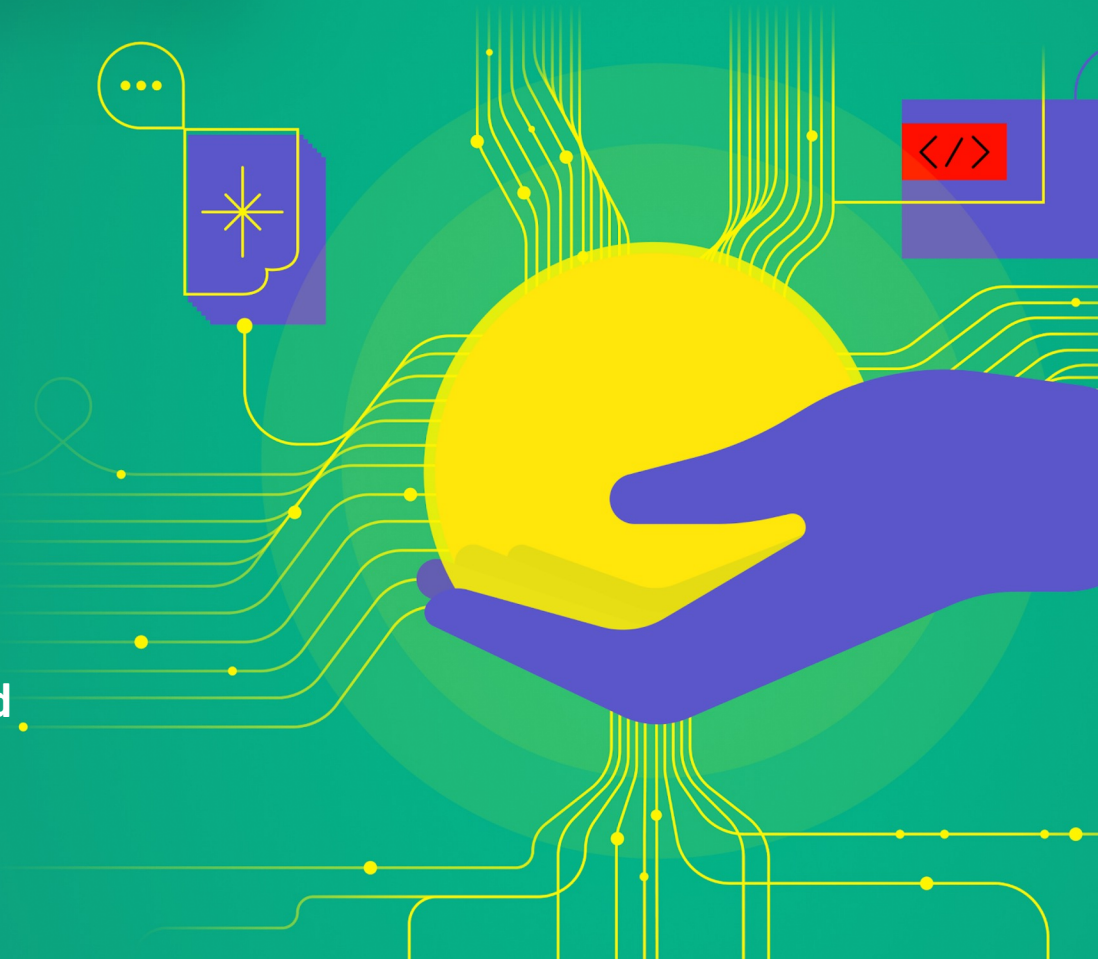# The Foundation for Public Code

Working for more than seven years toward creating sustainable stewardship for digital public goods.

Growing and supporting a global network of states and municipalities collaborating in open development.

Developing actionable resources like the Standard for Public Code, playbooks we call Process Codes, and modeling tools like the Governance Game,

The Future of Public Code

Many European states are developing public compute backplanes.

Public code packages can be spun up as containers by public administrations and institutions, but also civil society orgs and private individuals and groups.

Public code ecosystem will include many smaller design/development studios implementing large codebases in local context and extending/returning additional functions to core.
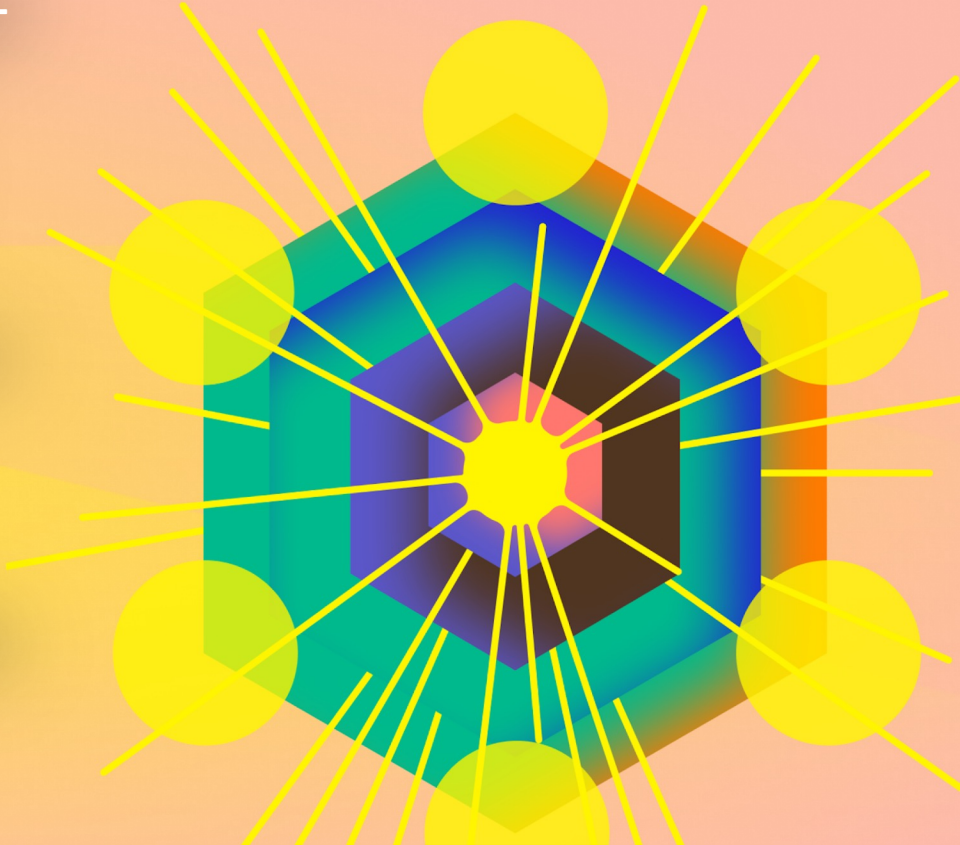
Public Product Organizations

In our work over the years developing large-scale codebase collaborations, we have repeatedly seen the need to establish sustainable organizational vehicles for stewardship activities.

Therefore, we are refocusing our efforts on supporting the creation of
Public Product Organizations around emerging public codebases.

These NGOs hold commonsed digital assets and provide governance and financial models, among other things.

Public Product Ecosystem

We have seen potential public products emerge from single administrations looking for replicators, outputs from granted projects like Horizon Europe or NGI, and pooled procurements to start new codebases.

In each of these cases, we have seen greater success when explicit Public Product Organizations are formed around these commonsed assets.