OW2 OSS Good Governance initiatve
OSS Governance with a European Perspective

An Introduction

February 2020

2020

"Open-source software is used within mission-critical IT workloads by over 90% of the IT organizations worldwide, whether they are aware of it or not."

Gartner, What Every CIO Must Know About Open Source Software
30th March 2017 "

"Climbing the maturity curve is no longer a question; it is central to successful execution of an IT industrial strategy."

Christian Paterson, Director OSS Group, Orange, August 2019

"...it is essential that users engage with communities and contribute to their open source ecosystems. This takes compliance to the next level, and this is what open source governance is about."

OW2 Newsletter August 2019
https://www.ow2.org/view/Newsletters/August2019Newsletter

Three drivers for a vision

Need to raise our collective level of expertise.

Need for a neutral organisation that is easy to deal with.

Need for a pan-european OSS industry initiative

▶ Existing community groups are often national or compliance focused. Open source maturity is not always aligned with industry needs. Cross-pollination of industry best practice is weak.

▶ Leading open source organizations can often be massive or costly to join; they may have footprints that are not best tailored to regional needs sometimes smaller is simply better and more accessible for "smaller" initiatives.

▶ EU context is not the same as other geographical zones (investment dynamics, regional financing, license interpretations, privacy expectations …); digital sovereignty is not about walls, it's about choice.
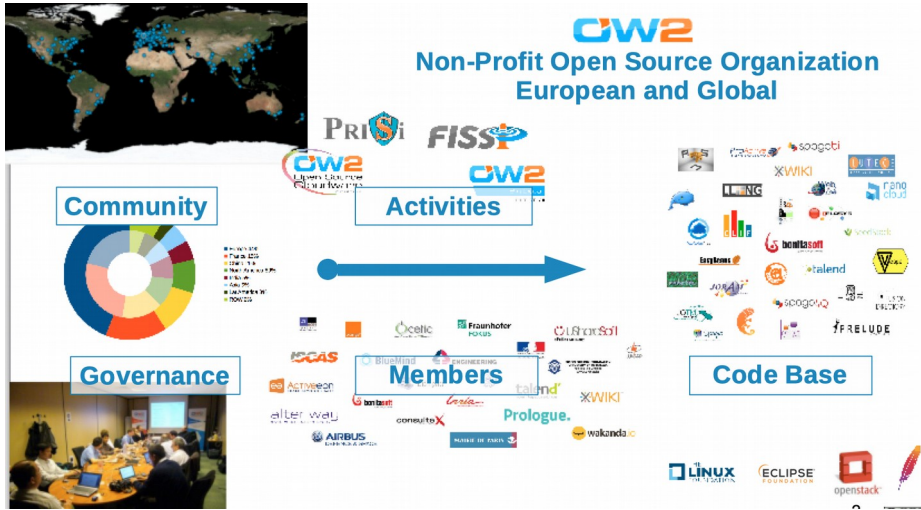
Introducing the OW2 OSS Good Governance initiative

OSPO knowledge and experience

European focus (and open to world)

Low cost, agile, open, pragmatic

▶EU users to share experience, questions and best practices

▶Enhance OSPO operational maturity

▶Adapt OSPO best practices to EU context

▶A trusted OSPO partner for EU organisations

▶Supports OSS dissemination in EU collaborative projects

▶Promotes EU-based OSS foundation(s)

▶Co-financing to support OSPO tools of mutual interest

Why OW2? Accessible Global Organisation with EU DNA

▶ Diversified code base

▶ Uniquely accessible

▶ Open to global opportunities

▶ Global recognition

▶ Spotless track record

▶ EU-driven: motivated by EU interests

    ▶ Rather than EU-focused (i.e. attracted by EU market opportunities)

▶ Recognized by the EC

Peter Ganten
CEO
Univention
Bremen, Germany

Open, reliable and European platform for open source projects

OW2 provides open, reliable and European platform for numerous major open source projects... [more]

Emmanuel Gregoire
Deputy Mayor
City of Paris
Paris, France

Open source centre stage in digital strategies with OW2

OW2 hits 10 years! A young age in the real world but an age of maturity in the IT world and an eternity in the digital world.... [more]

