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Five working groups for five challenges

WG 1: **Identification and promotion of software production**
(co-chairs: Violaine Louvet, Gregory Miura)

WG 2: **Tools and best technical and social practices**
(co-chairs: Daniel Le Berre, Jean-Yves Giannas)

WG 3: **Valorization and sustainability** (chair: Sylvie Tonda-Goldstein)

WG 4: **Skills network / International alignment** (chair: Nicolas Rougier)

WG 5: **Recognition and careers** (co-chairs: Mathieu Giraud, Sophie Renaudin)
Selected productions

Opportunity note on research software

Guide for PhD students

Opportunity Note:
Encouraging a wider usage of software derived from research
Selected productions

Blueprints for a research software award

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Establishing a national research software award [version 1; peer review: 2 approved]

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Abstract

Software development has become an integral part of the scholarly ecosystem, spanning all fields and disciplines. To support the sharing and creation of knowledge in line with open science principles, and particularly to enable the reproducibility of research results, it is crucial to make the source code of research software available, allowing for modification, reuse, and distribution.

Recognizing the significance of open-source software contributions in academia, the second French Plan for Open Science, announced by the Minister of Higher Education and Research in 2021, introduced a National Award to promote open-source research software. This award serves multiple objectives: firstly, to highlight the software projects and teams that have devoted time and effort to develop outstanding research software, sometimes for decades, and often with little recognition; secondly, to draw attention to the importance of software as a valuable research output and to inspire new generations of researchers to follow and learn from these examples.

We present here an in-depth analysis of the design and implementation of this unique initiative. As a national award established explicitly to foster Open Science practices by the French Minister of

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Software is naturally international

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We use as dataset the Software Heritage archive [3] and analyze from it 2.2 billion commits archived from 160 million projects and authored by 43 million authors during the 1971–2021 time period. We geolocate developers to 12 world regions, using as signals email country code top-level domains (ccTLDs) and author (first/last) names compared with name distributions around the world, and UTC offsets mined from commit metadata.

Figure 3: Ratio of commits (above) and active authors (below) by world zone over the 1971–2020 period.
Let’s work together to build the Software Pillar of Open Science (SPOS)

The program is here