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Falsehoods FOSDEM attendees believe about the CRA

as overheard by a technologist (not a lawyer!) whose job it is to know the CRA

aka let’s speed run an FAQ

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I work on Cyber Resilience Act standards and read it all the time

skipping the rest of an intro,
I only have 256 seconds

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On typical open source projects

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I’ll have to pay a big fine if my open source project has a vulnerability

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Donations or sponsorships for my work in Open Source makes me personally liable

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My work on an open source project could make my employer liable for it

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Releasing an open source project means I have to do compliance documents if anyone integrates it

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I have to find an “open source steward” for my project

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I’ll just be an “open source steward”

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The CRA requires projects to follow specific processes

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On products, doing business

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Any CVE on my integrated components will set me up for a big fine

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As long as it’s not for sale with a price tag, it’s not a “product”

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Integrating a CE-marked component covers my “due diligence” requirements

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Commercial products won’t want to integrate open source anymore

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Any update to a product means I have to do a complicated assessment all over again

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Bonus round

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RCAs must be released within 24 hours of discovering a vulnerability

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The ecosystem will be full of “CRA Compliant” forks