Mike Milinkovich
Executive Director
Eclipse Foundation
Ottawa, Canada

A staunch representative of software freedom in Europe

Congratulations to OW2 on their tenth anniversary! The Eclipse Foundation and OW2 have worked closel... [more]

Jim Curry
Co-Founder
OpenStack
Austin, United States

An important pillar for the open source community

We were proud to have OW2 as one of the first partners in the OpenStack ecosystem. Cedric and his t... [more]

Simon Phipps
Board Member
Open Source Initiative
Southampton, UK

Software freedom and business effectiveness

Congratulations to OW2 on a decade of successfully walking the governance tightrope ... [more]

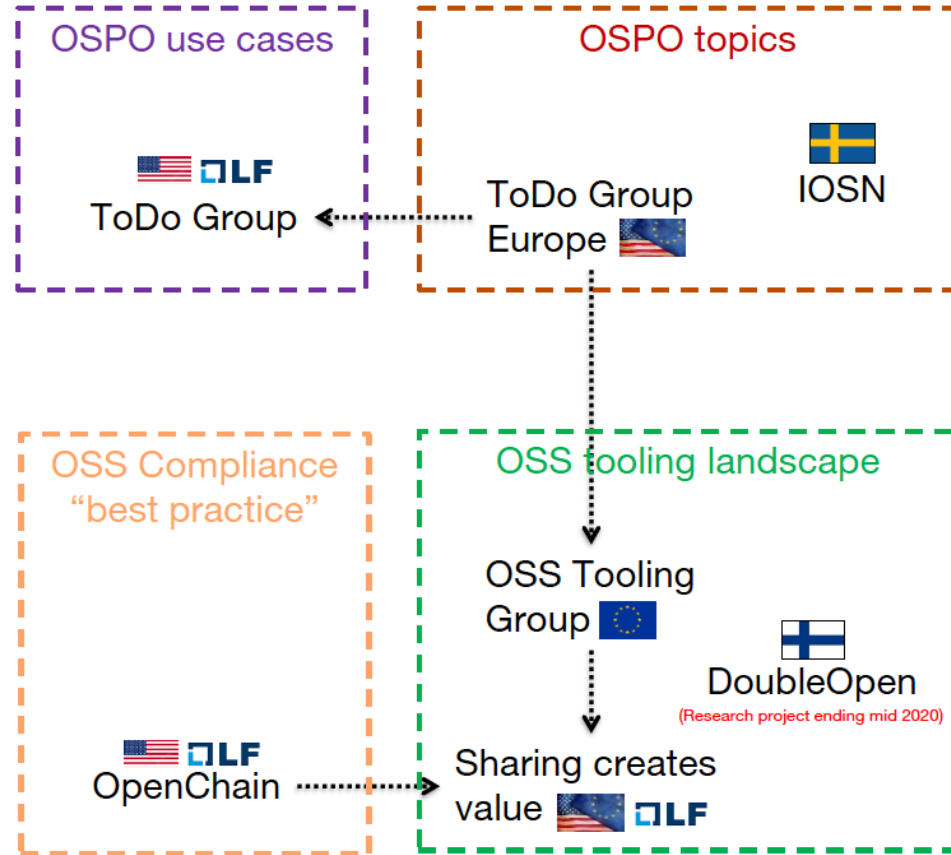### Frederic Aatz
Director Open Source Strategy Microsoft France
Microsoft
Paris, France

A unique European open source ecosystem

OW2 is central to a unique European ecosystem of open source people and organizations cooperating in sharing technology and best practices... [more]

Fitting in the busy space of open source governance

▶ ToDo Group
and ToDo Goup Europe (LF)

▶ OpenChain initiative (LF)

▶ "Sharing creates value"
GitHub space

▶ OSS Tooling Group

▶ Industrial Open Source Network

▶ DoubleOpen

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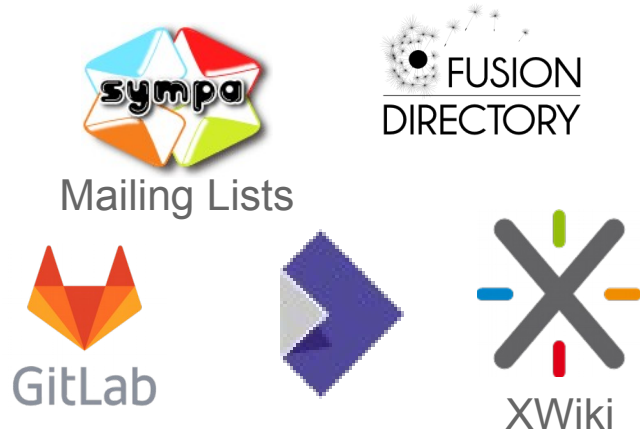
Basics

