

Meeting **OW2 Board meeting – Minutes**

Date June 30, 2022, Physical meeting + Online access
Location Orange Village, Bâtiment F Aile C,
67 Avenue Vladimir Ilitch Lénine, 94110 Arcueil (France)

1. Chairman’s Welcome Remarks

Very happy to see almost all the board physically present, with members from Italy and Poland in the meeting room.

2. Quorum

The OW2 board is comprised of 1 Strategic Member, 7 Corporate Members representatives and 1 Individual members representative. With a total of 9 Board members, 5 members present or represented constitute the quorum.

With 7 members present or represented at this meeting, the **quorum is achieved**.

Attending physically (and initials if ever used in the rest of the minutes): ◦

1. Daniele Gagliardi, DG (Engineering)
2. Clement Oudot, CO (Worteks)
3. Christian Paterson, CP (OpenUp)
4. Gilles Viton, GV (Orange)
5. Konrad Wawruch, KW (7Bulls)
6. Individual Members, Jean Parpaillon, JP

Attending remotely (and initials if ever used in the rest of the minutes): ◦

7. Yury Glikman, YG (Fraunhofer FOKUS)

Member of the board without voting right: Pierre-Yves Gibello (PG)

Excused: Philippe Bareille (City of Paris), Benoit Mortier (FusionDirectory)

Absent: na

Minutes by PG

3. Agenda Review and Approval of Agenda

- The agenda is reviewed and approved.
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4. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes of the previous meeting are approved without comments.
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5. MO and TC update

- MO has now 7 people, for a total of 5.3 FTE (previously 8 / 6.1).
 - HR cost reduction about -30% (40 to 28 kEUR/month).
 - New SysAdmin, Alban Espié Guillon (as of April 4) - and new CEO as well (PG).
 - TC : new projects Mercator and Centreon up and running.
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6. Membership update / Payment situation

- Membership steady, lack of real-life events do not facilitate recruitment.
 - Financial contribution: SMEs = 30%, Large = 44%, Strategic = 26%.
 - Payment status: 71% cashed, 29% remaining (3 large for 22%, 3 small for 7%).
 - JP reminds that a temporary agreement was settled between Orange and OW2 for 2022, consisting of 15k€ of the membership being paid in kind: he proposes to define a list of possible tasks that would serve the interest of the community and submit them to Orange.
 - JP was confirmed by Teclib CEO the company confirms its membership and payment is in progress. OW2 is aware of an ongoing dispute between GLPI main stakeholders (Teclib, Worteks, FactorFX). In the interest of the whole community, OW2 aims at being the place to resolve this kind of conflict in the interest of the community. CO (as Worteks representative) to provide Worteks point of view on the situation.
 - Pipe: contacts with Decathlon and Mercedes Benz (no commitment).
 - Prescriptors / contacts:
 - Meeting scheduled between OW2 and MAIF in september: GV requests to reconnect
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TOSIT with MAIF (as previous contact left), and CP asks that OW2 mentions QuickApp initiative.

- DINUM = french administration digital agency: OW2 part of "Conseil du logiciel libre" (Free Software Council), and finalizing subsidy (5K) for OW2 to help DINUM with methodology (MRL + OSS Governance).
- Open Science : COSO (french "open science council"): OW2 involved in discussions concerning forge openings and/or scientific project hosting (thanks to Prof. Daniel Le Berre). JP reminds OW2 already has value for academics (Inria, Fraunhofer...)
- TOSIT: MOU still in progress on TOSIT side.
- Suggestions: JP suggests we contact EuroCIO (CioMove conference organizer), CP suggests we should tell Cigref about OW2 as a reference for governance methodology (GGi initiative).

