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## OW2 Europe Local Chapter Call for contribution

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Dear OW2 Members,

The OW2 Board has approved the launch of the OW2 Europe Local Chapter during the quarterly meeting held in May 2008. Detailed information about the Europe Local Chapter such as its strategy, organization, or tasks can be found at:

[http://www.ow2.org/xwiki/bin/download/Activities/LocalChapters/OW2\\_ELC\\_v1.0.pdf](http://www.ow2.org/xwiki/bin/download/Activities/LocalChapters/OW2_ELC_v1.0.pdf).

As a typical Open Source organization, OW2 aims at fostering grass root communities across all continents through Local Chapters. Local Chapters are activities carried out to contribute to the sustainable development of the OW2 community and business ecosystems on a regional scale, in a business neutral way. They represent the Association at a regional level.

The main activities of the OW2 Europe Local Chapter will encompass leading an academic and business community, cooperating with other open source organizations, promoting the consortium, developing tools and services for the OW2 LC community and fostering contribution to the code base.

The OW2 Europe Local Chapter management team would like to call all OW2 members willing to help the development of OW2 in Europe to join us and contribute to our activities.

It is in the charter of the OW2 Europe Local Chapter to manage the link between the OW2 Consortium and Europe-based organizations. One of our main objectives is to strengthen OW2 visibility in Europe and therefore:

- Identify and secure speaking opportunities to local events,
- Take part in forums, events, exhibitions in Europe,
- Organize local events,
- Provide information to potential OW2 new members.

Another critical objective for OW2 Europe Local Chapter consists to foster the creation of viable ecosystems around OW2 code base and activities. Therefore OW2 Europe Local Chapter will:

- Foster links with European OSS communities,
- Gather and disseminate information on European Commission Framework Program projects, on European Technology Platform such as NESSI (OW2 is a partner of NESSI) and on other EU projects,
- Select and analyze funding instruments relevant for OW2 members to fuel the research topics initiatives and new projects proposal,
- Provide support to OW2 members to establish synergies with EU and European nations such as FP7 or Call for Projects from System@tic.

We are calling for volunteers to join the OW2 Europe Local Chapter and help OW2 Europe Local Chapter Team to achieve these objectives and finally to empower OW2 in Europe.

For more information or to join the OW2 Europe Local Chapter, please contact:

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Best regards,

The OW2 Europe Local Chapter management team.