

## DIIF (Digital Infrastructure Insights Fund) in a nutshell

The DIIF is a multi-funder initiative operational [since 2018](#), aiming to foster a deeper understanding of open digital infrastructure (ODI) development and deployment. The Ford Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Omidyar Network, Schmidt Futures, and Open Collective Foundation form the current funders circle, working together with our platform of researchers and practitioners to ensure a public commons of technology, sustainably developed and maintained, for the benefit of all.

Open Digital Infrastructure -  
A Digital Public Good

ODI represents the set of codes, policies, and standards powering the digital technologies that are a vital foundation for our society's needs. DIIF conducts applied research to promote the sustainability, equity, security, and resilience of this infrastructure, like programming languages compilers or communication protocols, along with those who develop them. These individuals or teams are part of volunteer communities, research institutions, and SMEs or other corporate environments.

Applied Research

Our goal is to offer specialized and up-to-date knowledge about the production and use of ODIs to various actors, including academia, enterprises, private

entities, and governments. The initiative encourages prototype implementations based on previous research findings next to both qualitative and quantitative original research. Furthermore, DIIF also supports explorations in how ODI can be better supported through effective policy and regulatory tools.

Open Calls and Research  
Commission Fund

The partnership has conducted Open Calls for research proposals in 2018 and 2020 resulting in groundbreaking [research and hands-on experiments](#). These initiatives have shed light on the incentives and constraints influencing the maintenance of digital infrastructure. The next open calls are scheduled for August/September 2023 and early 2024. In late 2023, a Research Commission Fund will be launched to support research on open-source infrastructure, addressing specific research needs of adjacent funders, administration & government, private entities, or enterprises.

All current grantee projects as well as descriptions and outcomes of earlier cohorts are available via [infrastructureinsights.fund](#) & [digitalinfrastructure.fund/projects/](#)

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