



OPEN CALL 2025

INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS FOR COLLABORATION IN 2025

OpenTech is dedicated to the development of pro bono digital solutions in specific categories. Therefore, projects eligible for selection must align with one or more criteria from the list below:

- Enhancing education
- Environmental responsibility
- Supporting healthcare
- Innovations and smart city initiatives
- Diversity, equity and inclusion
- Empowering communities

Projects may be submitted by international or local non-governmental organizations, charitable foundations, social enterprises, mass media, or local and state government bodies. Political, religious and commercial entities are not eligible to participate.

Participants are required to register and submit additional project materials online by completing all required forms by the end of the business day **on October 15, 2024**, and no further applications will be accepted after this date.

Please ensure that all fields in the project registration form are properly filled out. Any questions about participating in the selection process will be addressed via email. The clarification period for participation is 21 days from the date of the OpenTech selection announcement.

Countries eligible for the selection: Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Colombia, Mexico, Romania.

PARTNER SELECTION

The projects for OpenTech implementation in 2025 will be selected through an evaluation process. The jury includes Mariia Kucherenko - the Director of Corporate Reputation and Sustainable Development at SoftServe; Dmytro Ivanov - CTO EMEA at SoftServe; Yuliia Tarkovska - Manager of Sustainable Development Programs at SoftServe; and Taisiia Bratasiuk - OpenTech Program Lead.

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Project impact:** The potential positive effect on communities or the environment.
- **Scope and reach:** The size and scale of the project, including the number of beneficiaries or users.
- **Relevance:** The project's alignment with pressing social or environmental challenges.
- **Capabilities:** The project aligns with OpenTech's technical capabilities.

We will announce the selected projects by the end of 2024. Five projects will join our [existing list of initiatives](#) and will be implemented by the OpenTech team in 2025.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The selected projects will be implemented in 2025, according to the planned timelines set with their initiators.

As part of the project implementation, partner selection process are required to:

- Get acquainted with the project implementation roadmap
- Assemble a dedicated team responsible for initiating and maintaining communication with OpenTech regarding the project
- Provide OpenTech with necessary information in advance regarding any changes to the project, structure, or content that could affect its development
- Offer informational support and communication assistance to the partner where necessary and possible.
- Upon completion of the project, assume ownership of the project from OpenTech and continue to support it autonomously or in collaboration with third parties.

As part of the project implementation process, OpenTech will:

- Assemble a team of specialists dedicated to project execution.
- Develop the project concept and technical requirements based on the materials provided by the selected winner.
- Create and launch the product, subsequently transferring ownership and intellectual property rights to the selected winner.

SIGNING CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTATION

Memorandum of Cooperation

Prior to initiating collaboration on selected projects, both the winners and SoftServe will be required to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation.

If the partner organization operates in such countries as: Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Mexico and Colombia, then the documentation will be created in accordance with the current legislation of the country.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Each Participant guarantees that the project idea, technical materials, product and/or product content in no way violates, in whole or in part, the Intellectual or Property Rights of others and releases SoftServe from any and all responsibility, liability, or request for compensation for damages that should be made by any third party; and agrees to indemnify SoftServe (its representatives, associates, assignees) and to hold it harmless against any loss, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred as a result of breach of this clause.

When the project is completed, SoftServe is obligated to transfer ownership of the software product, including exclusive property rights to the intellectual property and documentation, to the partner at no cost.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Project documentation, goals, methods of application, and target audience presented in the project presentations by the Participants are confidential and will not be disclosed to other Participants of the selection process or outside of the selection process.