

Linux Foundation Europe Launches Advisory Board To Accelerate Impact of Pan-European Open Collaboration

With diverse representation of European industrial, technology, non-profit leaders, the Advisory Board will influence the direction of Linux Foundation Europe and its 100+ member community.

Brussels, Belgium—May 4, 2023– Linux Foundation Europe is excited to announce the members of the [Linux Foundation Europe Advisory Board](#) (LFEAB), which includes representatives from a cross-section of 20 leading European organizations within the EU, the UK, and beyond. Members of the Board represent a range of organizations by size and industry, each with a shared vision for open source collaboration. The Advisory Board will play an important role in stewarding Linux Foundation Europe's growing community, which now spans 100 member organizations from across the European region.

"Open source in this time and age is not only critical to the success of technology companies, but to the very business of traditional industries undergoing digital transformation. That's why I'm thrilled the LF Europe Advisory Board includes such a broad representation from different verticals, companies of all sizes, and from over 10 countries in Europe. Their collective vision and active commitment will maximize the impact and alignment of our open collaborations with European values and priorities," said Gabriele Columbro, General Manager of Linux Foundation Europe.

The broad representation of [Linux Foundation Europe's Participants](#) across the European Union, UK and United States is crucial, helping drive forward LF Europe's mission of enabling regional collaboration on shared priorities, without fostering increased fragmentation and techno nationalism. Additionally, to ensure strong community representation, [Linux Foundation Europe's projects](#) will be able to appoint a representative as Advisory Board observer.

"The Linux Foundation has played a critical role in advancing open source, and I am honored to have the opportunity to contribute to its efforts in Europe. As a long-time contributor to the Linux kernel, I understand the power of collaborative development and the importance of open standards. I look forward to helping shape the future of open source in Europe and beyond," said Greg Kroah-Hartman, Linux Foundation Fellow and maintainer of the Linux Foundation stable kernel branch.

The Advisory Board, which hosted its inaugural meeting in April during Kubecon + CloudNativeCon Europe 2023, will have [a broad set of responsibilities](#), which includes providing guidance for LF Europe to engage with the public sector regarding project participation, as well as in response to critical legislation impacting the technology ecosystem – a current example being the [Cyber Resilience Act \(CRA\)](#), AI Act, Digital Services and Digital Markets Act.

The inaugural advisors on the LF Europe Advisory Board are:

Philipp Ahmann, Bosch
Lucian Balea, RTE
Debora Comparin, Thales/Secure Identity Alliance
Philippe Ensarguet, Orange
Felix Faassen, TomTom
Peter Giese, SAP
Samuel Iglesias Gonsálvez, Igalia
Max Körbächer, Liquid Reply
Anni Lai, Futurewei
Gerardo Lisboa, ESOP
Paolo Mainardi, Sparkfabrik
Sachiko Muto, OpenForum Europe/RISE Research Institutes of Sweden
Jacopo Nardiello, SIGHUP
Cosmin Oprea, London Stock Exchange Group
Timo Perala, Nokia
Alois Reitbauer, Dynatrace
Alan Richards, GitLab
Phil Robb, Ericsson
Sebastian Scheele, Kubermatic
Csilla Zsigri, BTP

Additionally, the following observers will be representing open source projects on the LFEAB:

Daniel Goldscheider, OpenWallet Foundation
Greg Kroah Hartman, Kernel.org
Guillaume Nevicato, Sylva

Beyond this initial composition, Linux Foundation Europe is expected to hold elections over time to evolve the Advisory Board with democratic representation of [its Participants](#) across the European region and beyond. Organizations interested in participating in the Advisory Board should consider [becoming a Linux Foundation Europe Participant](#). For more information about Linux Foundation Europe and how to participate, please visit linuxfoundation.eu.

About Linux Foundation Europe

The Linux Foundation and Linux Foundation Europe together are supported by more than 3000 members internationally. This expansion highlights the Linux Foundation's commitment towards growing a truly global, diverse and inclusive institution to continue transparently

advancing Open Source growth and to facilitate regional—global collaboration. The Linux Foundation is the world's leading home for collaboration on open source software, hardware, standards, and data. Linux Foundation projects are critical to the world's infrastructure including Linux, Kubernetes, Node.js, ONAP, Hyperledger Foundation, PyTorch, RISC-V, and more. Linux Foundation Europe methodology focuses on leveraging best practices and addressing the needs of contributors, users, and solution providers to create sustainable models for open collaboration. For more information, please visit us at linuxfoundation.eu.

