

# About Sourcefabric

## Who we are

Sourcefabric is Europe's largest developer of open-source tools for news media. Headquartered in Prague, Czech Republic, Sourcefabric z.ú. brings people together from all corners of the globe to help independent media thrive through better technology. Our products include Superdesk, a

content management and workflow system for newsrooms; Live Blog, an interactive timeline-based platform for reporting live events and breaking news; and Airtime Pro, a web-based automation system for online radio.

## What we do

Our mission is to bridge the digital divide in media. We create and maintain open-source software solutions that are relevant to newsrooms anywhere in the world. We foster the editorial and economic independence of media organisations by supporting innovative news models in the online environment.

Through Sourcefabric and its subsidiaries, we offer a range of services from managed hosting (SaaS) and support, to bespoke feature development and integration into existing workflows. Our international list of clients includes online-only and multi-channel newspapers, radio stations, self-publishing and print-on-demand service providers as well as NGOs and news agencies.

## Running the newsrooms of the world's leading news agencies



## Awards and recognition

- ✓ FinancesOnline Rising Star Award
- ✓ Knight-Batten Award for Innovations in Journalism
- ✓ Guardian Megas Award for Digital Innovation
- ✓ African News Innovation Challenge Award

## Partnerships & professional memberships

- ✓ **Technology partner:**  
MINDS International association of news agencies
- ✓ **Two-time grantee:**  
Google Digital News Innovation Fund

## How we work: organisation and governance

The nonprofit parent organisation Sourcefabric z.ú. was founded in 2010 to pursue the goal of supporting independent journalism worldwide through open source digital newsroom solutions. Sourcefabric z.ú. is funded from commercial income generated from its for-profit subsidiaries.

In 2013, subsidiary Sourcefabric GmbH (registered in Germany) was established to focus on the management and further development of our commercial products and services.

In 2015, Sourcefabric Ventures s.r.o. (registered in the Czech Republic) was set-up as a second subsidiary of Sourcefabric z.ú. with a focus on enabling commercial spin-offs and other innovation projects. The first spin-off was Booktype GmbH (registered in Germany), which was also set-up in 2015, focussing entirely on the development of the software and services around Booktype. In 2019, development on the Booktype platform ceased and the company was wound up.

In 2018, Sourcefabric Ventures s.r.o. started taking over the role of Sourcefabric GmbH, paving the way for the merger of the two companies in 2019, in order to streamline operations.

In 2019, Sourcefabric z.ú. entered into a joint venture with Media Development Investment Fund to create SFS Ventures s.r.o. The newly founded limited liability company subsequently acquired 60% of the share capital of Polish radio company Eurozet sp. z o.o. from Czech Media Invest. Leading independent Polish media company Agora S.A. acquired the remaining 40% as a passive minority investor with an option to buy-out SFS Ventures in the future.

Sourcefabric is headed by Managing Director Sava Tatić and governed by a board. Due to the nonprofit nature of our organisation, there are no shareholders. All profits from our subsidiaries flow back to Sourcefabric z.ú., the nonprofit parent organisation, to help continue to develop open source software for media organisations.

