Revision History

Version	Lead Author	Summary of Changes	Date
V 1.00	CT		19 June 19
V 2.00	CP		24 June 19
V.3.00 V.3.01	CT	New initiative name and alignment with latest discussion slides. 3.01 some clean-up.	24 February 20
V.3.02	CT	Clarified §7.1 re. Chatham House Rules and §7.2 re. License: "CC BY-SA 2.0 or any future version" as per discussion during the call on that day.	27 February 20

The status is draft until the Initiative is formally approved by the OW2 Board of Directors and signed by co-founders of the Initiative.

1 General Information

1.1 Initiative Name

Long Initiative Name	Short Initiative Name
Open Source Software Good Governance initiative	G2i

The Initiative name must explicitly contain the term "Initiative" and the name of the Association in a descriptive manner (e.g. [Association Name] ESB Initiative). The short Initiative name is typically an acronym to be used for convenience and for technicalities (e.g.: namespace, URLs, etc)..

1.2 Initiative Point of Contact

First Name, Last Name	Christian Paterson
Organization	Orange
E-mail address	christian.paterson@orange.com
Remarks	Strategic member representative. Already OASi lead. Christian Paterson is the initial contact point from the standpoint of OW2. Another contact point may be added as the initiative unfolds for contacts with the "outside" world.

This is the person to whom the OW2 Management Office must write to contact the initiative. This contact point can be provisional it is specially useful at the onset of the initiative. It can be the person who leads charter writing.

1.3 Quick Description

The *Open Source Software Good Governance initiative* is an open source community effort aimed at developing and promoting the usage and sharing of free and open source software governance best practices among large users and systems integrators.

In no more than three lines, provide a quick description of the Initiative. This description is to be used in the general communication efforts of the Consortium. a one sentence description of the Initiative in plain English.

2 Initiative Purpose

2.1 Initiative Background

The origin and motivation of this initiative is threefold:

1. While sanitizing a company's open source production chain – which is what compliance is about – is fundamental, it is essential that users give back to communities and contribute to the open source ecosystem. We see open source governance about engaging with local communities, nurturing a healthy relationship with open source software vendors and service specialists.

2. As open source software is becoming mainstream it is increasingly evaluated by conventional decision makers requiring robust project assessment techniques to minimize risks and maximise utility. OW2's Market Readiness Levels methodology is a state-of-the-art solution among several approaches aimed at facilitating open source decision making.

3. Orange's Open Source Governance aims to share best practice across the Orange Group. Sources of wisdom and experience are few; many companies, especially within Europe, have still to setup open source governance (or program) offices, and everyone is still learning and innovating. A neutral, open and easily accessible forum to facilitate open source governance best practice

sharing and collaborative development would be of great use.

We trust launching this initiative will bring tangible benefits to its participants, to the OW2 community, to the EU open source ecosystem and to the community of open source users at large..

> Describe here the origin of the initiative including how it came to be initiated and sponsored. This may include, if relevant, details of any related projects or programs and of members who drove the idea forward.

2.2 Opportunity

The initiative stems from the realization of several facts:

1/ As FOSS becomes increasingly mature and mainstream within software development, information systems and infrastructures, all major users and systems integrators have to adapt and define their own FOSS strategies.

2/ While most large end-users and systems integrators already use FOSS within their approaches, they often do not know where they stand with regard to the state of the art in the domain.

3/ Anecdotal evidence points towards a sparsity of established and mature open source governance offices (or program – OSPO) within industry, regardless of geographic origin.

The opportunity is to position OW2 as a beacon of FOSS knowledge and resources, as the neutral ground where large users and systems integrators will collaboratively develop a vision that will help them implement their own FOSS strategy.

> Outline here the business need that is addressed by the Initiative. State in specific terms what problem or issue experienced by customers this Initiative addresses. Provide a high-level statement of the business case for the initiative including the key expected benefit.

2.3 Alignment

This initiative is meant to extend OW2's efforts to promote its code base. By steering collaborative efforts by large users and systems integrators to develop state of the art best practices in FOSS governance, the initiative will achieve several key results for OW2. First it helps position OW2 as FOSS leader in the business and industry segments (as opposed to activists and grass-root communities) of the FOSS ecosystem. Second, it helps expand OW2 membership toward large users and systems integrators, a segment not well addressed so far. Third, by bringing in large users and systems integrators it helps grow awareness and business potential for the OW2 projects.

