

One of the results of our first EU Café on July 9th, 2005, was the concept of a 'Charter of Open Source.'

The idea is to make a list with all the goods which should stay *open source* and which should not fall into the hands of commerce.

Governments' computers and software should be *open source*, so that no towering licence costs are paid from our taxes and we are not dependent on big companies (who are, by their nature, counter-democratic). And so that we can exchange our knowledge with poor countries who are also able to download free open source technology. (Excerpt from Discussionlist requirements in EU Constitution')

Also drink water should be *open source*, for it is a vital need and we are globally running out of it.

This Charter needs further development.