

# 2014 elections: a pact to support Free Software

The Free Software Pact is a simple document with which candidates can inform the voting public that they favor the development and use of Free Software, and will protect it from possible threatening legislation.

In 2009, 216 candidates to the European Parliament in 10 countries signed the Free Software Pact. In 2014, in the context of mass surveillance and lock-in into proprietary solution, Free Software is more relevant than ever.

**The May 2014 European election is our chance to raise awareness among our future MEPs. Let's make them all commit to the protection of Free Software by signing the Free Software Pact!**



<http://freesoftwarepact.eu>



The campaign also needs volunteers from all over Europe to ask the candidates to sign the Free Software Pact, to translate the pact into all EU languages, to spread the word, ...

## More info :

- local French elections (March 2014) : [www.candidats.fr](http://www.candidats.fr)
- European elections ( May 2014) : [www.freesoftwarepact.eu](http://www.freesoftwarepact.eu)
- [contact@candidats.fr](mailto:contact@candidats.fr) or [contact@freesoftwarepact.eu](mailto:contact@freesoftwarepact.eu)

**Who we are :** A Pioneer of Free Software in France since 1996, April is a major player in the democratisation of Free Software and open standards. Since 2007, we have sensitized candidates to political elections about Free Software-related issues through the [Candidats.fr](http://Candidats.fr) and [freesoftwarepact.eu](http://freesoftwarepact.eu) initiatives.



# FREE SOFTWARE PACT

Protecting and developing a common.

## I am a candidate in the 2014 European elections

### I am aware that

The work of Free Software actors plays a role in the preservation of essential freedom in the digital era, the sharing of knowledge and the bridging of the "digital gap". It is also an opportunity for the general public, for our technological independence and competitiveness, in my country and in Europe;

Free Software is a "common", to be protected and developed. Its existence relies upon the right for an author to release their software along with the source code, and to grant everyone the right to use, copy, adapt and redistribute it, in its original or in a modified form.

### I therefore undertake to

Encourage all administrations, all public or local services to prefer Free Software and open standards in their choices, purchases and own developments;

Support active policies in favour of Free Software, and oppose any discrimination against it ;

Stand up for Free Software authors' and users' rights, especially by requiring the modification of any legal text currently weakening those rights, and opposing any legal project that would lead to such consequences.

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First Name:.....Last Name:.....

List / party:.....

Constituency: .....

### Confirmation details:

Address: .....

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