Quotes from the Advisory Board

"In just a few decades, Open Source has become the main stage for innovation, bringing together the technology and end-user ecosystems in all disruptive areas of our economy. For many operators like Orange, we see that open source is emerging as networks are being reinvented. Software is becoming the center of value rather than equipment. I'm very excited to join the Linux Foundation Europe Advisory Board and fellow peers to help shape the future of open source technology and foster collaboration across Europe." - Philippe Ensarguet, VP of Software Engineering, Orange

"I'm extremely happy to be part of the inaugural Linux Foundation Europe Advisory Board and to be able to contribute in a meaningful way to the further adoption of OSS and Open Standards across Europe." - Jacopo Nardiello, Founder & CEO, SIGHUP

"As an advisory board member of the Linux Foundation Europe, I am excited to have the opportunity to work towards a more sustainable and healthy future for open source maintainers and contributors in Europe. I firmly believe in the power of collaboration and the positive impact it can have on our society. By working together, we can ensure that the open source communities we all rely on in our daily lives, continues to thrive and evolve for years to come." - Felix Faassen, Open Source Program Lead, TomTom

"Open source software is crucial to any new development in the technology space. Europe's digital future will depend on open source. With Linux Foundation Europe we now have a way to shape this future regarding technology, ecosystem development and policy." Alois Reitbauer, Chief Technology Strategist, Dynatrace

"As an inaugural member of the Linux Foundation Europe Advisory Board, I am honored to be part of a diverse community that is shaping the future of open source technology in Europe. I am looking forward to contributing my knowledge and expertise to address our region's unique opportunities and challenges, and to ensure that European voices are heard in the global open source community. By innovating locally and collaborating globally, we can create solutions that benefit everyone, regardless of where they are in the world." - Sachiko Muto, Chair and Senior Researcher, OpenForum Europe/RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

"The Linux Foundation Europe's goals are to provide much-needed roots for growing a healthy open-source ecosystem in Europe by promoting open-source projects and helping them to succeed, and organizing training courses and events for the purpose of educating others on the benefits of open-source software. With the support of key open-source companies and contributors, I don't have any doubt that we are going to achieve those goals." - Samuel Iglesias Gonsálvez, Director of GPU Driver Development, Igalia

"Linux Foundation Europe offers the opportunity to drive projects in accordance with sovereignty, benefiting from intense regional innovation, but definitely with the aim of sharing and contributing to the global ecosystem." - Guillaume Nevicato, Head of Telco Cloud PGR, Orange

"I look forward to working with LFE to boost enterprise adoption of open-source technologies, and improve collaboration and inclusion when it comes to technology innovation that has a real positive impact on our daily lives." - Csilla Zsigri, Chief Strategy Officer, BTP

"I am deeply honored to serve on the Linux Foundation Europe Advisory Board and I am committed to fostering a deeper understanding of the power of open source technology to drive innovation in highly regulated industries. By working together with industry leaders, governments, and non-profit organizations, we can unlock the full potential of open source and create a more collaborative and innovative future for all in Europe." - Debora Comparin, Standardization Expert, Thales; Chair of OSIA Initiative, Secure Identity Alliance (SIA)

"LF Europe Advisory Board is a great opportunity to strengthen the collaboration within the open source community in order to be at the forefront of the major transformations to come in Europe, such as the ones promoted by the European Green Deal." - Lucian Balea, Deputy Director of R&D and Open Source Director, Réseau de Transport d'Electricité (RTE)

"I am deeply honored to have been invited to join the first team of 'influencers' of the future of corporate Open Source. I hope that my contribution will help to foster strong bonds between the different communities of the Open Source movement in Europe and worldwide, and strengthen the role of the Linux Foundation Europe in creating strategic synergies with the corporate ecosystem." - Gerado Lisboa, Board Chair, ESOP - Open Source Business Alliance Portugal

"Open Source Software and its ecosystem play a key role in society and several industrial sectors. I am thrilled and honored to be part of the inaugural advisory board and I look forward to collaborating with Linux Foundation Europe to foster the OSS culture and to boost the adoption of open standards in public and enterprise. I think that the foundation will play a strategic role to strengthen the collaboration between the public and private sector." - Paolo Mainardi, Sparkfabrik, CTO and Founder

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