

Open-Source Technology Transfer

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Is open-source an option for software technologies developed in academic communities, and notably for research tools – a solution which could also enhance technology transfer from public research to the private sector? To clarify this issue, now concretely being raised both at the level of research policies in Europe and in various higher education and research institutions, we build upon several case studies realised in the context of the RNTL “LibreSource” project about past and current experimentations of Libre academic software in France, so as to suggest preliminary conclusions regarding the efficiency of open-source strategies in academic frameworks – for scientific research, and for the larger economy.