> Briefly document what OW2's strategy, goals and objectives this Initiative will help address or fulfill and indicate which are the expected benefits for the participants (essentially the participants other than the Initiative lead).

3 Initiative Organization

3.1 Initiative Leadership

Organization	Justification
Orange	As a large open source end user and major contributor, Orange is the OW2 strategic member with the capacity to lead this initiative. OSPO in place.
Text here….	Co-leader...

> Give the names of the Organization(s) to lead, or co-lead, the Initiative. In case of co-leaders, highlight the complementarities between the organizations. Document the organizations expertise and business rationale.

3.2 Initiative Participants

Organization	Contribution and Benefits
Engineering	A founding member of OW2, would be interested from the systems integrator's point of view.
Microsoft	Has learned to embrace open source. Well positioned to share experience and engage with the EU ecosystem.
Ville de Paris	OW2 corporate member with experience in contributing to and deploying OSS. Interested in sharing experience with LORGs and other large cities.
Airbus Defense	Interested to share experience with other LORGs.
Gendarmerie	OW2 corporate member with long-terme experience in contributing to and deploying OSS.

Give names of OW2 members participating and outline what would be their exoected contributions and benefits.

Participation in the initiative will comply with the following guiding principales:

- Participating organizations must have an Open Source Program Office, the initiative participant being expected to be OSPO member.

- If complying with the first principle participation is open regardless of OW2 membership and open to all regardless of everything else.

3.3 Initiative Prospective Participants

Organization	Contribution and Status
Siemens	Expressed interest during long discussions at OW2con. OSPO in place. Already engaged with Fossology and OpenChain. Not yet an OW2 member.
Nokia	Expressed interest during long discussions at OW2con. Orange privileged contact. Not yet an OW2 member.
DT	Expressed interest during long discussions at OW2con. Orange privileged contact. Not yet an OW2 member.
John Hopkins University	Expressed interest during long discussions with Ville de Paris. OSPO in place. Not yet an OW2 member.
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Give the names of the Organizations which participation would add competitive advantage to the Initiative. Document their current status and open source affiliation.

3.4 Initiative Management Lead

First Name, Last Name	Christian Paterson
Organization	Orange
E-mail address	christian.paterson@orange.com
Justification	OW2 strategic member and experienced as head of OSS governance at Orange

Provide contact details and an overview of the Management Team Lead experience and qualification

Overall, the initiative will be organized with a steering committee and flexible ad hoc workgroups.

3.5 Management Team members

The initiative will be launched with no complex hierarchies nor sections nor workgroups. These will be instantiated as see fit later. There may be participants volunteering to lead one area or another including Legal Compliance, Cost of Open Source, Contributing Back, etc.

First, Last Name	e-mail	Organization	Role in the management team
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Provide a list of the initial management team members and outline their role in the team.

4   Initiative Scope

4.1   OW2 Projects

OW2 Project	Justification
Market Readiness Levels	The initiative will be related to OW2's OSS project market readiness evaluation methodology. Initiative participants will be welcome to use (adopt/adapt) the methodology and provide feedback.
No other projects?	At first sight, no OW2 projects are to be specifically involved in the OSS Governance initiative. However, all projects should be enabled to provide input into the initiative.
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List the OW2 projects or components participating in the Initiative. Project Name. Why it matters in the Initiative.

4.2   Non-OW2 Projects

Other Projects	Project Affiliation	Organization	Justification
FOSSology	Linux Foundation	Siemens?	Well known tool for checking licenses and compliance.
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Open source projects not hosted by the consortium may be used in the Initiative. List the projects participating to the Initiative which are not affiliated to OW2. Project name. Current affiliation. Organization leading the project. Why it matters in the Initiative.

4.3   Initiative Deliverable

The initiative will result in organizing colaborative activities between members and publishing dissemination material.

- Activities will include regular conference calls, meetings and presentations with the objective to discuss OSS governance issues, share experience and war stories, and identify best practices.

- Publications might include artefacts such as white papers, "10 commandments", "code of good governance", and any other publication aimed at increasing awareness for good OSS governance.

Depending on participant priorities, motivations and experiences, the scope of the initiative might include sharing and best practice guidance for subjects such as:

- Models of open source governance (or program office) organization and ambitions.

- Experience sharing about governance successes and difficulties.

- Organizational open source maturity models, including how to evaluate and track entity sub-units?

- Innersource models implementation.

