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Executive Summary

This deliverable specifies the software license the MPAT project will be released under.

As specified in the DoW, the outcomes of the project will be released as open source code and therefore published on a public repository, namely GitHub.

This deliverable consists of two sections. The introductory one describes the decision process among the members of the consortium as well as the reasons of that decision.

The second and final section includes the full software license, namely GPL version 2, as it will be included in the codebase before the public disclosure.

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1 Introduction

In line with the MPAT grant agreement, the consortium partners release the MPAT code as a GPLv2 licensed software.

This is of particular relevance also when taking into account other objectives of the project, such as the leverage effect on the open source community and all the stakeholders, from the SMEs which might be interested in the development and commercialization of new plugins and themes, to the broadcasters, which need a clear and relaxed license that keep them safe in the daily use of the tool.

Being MPAT developed in the form of a plugin and theme set, the starting point was the software license used by the main pillar of the MPAT solution, namely WordPress. This software comes with a GPLv2 license. This is also a quite common license for contributed plugins and themes. In addition to that, it is also compatible with the SaaS model, one of the more likely to be used exploitation models.

After general brainstorming happened during the project meeting in Milan, it was not envisaged any technical nor business reason to go any further in the investigation of alternative licenses which may lead to unnecessary restrictions in the usage and exploitation of the tool.

Nonetheless, the need of a legal advice was pretty obvious to anyone, thus FOKUS offered to ask its legal department for a compatibility check with partners' plans.

Since no complain emerged, the next step was setting a release schedule to allow partners that concurred to the development of the tool to check the codebase and eventually claim ownership on parts of it if necessary.

Given the fact that some components used during the two pilot phases were not developed within the project itself, but rather being offered by partners to deliver a more effective set of applications, it has been necessary to remove these components from the project core. It was easily possible thanks to the "plugin"-based nature of MPAT.

The final step was to embed the license, where needed, in the files header.

All the MPAT core codebase is available in GitHub at <https://github.com/MPAT-eu>

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