

Free/Libre and Open Source Promotion

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Promote free and open source software development to not be ignored by public funding anymore.

1. Europes IST funding

We need to promote free/libre and open source software (FLOSS/FOSS) development to not be ignored by European Information Society funding (IST) anymore!

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The European funding has a volume of 1900 million Euros!

Research institutes get 100%, companies 50% and free/open source gets 0%: Let's change this!

1. Universities get 100% sponsoring
 2. Companies get 50% sponsoring
 3. Free/Open Source gets 0% sponsoring
- Free/Open Source is currently the greatest revolution in IT
 - It has a multi billion Euro economical impact with its benefit and follow up services. This is probably more than the influence of the research institutions mentioned above.
 - Its development is in huge parts done in 'spare time' and most of the time for free.
 - The output of Free/Open Source often outperforms university and company results
 - Free/Open Source is ignored by EU (or better it is actively discriminated): Free/Open source attendees to The Hague need to pay a 350 Euro fee (400 these days):

This without any consideration of the fact that their work is done in spare time and for free. Free/Open source groups can't ask for sponsoring without being members of a company or a research institute.

- The IST project spends public money, our money (my taxes, my 350/400 Euro fee)
- The IST responsible sleep away the biggest IT movement but claim to work for the future of European economy.

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You can also discuss your view on the mailing list [OSPro Forum](#) (http://sourceforge.net/forum/forum.php?forum_id=416281) and on our [OSPro Wiki Page](#) (<http://www.xmlblaster.org/OSProWiki/OpenSorcePromotion>) .

[Open Source Promotion Page](#) (<http://ospro.sourceforge.net>)

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2. What can you do?

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3. Decentral organizations

Decentral organizations as described by Malone are nowadays a matter of fact, but are ignored by official organizations like IST EU which are responsible to efficiently manage public money.

[The dawn of the e-lance economy \(Malone\)](http://fox.rollins.edu/~tlairson/ecom/elancehbr.html) (<http://fox.rollins.edu/~tlairson/ecom/elancehbr.html>) [The Elance Economy](http://www.elance.com/c/static/main/displayhtml.pl?file=elance_economy.html) (http://www.elance.com/c/static/main/displayhtml.pl?file=elance_economy.html) [The Elance Economy slide show](http://wi99.iwi.uni-sb.de/Folien/HV_Malone.PDF) (http://wi99.iwi.uni-sb.de/Folien/HV_Malone.PDF)