

Call for Contributions

Get involved in shaping Open Logistics Magazine

The Open Logistics Foundation thrives on the exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas. That is why, in the future, we will be offering members and network partners the opportunity to play an active role in shaping the Open Logistics Magazine as contributors.

The bilingual magazine (English/German) is published twice a year, in spring and autumn. In the next edition, due out in **November 2026**, we will also publish selected guest articles on current developments in the digitalisation of logistics and the importance of open source solutions for the sector. Share your perspective, contribute your practical experience and enrich the discussion within the community.

The magazine is published on our website, shared via our social media channels, and used at events and trade fairs. In this way, we make the content accessible to a wide professional audience and encourage dialogue within the logistics and open source communities.

What your contribution could be about

We are looking for well-informed, specialist articles that address one of the following topics:

1. Logistics landscape and operating environment

Contributions exploring the conditions under which logistics operates in different countries and markets are of interest. The aim is to foster a better understanding of different logistics structures and developments, and to highlight where opportunities for collaboration and open source solutions may arise.

Possible topics include

- Perspectives and developments in logistics: sector-specific, mode-specific, or cross-sectoral
- Organisation and structure of the logistics sector and of collaboration along the supply chain
- National and international regulatory requirements and their impact on open standards and open source

2. Open source as an approach to tackling logistical challenges

Contributions exploring how open source can help address current challenges in logistics are of interest.

Possible topics include

- Current challenges in logistics and possible open source solutions
- The potential of open source for digitalisation, interoperability and collaboration
- General and practical experience of using open source software in logistics

3. Use and further development of open source components

Contributions on the practical application, further development and sustainable use of open source components developed by the Open Logistics Foundation are of interest.

Possible topics include

- Best practices in the use of the open source components
- Experience with implementation, integration and use of the open source components
- Expectations of further development of components or commercial applications

*Do you have another topic that would be a good fit for the Open Logistics Magazine?
If so, please feel free to suggest it to us.*

What is important for your contribution?

Open Logistics Magazine thrives on the diverse perspectives of its community. Anyone who wishes to share their knowledge, experience or ideas on open source and logistics is welcome to contribute. Whether you're an IT, logistics or communications expert, a specialist or project manager, a developer or a board member: what matters most is your professional expertise and your connection to the topic. Contributions are published alongside the author's name, a portrait photograph and short biography (2-3 sentences).

Tone

Articles should be factually sound and practical, offer clear added value for members of the logistics and open source communities, be written in a neutral and journalistic style, and not be phrased from a first-person ("I") or collective ("we") perspective.

Language

Open Logistics Magazine is published in two languages. Articles may be submitted in German or English. Our editorial team will handle the translation into the other language.

Formats

Short article: approx. 2,500 characters including spaces

Feature article: approx. 5,000 characters including spaces.

In general

Should an article need to be shortened or adapted for layout reasons, we will, of course, consult with you first.

Content that has already been published can serve as a basis. However, it should only be used in excerpts, adapted in terms of content and style to the specific topic and the requirements of Open Logistics Magazine, and be free from any third-party rights. If required, our editorial team can also assist you in drafting your article.

To ensure the articles are integrated into the magazine as effectively as possible, we reserve the right to make minor editorial or content-related adjustments. These will, of course, always be made in consultation with the authors. You will receive the final article for approval prior to publication.

Submit your topic proposal now

To begin, please send us a brief topic proposal by email, in an informal format, with a summary of no more than 1,000 characters, including spaces.

Please briefly describe

- What the topic is,
- Why it is relevant to the community, and
- What insights or experiences you wish to share.

The more specific, practical and up-to-date the proposal sounds, the better we can assess if and how the article would fit into the magazine. However, a finished article is not required!

We look forward to hearing your ideas, experiences and perspectives – and to sharing them with the open source and logistics communities.

Please send your topic proposal to media@openlogisticsfoundation.org by 14 August 2026.

We will get back to you as soon as possible and discuss the next steps with you.