- Open source training, education, recognition. For example, compliance "officers".

- Compliance processes, tooling and best practices (for software, but also for embedded devices).

- Tracking open source activity across enterprise; minimizing risk; maximizing recognition.

- Evaluate the "health" of open source solutions?

- Guidance to help projects decide when to go open source + guidance to help them then achieve this.

In terms of scope of activity, early discussions concluded to not replicate what is already covered elsewhere, for example by the TODO Group (governance use cases) and OpenChain (supply chain compliance).

> High-level description of what is to be delivered to the community as an output of this Initiative, including components, platform, reference implementation, demonstrators, services, expertise, etc. Deliverable defines all of the products and services delivered by a project, and identifies the limits of the project.

4.4   Standards

Although there are no standards in the domain covered by the initiative, existing efforts that may turn into popular practices or even de facto standards will be consistently referred to and their progress closely monitored. They include:

CHAOSS	Linux Foundation	https://chaoss.community/
Core Infrastructure Initiative	Linux Foundation	https://www.coreinfrastructure.org/
OpenChain	Linux Foundation	https://www.openchainproject.org/

> Indicate here the relevant applicable standards or references which the Initiative will align with.

5   Initiative Outlook

5.1   Timeline

September 2019: The initiative will be submitted to the OW2 board of directors in September.

October-November 2019: Work should start, core participants will have been on-boarded and the basic work plan defined.

December 2019: Initiative public launch at the Paris Open Source Software (POSS) event with a dedicated discussion session.

> Potential start and finish, if any, dates of the Initiative.

5.2   Milestones

Event	Description
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6 Constraints

6.1 Key Efforts

The key efforts will be directed to the following areas:

- **OSPO Maturity**: This will be achieved by sharing experience and implementation know-how among participants and promoting a unified Market Readiness Levels approach

- **Toward developers**: The initiative will help promote best practices and awareness by advertising our checklist of expected good practices

- **Compliance and sourcing**: This remains a fundamental concern, it will be addressed by sharing common OSS license understanding among participants and a repository of OSS "disclosure" documents. Cooperation with OpenChain will be explored.

- **European Commission outreach**: The initiative will have to establish itself at the European level by jointly elaborating a pragmatic strategy/action plan aimed at supporting the EU OSS ecosystem

From an "horizontal" point of view, the initiative will have to direct efforts in the following areas:

1. To recruit relevant participants with significant industry experience.

2. To organize work sessions that produce quality deliverables.

3. To promote the results.

Identify the main areas of perceived workload or technical difficulty.

6.2 Known Risks

We are not the only ones to see the need and the opportunity.

- Larger organizations such as the Linux Foundation have broadly similar initiatives (the *TODO Group*, or the *OpenChain Initiative* come to mind) which upon closer regard show complimentary but differing objectives (the TODO group shares governance use-cases without itself producing guidance, the OpenChain Initiative aims to reduce risk within open source supply chains). It is felt that an OW2 initiative with genuine European DNA has a valuable proposition in this space.

- Comparable initiatives have been launched in France: TOSIT, Cigref, CIO Summit. While these initiatives are essentially driven by end-users, our response is that OW2 drives its initiative with a more comprehensive and international open source perspective. Openness, transparency and internationalism will also be much more evident than the above cited francophone initiatives.

List the main significant risks or uncertainties, both industrial and technical, that may positively or negatively affect the Initiative's outcome which have been identified to date.

7 IPR Policy

7.1 Business Rationale

The initiative's IPR policy aims at facilitating the broadest distribution and use of its outcome. All content

produced by the initiative will be under Creative Commons license so as to facilitate their broadest dissemination. Moreover the following priciple will apply to:

- No NDA,

- Meetings ruled under Chatham House Rule,

- No legal transfer of copyright, branding or otherwise,

- All docs published CC BY-SA 2.0 or any future version.

If relevant, outline the business rationale which will preside over the choice of Licenses for the Initiative.

7.2 Licenses

Exemples can be found here: https://creativecommons.org/share-your-work/licensing-examples/

Licenses	Justification
CC BY-SA 2.0 or any future version.	Simple CC license granting attribution, allowing commercial exploitation as long as they credit us and license their new creations under the identical terms.
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If relevant, provide a list of licenses to be included into the composite outcome of the Initiative.

7.3 Trademarks

No trademark issue foreseen at this stage.

Indicate here if there are any trademark issues beyond applying the OW2 IPR policy.