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UGA OSPO inauguration – closing address

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What was it all about?

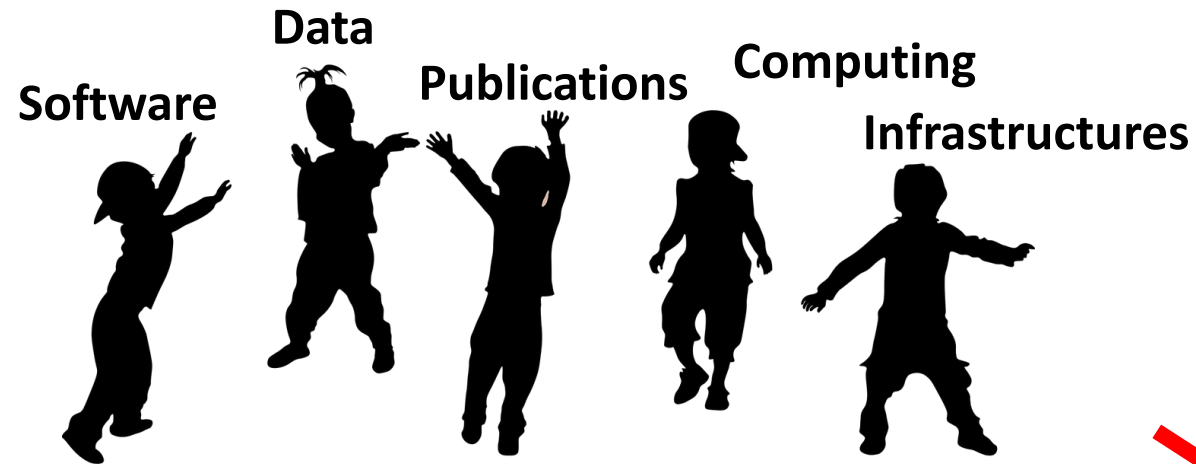


- Return on experience
- Explanation on local context
- International perspective
- Success stories & lessons learnt

Main takeaways from the last 2 days

- **Global context**
 - Open Source is everywhere
 - Identified training & support needs
 - Well established networks
- **In France, OSPOs are already part of the landscape...**
 - Private companies
 - Public administrations
- **...but « Academic OSPOs » are a relatively new thing**
 - Thank you UGA for showing the way!

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SAME SAME
BUT DIFFERENT

SOFTWARE IS
NOT JUST I.T.



G E O G R A P H I C A L

OSPOs =
Competence
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Promoting Academic OSPO Network Development in France

Connected to OSPOs Worldwide



Structured researcher support

Comprehensive guidance on releasing, maintaining, and scaling research software through institutional frameworks : tools and infrastructures to support OSS



Developing and sharing best practices

Comprehensive guidance on releasing, maintaining, and scaling research software through established best practices



Sustainable maintenance and adoption

Foster long-term software use through strategic licensing, comprehensive documentation, and engaged community building



Community & Network Building

Connect French academic OSPOs domestically and link with global OSPO networks for knowledge sharing and collaboration



Maximizing Impact

Acculturate to Different Software Dissemination Methods
Define sustainable valorization strategies that balance open science principles with commercial viability



Legal & Strategic Guidance

Ensure proper open-source licensing, intellectual property management, and contribution policies align with institutional goals

Connecting codes, communities, and global impact

The future of research software lies in building robust networks that bridge academic excellence with practical applications, creating sustainable ecosystems for innovation and knowledge transfer.

Open questions to address

- *What's in a name v2.0: OSPO or not OSPO?*
- "Just" open source, or all software?
- Model or models?
- Labelling? Recognition? Self-identification?
- Network? Federation? Coalition? Nice bunch o'lads?
- Led Zeppelin or AC/DC?
- And probably many more questions

Go, go, go!

- Towards a national structuration of the academic OSPOs landscape in France
 - Encourage bottom-up reflexions
 - Get inspiration from what exists, but:
 - Don't `Ctrl+C/Ctrl+V`
 - `Ctrl+I` instead
 - Give help and support where needed
 - Build a common framework together
 - Keep it agile
- Let's start early 2026!

