



# /etc/init.d/olpc\_europe start

It's an education project, not a laptop project.

## Kickoff at FOSDEM 2008 in Brussels, Europe





# Hi!

I'm Holger and the host for tonight's show :-)





<serious>Hi!

I'm Holger and I hope this will become a fruit-  
and joyfull discussion, which everybody leaves  
happier and smarter than before.





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- Vision of OLPC Europe (15min.)
- What else do we have (3min.)
- Introduction rounds (4x5 + 10min.)
- Discussion rounds (3x15min.)





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  - Guidelines for local groups
  - Pilots





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- *Thats 103min in total, we have 120min! :-)*





# Some more words about me

Debian & Debian Edu developer, DebConf  
organizer & video team leader & more

Located in Hamburg, Germany

Freelancer





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This is a bit a lie and it's also true.  
So far we've only met on IRC and as a  
group/project never in person.





# Our Vision: OLPC Europe

We recognize, that under certain situations an european platform can make life easier for local OLPC grassroots, also for the newly starting ones, and for the people at the MIT.

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This platform shall under no circumstances be meddling with the local grassroots but instead help them to grow and flourish.





# Simple guidelines

1800 bytes in total





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*OLPC Europe is not an OLPC project,  
it's a meta project.*





# OLPC Europe is...

- a Forum / Platform for exchange between local groups, towards MIT and back, European institutions and with other groups worldwide
- helping in organizing XO's for the local groups





# OLPC Europe is...

- supporting and cherishing the autonomy of local groups
- focusing on rough consensus and running code





# OLPC Europe is NOT...

- going to do a local pilot in your country
- going to tell you what you are allowed to do







# Structure

For being successful we propose the following  
minimalistic structure:





# Structure

- a yearly rotating chair (> one person?)
- a secretary (employed)
- members
- once per year a voting (at or after a to be defined free software conference)





# Benefits for members

- Better information
- Being part of a European contributor / developer network
- Calendar of events
- Help in getting XO's





# Obligations of members

- Send out a regular newsletter of your achievements and your activities
- Companies shall pay for membership





# About

We do hope that this minimalistic structure combines best of both worlds: a little bit of structure for being effective and the highest degree of autonomy of local groups.





# Reminder: vision $\neq$ structure

That is our current, written down vision as discussed online.

I believe it's fairly complete and good, but we lack (the bit of) structure (we want to have).





# What else do we have?

- [grassroots@lists.laptop.org](mailto:grassroots@lists.laptop.org)
- [#olpc-europe](irc://irc.freenode.net/#olpc-europe) on [irc.freenode.net](http://irc.freenode.net)
- [http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC\\_Europe](http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC_Europe)
- <http://www.olpc-europe.org>
- Contributors program: <http://projectdb.olpc.at>





# introduction: OLPC Austria

- honourable mention







# introduction: OLPC Austria

- very honourable mention





# introduction: OLPC Germany

- Jens, Holger





# introduction: OLPC Netherlands

- Sjoerd, Marten, Bastiaan, Frits





# introduction: OLPC Bulgaria

- Geno





# introduction: OLPC Romania

- Diana





# introduction: OLPC ???

- You!





# Discussion rounds

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# Discussion rounds

- Time check!
- Each round 15min.
- We can continue on  
[grassroots@lists.laptop.org](mailto:grassroots@lists.laptop.org)







# 15min

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# 15min

- Guidelines for local groups





15min

- Pilots





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# Thank YOU

For your time today.

For your contributions to OLPC -  
locally and/or globally!

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# OLPC Europe

[http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC\\_Europe](http://wiki.laptop.org/go/OLPC_Europe)

