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OPEN INNOVATION: OER World Map, hbz, Cologne, Germany.
FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE (FOSS) FOR EDUCATION: H5P, H5POrg, Tromsø, Norway.

OPEN DATA: ROER4D, Research on Open Educational Resources for Development, Open Data Initiative, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa.

OPEN PEDAGOGY: The OER Passport, Mountain Heights Academy, West Jordan, United States and Red EuLES / EuLES Network, University of Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain.


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