Dos and Donts: FLOSS in FP7 projects

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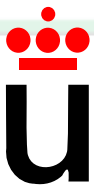

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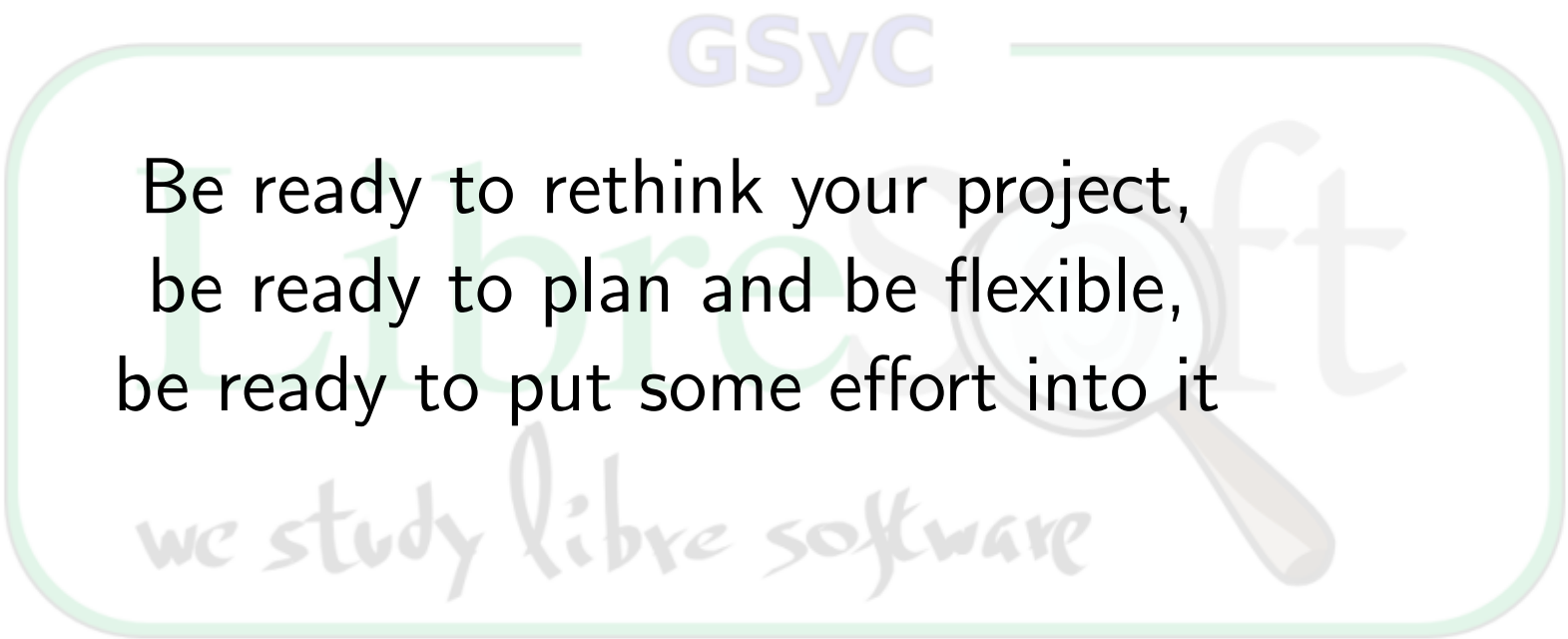
So, you want your project to produce free (libre, open source) software?

So, you want a lively FLOSS community maintaining and enhacing R&D results?

So, you want a FLOSS ecosystem of users, maintainers, developers for the software produced by your project?

Welcome to the wild side!



Be ready to rethink your project,
be ready to plan and be flexible,
be ready to put some effort into it

Issues to deal with from the start

- Determining FLOSS outcomes
- Policies for licensing and transfer of copyright
- Previous assets and licensing status
- External dependencies
- Development model
- Relationship with external parties (users, contributors)
- Envisioned sustainability model

Development issues

- Infrastructure for supporting development
- Development tools and practices
- Release early, release often
- Integration with established communities
- Openness of procedures

Distribution and dissemination

- Software distribution policies
- Contributions to external projects
- Dissemination strategy
- Conferences and meetings suitable for dissemination
- Other communication channels
- Demonstration site and materials

Other issues

- Community, sustainability
  - Growing a community
  - Passing the token
- Other outcomes of the project
  - Licenses for public documents and media
  - Formats for documents and media
  - Software used in dissemination and development activities
- Transparency, accountability

Good practices for R&D projects producing FLOSS

Please, help!
Please, contribute!

- Have a look at the document
- Comment on it
- Spread the word about it
- Hopefully, new release really soon now!