

Sample form, not for offline completion.

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Application

Application name

☐ I understand that in order to receive notifications about the status of my application, my applicant profile must be subscribed to "broadcast emails" and "notification emails."

☐ I acknowledge: I am legally able to sign contracts for this project or represent an organization that can.

☐ I acknowledge: All code and documentation to be supported must be licensed such that it may be freely reusable, changeable and redistributable

☐ I acknowledge: Projects are not eligible to receive financing or work commissions from the Sovereign Tech Agency if other public or private entities are already making or have made grants or investments for the same proposed activities.

Updates to Application Form

The application form is regularly updated based on feedback and findings from the on-going application process. Because of this, it is possible that past applicants have filled out a slightly different form than what is currently here. We will document significant changes here, starting in July 2023.

11 July 2023: A general question about dependencies was split into two questions to help clarify which projects depend on the technology, and which projects the technology depends on.

25 July 2023: The estimated amount question was rephrased to indicate currency, financing minimum, and "cost of work."

13 September 2023: The checkbox about notifications was added.

5 October 2023: The checkbox about exclusion of duplicate funding was removed.

6 March 2024: General overhaul of the application, including questions, format and wording.

Project title

May be identical with application name

Describe your project in a sentence.

100 words

Describe your project more in-depth. Why is it critical?

300 words

Link to project repository

Link to project website

Provide a brief overview over your project's own, most important, dependencies.

300 words

This means code or software that your project uses.

Provide a brief overview of projects that depend on your technology.

300 words

Which target groups does your project address (who are its users?) and how would they benefit from the activities proposed (directly and indirectly)?

300 words

Describe a specific scenario for the use of your technology and how this meets the needs of your target groups.

300 words

How was the work on the project made possible so far (structurally, financially, including volunteer work)? If applicable, list others sources of funding that you applied for and/or received.

300 words

What are the challenges you currently face in the maintenance of the technology?

300 words

Please interpret this question as broadly as you want. A non-conclusive lists of challenge areas we are interested in learning about are: managing contributions, addressing security vulnerabilities, project governance, licencing and other legal issues, dependency management, issue backlog, long-term planning/roadmapping.

What are possible alternatives to your project and how does your project compare to them?

300 words

What do you plan to implement with the support from Sovereign Tech Fund?

900 words

Describe your objectives and the corresponding activities. State clearly how they contribute to the improvement or maintenance of the technology, especially with regard to security and resilience.

How many hours do you estimate for these activities?

We are interested in a rough estimate. Add the hours from all developers who would be involved in this. It may be helpful to look at the hours you spent on the project in the last years.

Add a number only.

Estimate the cost of the work described in your application in numbers only (EUR).

The cost of the work described in the application must exceed €50,000 (current minimum).

In how many months will you perform the activities?

enter number only

Who (maintainer, contributor, organization) would be most qualified to implement this work/receive the support and why?

300
words

Your name/handle

Link to your profile (optional)

(e.g. your GitHub profile)

What is your role in this project?

- ☐ Maintainer
- ☐ Contributor
- ☐ Fundraiser
- ☐ Fiscal host
- ☐ Other

If you are not the maintainer, are you in contact with the maintainer or the community around the technology? Do they know you plan or do this work? If yes, provide information on how you are aligned with them. 100 words

Country of residence of the person who will sign the contract.

This information is not relevant for selection but for administrative and evaluation purposes.

How did you hear about the Sovereign Tech Agency? (optional)

- ☐ Search engine
- ☐ From another maintainer or contributor
- ☐ Mailing list
- ☐ GitHub
- ☐ Social media (Twitter, Mastodon, LinkedIn, other)
- ☐ Blog or other publication
- ☐ Podcast
- ☐ YouTube
- ☐ Conference
- ☐ Other

We are a new organization and continuing to learn how to reach people working on open source software. Your response helps us evaluate our outreach and has no impact on selection.