room
- [assodev@marsnet.org](mailto:assodev@marsnet.org)

## Open Minds - Free digital in Europe

- Free / libre digital solutions for associations and socio-cultural structures in Europe
- Goal: Train and equip associations / socio-cultural sector to free/ libre digital
- Project financed by ERASMUS, and supported by 4 European structures including CHATON ASSODEV-MARSNET
- 6 training modules and a platform of solutions and resources

### 4 partners :

- **Belgium**, Brussels; CESEP <https://www.cesep.be/>
- **France**, Marseille: ASSODEV <https://marsnet.org>
- **Romania**, Bucharest : ACDC <https://acdcromania.ro/>
- **Spain**, Barcelona : Transit Project <https://blog.transit.es>

Observation: there are platforms and digital training

- for all public (framalibre, comptoire du libre)
- for non profit organisation but not 100% free (interpole ) or even gafam (solidatech )
- for CHATONS (Emencip'Action)

Need for training and resources in free / libre software specifically for non profit organisation

### Platform of resources and free digital solutions for the socio-cultural sector

- 3 to 600 files updated by free actors easily
- **software and online services**, animation and cooperation methods
- **Good practices**, examples of successful use
- **Trainings**, tutorials and documentation, resources allowing an autonomous use
- **Directory of free software actors**: service providers, support, training, user associations
- Agenda, news, forum

### 6 training modules online and in person

- **face-to-face** (3 days per course) and **online** (webinar and MOOC)
- videos, tutorials, quizzes, MCQs, online documents, exercises, self-evaluation,
- Public: **educational staff and training actors** of socio-cultural and associative structures, their beneficiaries, members, volunteers and partners.

## European Mobilities

- **Possibility of financing travel to conferences / hackmeetings or meetings of pairs**
- ERASMUS mobility adult education
- Goal: **development of free / libre digital skills of educational staff and volunteers**
- Funded actions :
  - **follow-up training** (meetings with workshops and hackmeeting)
  - **job shadowing** (meeting with fellow digital education teachers to share knowledge on our educational practices, methods and tools and on the contents)
  - **training dispensation**
- Mobility of Assodev-Marsnet : **Free/ libre, Ethical and Solidarity Digital Education in Europe**
- **Example : Italy** - Turin, Hackmeeting + knowledge exchange with local actors (ILS, Autistici, Hacklab,...)
- A bit complex file, needs preparation, follow-up and report
- **Exciting results**,
  - **contacts**, links, creation of networks,
  - **Knowledge** exchange,
  - **projects**, partnership, event participation
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