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Europe through the ages has been the epicenter of innovation. However, most big tech is located and developed based in the US or China, outside of the (much needed) European regulations.

The **EU Alternative** is documenting European alternatives to foreign companies, both for *Software* and *Hardware*. We also document European *Websites*.

It is inconvenient (and neigh *impossible*) to only use EU-based companies, but if a solid alternative is available, the goal is to document it here. We promote European made, open-source, **GDPR** compliant, and sustainable alternatives to help European companies compete with their non-European counterparts.

This site is based on evropean.eu. Check [About](#) for more information.

Note: This project is under active development.

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1.1 Websites

Below are European based websites offering a wide range of services.

1.1.1 News Sources

- **Euronews**
 - Euronews is a pan-European television news network, headquartered in Lyon, **France**. The network began broadcasting on 1 January 1993 and aimed to cover world news from a pan-European perspective.

1.1.2 Search Engines

- **Qwant**
 - Qwant is a search engine that is based on the research of the **French** National Institute for Research in Cognitive Science (INRIA). Qwant is a free search engine that allows you to search for anything on the web. It is one of the few EU-based search engines with its own indexing engine.

It does not employ user tracking or personalize search results. The search engine is available in 26 languages.

1.1.3 Maps

- **OpenStreetMap**
 - OpenStreetMap is a free map of the world. It is available in many languages. It's developer, The OpenStreetMap Foundation, is a **UK**-registered not-for-profit organization.

1.2 Software

The software below is european based, and preferably developed in a European environment.

1.2.1 Office Suites

- **LibreOffice**

- LibreOffice is a free and powerful office suite, and a successor to OpenOffice.org (commonly known as OpenOffice). Its clean interface and feature-rich tools help you unleash your creativity and enhance your productivity.

It is developed by the [Document Foundation](#), which is based in Berlin, **Germany**.

1.2.2 Image Editors

- **GIMP**

- GIMP is a free and open source image editor. It is used to edit images, create new ones, and edit them in various ways. Code-wise most of project contributions come from **Europe** where the current GIMP maintainers live.

1.2.3 Scientific tools

- **ASReview**

- ASReview is a tool used to aid screening of text records. Based on active learning in combination with machine learning techniques, it is often used in systematic reviews, reducing screening time by up to 96%.

ASReview is open source research software developed by researchers at Utrecht University, in the **Netherlands**.

1.3 Hardware

All hardware below is developed and/or created within the EU.

1.3.1 Mobile Phones

- **Nokia**

- Nokia phones are produced by HMD Global, a mobile phone company based in Espoo, **Finland**. The Nokia brand has been licensed by former Nokia employees who founded HMD Global and introduced Nokia-branded Android-based devices to the market in 2017.

- **Fairphone**

- Fairphone is a social enterprise company which aims to develop smartphones that are designed and produced with a lower environmental and social impact. The company is based in Amsterdam, **Netherlands**, and was supported in its startup phase by the Waag Society, a foundation which aims to foster experimentation with new technologies, art and culture.

1.4 About

This website is an open source alternative to the amazing initiative [evropean.eu](#).

1.4.1 Contribute

Do you have a European based solution to add to the site, or do you want to contribute in another way? The best way to get in touch is to use the [GitHub](#) repository.

Simply create a new issue or pull request to the [development branch](#) with your contribution, and it'll get reviewed for the website.

1.4.2 Contact

For contact, visit the [GitHub issues](#) page, and create a new issue.