

OW2 starts the Europe Local Chapter

The OW2 Community on a regional scale: the launch of the Europe Local Chapter

August 2008 – The OW2 Board has approved the launch of the OW2 Europe Local Chapter (ELC) during the quarterly meeting held in May 2008 in INRIA Grenoble. A Local Chapter is a group of members willing to join their efforts and promote the goals of a consortium within a community characterized by its geography or its language.

The main activities of the OW2 Europe Local Chapter will encompass leading an academic and business community, cooperating with other open source organizations and promoting the consortium. Developing tools and services for the community and encouraging contribution to the code base are also in the charter of the ELC.

By joining the Local Chapter, members develop their network around OSS and increase their visibility in Europe. Membership allows to find synergies and to learn from joint activities. The ELC also considers tracking funded project opportunities on which members could contribute.

Aware of these benefits, multinational companies like Bull (Fr) and Thales (Fr) and SMEs like European Dynamics (Gr) take an active part in the Europe Local Chapter. The ELC also counts among its members Research Institutes and universities: Charles University (CZ), Fraunhofer Fokus (D) and INRIA (Fr).

For more information on the OW2 Europe Local Chapter please visit the ELC webpage: www.ow2.org/view/Activities/EuropeLocalChapter

About OW2

Founded in January 2007 OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source code middleware and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology Projects, including Acceleo, ASM, Bonita, eXo Platform, Funambol, JOnAS, Lomboz, Orbeon Forms, SpagoBI and Xwiki. To find out more about OW2, visit www.ow2.org

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