▶Participants

  ▶Organisation must have an Open Source Program Office (initiative participant being OSPO member)

  ▶Open participation regardless of OW2 membership and open to all regardless of everything else.

▶Governance

  ▶An initiative's Charter defines the initiative and governs its activity.

  ▶Initiative chair must be OW2 strategic member.

  ▶Organized with steering committee and workgroups.

▶Legal and IP

  ▶No NDA, Chatham House Rule

  ▶No legal transfer of copyright, branding or otherwise

  ▶All docs published CC BY SA

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How

Mailing Lists

GitLab

FUSION DIRECTORY

XWiki

▶Activities

  ▶Small, ad-hoc temporary topic-based workgroups

  ▶Face-to-face meetings at least twice a year: at OW2con (June) and at another event

▶Communication

  ▶Email list as main communication vehicle

  ▶Public web pages

▶OW2 open source infra available as required

  ▶Mailing list (Sympa), private wiki (XWiki), LibreOffice online (Collabora), issue tracker (GitLab), user management (FusionDirectory)

▶Other

  ▶No overt commercial lobbying or promotion

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Initial Priorities

- ▶ OSPO Maturity
  - ▶ Share experience and implementation know-how
  - ▶ Promote a unified Market Readiness Levels approach
- ▶ Toward developers
  - ▶ Help promote best practices and awareness
  - ▶ Advertise our checklist of expected good practices
- ▶ Compliance and sourcing
  - ▶ Share common OSS license understanding
  - ▶ Repository of OSS "disclosure" documents
- ▶ European Commission outreach
  - ▶ Jointly elaborate a pragmatic strategy/action plan aimed at supporting the EU OSS ecosystem

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Getting started

Next calls:
- Thursday February 27, 17:00
- Thursday March 26, 17:00
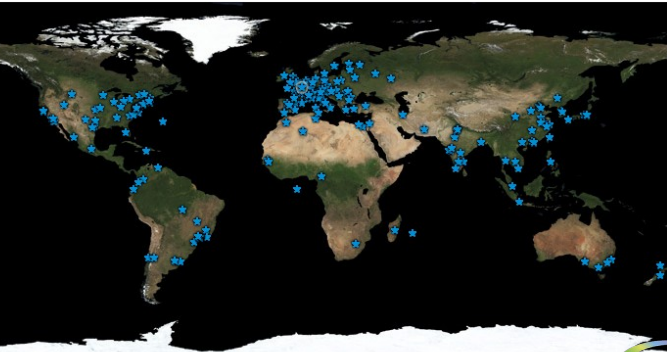- Thursday April 23, 17:00

https://zoom.us/meeting/679056460

▶Run monthly calls to keep things moving

▶Circulate a draft of the initiative charter (motivation, structure, participants, actions)

▶Set-up a wiki to share information and publish all relevant presentations by the initiative's participants

▶Post all publishable information and material on the public web page at: https://www.ow2.org/view/OSS_Governance/

▶Issue an official launch press release in April or May 2020

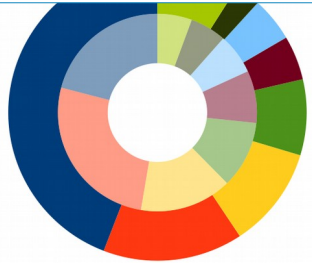▶Organize a dedicated **inaugural session** at OW2con'20 (June 17-18)

Thank You

And now let's talk
Q&A
Disagreements
Complements
Feedback
etc.

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Non-Profit Open Source Organization
European and Global

Community

Activities

Code Base

Governance

Members

Europe 44%
France 15%
China 11%
North America 89%
India 5%
Asia 5%
Lat America 3%
ROW 9%