# SOFTWARE IN THE FRENCH PLAN FOR OPEN SCIENCE

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**Launch on 4 July 2018** by the Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation

- First Commitment : **Generalise open access to publications**

- Second Commitment : **Structure research data and make it available through open access**

- Third Commitment : **Be part of a sustainable european and international open science dynamic**

# Governance :
# The Open Science Committee

**Open science steering committee**
Ministry of Higher Education, Research (MESR), research performing organisations, Universities, National Research Agency (ANR), Couperin consortium, High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (Hcéres)

Makes decisions, arbitrates the use of funds from the National Open Science Fund

**Permanent secretariat for Open Science**
MESRI, research performing organisations, Universities, ANR, Couperin consortium, Hcéres, ADBU, EPRIST, Colleges

Prepares decisions, proposes guidelines, monitors work

**Colleges**
Publications, Research Data, Skills and Training, Europe and International
(72 membres from 44 institutions)

Investigate issues, propose guidelines, initiate and manage projects

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# Main achievements

- Creation of the **open science barometer**: measurement of the rate of French scientific publications in open access
- Progressive deployment of **open science strategies within research performing organisations and universities**, creation of a network of open science referents
- **Training actions targeted at doctoral students**: Passport to open science, practical guide for Phd students
- Contribution to the **structuring and governance of the EOSC**: structuring of EOSC France, French presence on the board and other EOSC governance bodies
- **Support to international open science infrastructures**: SCoSS labelled projects (DOAB, PKP, OpenCitations), RDA, Software Heritage

Software gets on the radar

**Second French Plan for Open Science**

GENERALISING OPEN SCIENCE IN FRANCE 2021-2024

English

French

**Launch on 6 July 2021**

- Multiplying the **levers for change** in order to **generalise open science practices**
- Structuring the **policy for opening up or sharing research data**
- New commitments to the **opening of source code** produced by research
- **European and international inclusion** in the context of the French Presidency of the European Union
- **Disciplinary and thematic variations**: open science policies must be adapted to disciplinary specificities

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# Path Three :
# Opening up and promoting source code produced by research

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**Recognize and support the dissemination under an open source license of software** produced by publicly funded research programmes

**8**

**Highlight the production of source code** from higher education, research and innovation

**9**

Define and promote an **open source software policy**

« The opening of software source code is a major challenge for the **reproductibility** of scientific results**. »**

« Distribution of software products under **open source licence** will be preferred. »

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## Define and promote an open source software policy

- Produce a **National Charter for Open Source Software** coming from higher education, research and innovation
- Develop the **link between data and software** through a network of **Chief Data Officers** in the various universities and research performing organisations.
- Develop the **economic models of open source software** and make them known within commercialization services
- **Support Software Heritage** and recommend it for the archiving and referencing of source code

## Recognise source code as a contribution to research

- Create an **open source research software prize**
- **Provide greater recognition** for software production in the career of researchers, research support staff

## Build an ecosystem that connects code, data and publications

- Develop **proper coordination** between software forges, open publication archives, data repositories and the scientific publishing sector.

## Software Heritage in the National Strategy of Research Infrastructures

*March 8th 2022*

For the first time

Research infrastructures

for software

And not only software

for research infrastructures

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## The first national Open Science award for Research Software

**2022 edition**

- 120+ high quality submissions
- 4 prizes
- 6 accessit
- 4 categories (inclusiveness)
- awarded by the Ministry of Research



## Institutionalised as an annual award

**2023 edition** now open, already inspired other countries (e.g. Australian award)

Detailed description and lessons learned **forthcoming**
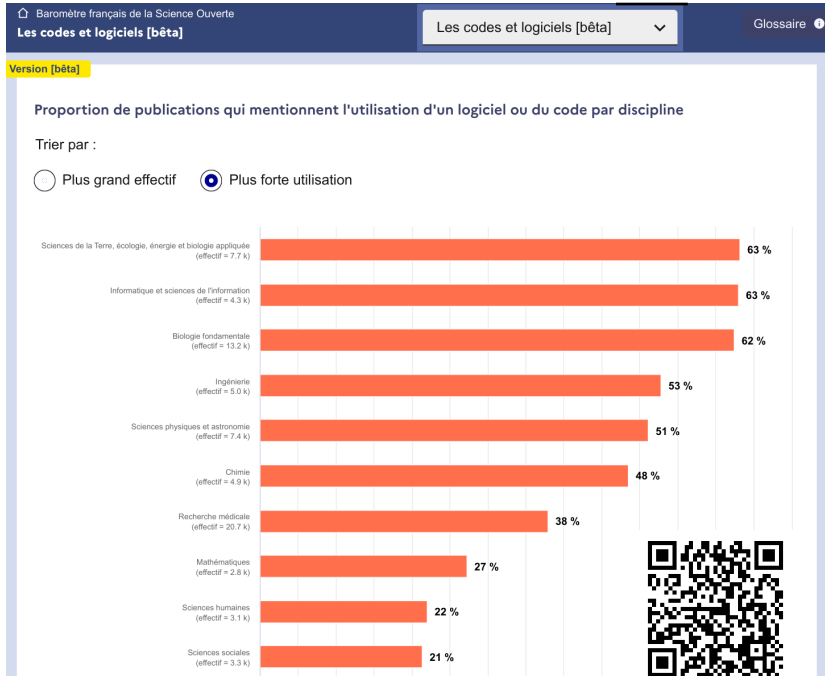
## Guide for PhD students



SCIENCE OUVERTE

**CODES ET LOGICIELS**

PASSEPORT POUR LA
**SCIENCE OUVERTE**

English

version

coming

soon !

## Open Science Barometer

link



⌂ Baromètre français de la Science Ouverte
**Les codes et logiciels [bêta]**

Les codes et logiciels [bêta] ⌄          Glossaire ⓘ

Version [bêta]

**Proportion de publications qui mentionnent l'utilisation d'un logiciel ou du code par discipline**

Trier par :

○ Plus grand effectif     ● Plus forte utilisation

| Discipline | % |
|---|---|
| Sciences de la Terre, écologie, énergie et biologie appliquée (effectif = 7.7 k) | 63 % |
| Informatique et sciences de l'information (effectif = 4.3 k) | 63 % |
| Biologie fondamentale (effectif = 13.2 k) | 62 % |
| Ingénierie (effectif = 5.0 k) | 53 % |
| Sciences physiques et astronomie (effectif = 7.4 k) | 51 % |
| Chimie (effectif = 4.9 k) | 48 % |
| Recherche médicale (effectif = 20.7 k) | 38 % |
| Mathématiques (effectif = 2.8 k) | 27 % |
| Sciences humaines (effectif = 3.1 k) | 22 % |
| Sciences sociales (effectif = 3.3 k) | 21 % |

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## Takeaway

- First research software policy **institutionalised at national government level**
- Strong commitment to **put software on par with publications**
- Clear vision to take into account **all the complex facets** of research software
- Desire to **collaborate openly** at the international level

Homepage: https://www.ouvrirlascience.fr/software-and-source-codes-college/

## Come in, we're open

# Questions?