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Community Management and Project Governance: A checklist with an attitude

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Summary

- A few words about your speaker
- Why would you engage with the FOSS community?
- Moments of Truth
- The Checklist
- Commitment vs. management

A few words about your speaker

- Founding partner at Ars Aperta
- Member of FOSSBazaar
- Contributor to the OpenOffice.org project since 2001: NLC Lead
- ODF, OASIS, etc...

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The bottomline? Get a strategy first.

Moments of Truth

- When starting your contribution, you have to communicate.
- Communication does not mean Marketing!
- State your intention clearly
- Do mention “the worst scenario possible”...

The Checklist

- Define the scope of your project
- Define your license!
- Sort out the copyright issues
- Define the project governance structure
- Make sure initial communication tools are there
- Availability of code and source code

Commitment vs. Management

- Community Management does not exist.



Commitment vs. Management

- Commitment to the project and respect of the community is what matters.



Commitment vs. Management

- Fair, transparent rules and governance
- Never forget about the sense of appropriation
- Use soft power
- Trust your employees just like you trust other contributors.

Questions?

Thank you!