7. Financial update

- Review of 2022 financial outlook and cash situation analysis: Operating result will be negative in 2022 (around -76 kEUR), cash situation will cover the 2022 operations.
 - Final payments expected for projects Decoder and Fasten.
 - OW2Con sponsoring is a big success (32 kEUR).
 - Less collabs expected, but also less expenses (decrease of about 60 kEUR in 2023).
 - NGI Search project pre-financing expected during 2022 (DG says it is generally 75%: with only 1/3 included in the cash simulation, it would make OW2's operations almost balanced for 2022).

8. Horizon Europe (collabs) Update

- REACHOUT finished and fully paid. Outcome proposed to EU contest (concerning reuse/exploitation by OW2), 25k grant for the winner.
- DECODER finished, soon ok for payment (CFS under investigation, almost accepted).
- FASTEN ends June 2022, review scheduled in september.
- NGI Search should start in september (and, as cascade funding, fits OW2 model more than classical EU projects - for example to recruit projects and members).
- Proposal in progress: NGI Architects (also cascade funding).
- OW2 participated in NCP pitches / meetings, to position us as dissemination / communication / exploitation / infra partner.
- We will email our academic contacts (from previous projects) to look for submissions for the next EU Horizon call (july to november).
- KW suggests we might partner with EU projects agencies (like Trust IT), to stop competing on dissemination and focusing on OSS + infra. 7Bulls already has contacts, KW to explore this option at next plenary meeting.

9. MRL, GGI, QuickApp Update

- Market Readiness Levels (MRL)
 - All OW2 mature projects instrumented.
 - DINUM french gov digital agency to grant OW2 a 5kEUR subsidy to provide access to MRL APIs (instrumenting OSS projects from french administration) + OSS governance counselling.
- Good Governance Initiative
 - Lot of traction (people are interested in GGi).
 - Paperback version of GGi handbook edited by OW2, sold on global platforms (only symbolic earnings expected, reinvested in GGi promotion).
- QuickApp
 - CP reports on the initiative's progress and evolution: RSI quit, replaced by AllianceTech (an NGO located in Paris). Vonage (speech technology) and Startin'Blox joining.
 - CP explains tourists from China and Asia are a good target (native QuickApp support on their phones, and familiar to that technology).
 - QuickApp day in Paris on July 1st, after track at OW2Con.

12. OW2con'22 and Events Outlook

- OW2Con sponsoring: unprecedented success (12 sponsors / 32 kEUR + many community and media partners).
 - A "small" event (155 subscribers) but 56 speakers from 10 countries, very skilled attendance, strong community spirit, passionate and active discussions (more than 800 messages).
 - OW2Con online almost 100% OSS infra (Pretalx, Rocket.Chat, Jitsi, Shotcut/KDENlive, OBS).
 - Back to real life with face-to-face event in Paris (OW2 15 years anniversary, co-located with
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- Cloud Datacenter + Infra, where OW2 has a booth + conference track).
 - Outlook covering other events in 2022
 - SFScon (maybe back in Bolzano?)
 - Paris Open Source Experience (OSXP) - CP suggest OW2 provides flags on OW2 members booths for more visibility.
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13. Other Business

- OW2 value proposal discussion:
 - DG says that questions "why would I come to OW2" or even "who are you" are often asked when he is on events for OW2. CP confirms he finds OW2 value proposal not clear.
 - Communication: JP suggests to complete actual community manager position with a
 - stronger focus on new generation social networks. CP mentions QuickApp intern who might be helpful?
 - Possible extension of OW2 activities: JP talks about GGi certification (and/ or training?). CP considers Eclipse-like mix of for profit/not for profit an option (and mentions eFoundation in mobile phone + company called Murena). PG reminds that OW2 is a non-profit of general/public interest and definitely not a business unit.
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14. Planning of Next Board of Directors Meetings

- Next meetings
 - PG proposes Friday, September 23 / Friday, December 16... but some agenda conflicts.
 - PG to confirm actual date in due time on Board mailing list.
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15. Chairman's Concluding Comments

- Very happy of what OW2 achieved... but no more candidate for president next year!
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16. Adjournment

- Meeting is adjourned at 16:45 pm CET
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