

# OpenCommunity Governance

## 1. General Project Information

**Short description:** This proposal is a continuation of the OpenGov Proposal Audit project, with the objective to continue the work and further opening of the process to a wider community.

**Project Category / Type:** Community, Governance

**Proponent:** CoinStudio

**KSM address:** GCMGu8sjEuEZuMZavo5PLvAhr8fJXAty76jDV1YPquG9erp

**Requested allocation:** 307.38 KSM/ 7,582 USD

**Discussion date:** 21/04/2023 <https://kusama.polkassembly.io/post/2562>

**Onchain publish date:** 29/04/2023

**Governance referenda origin call:** small\_spender

**Previous treasury proposals:**

- [Referenda #67 Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits](#),
- [Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#)
- [Referenda #67 - Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits - Final Report](#)

**Other:**

- Ongoing [discussion topic](#) with presented work samples
- Overview of entire [OpenCommunity Governance project](#)

## 2. Context

This proposal is a continuation of two previous milestone proposals aimed at improving the Kusama OpenGov. The first proposal, Milestone 0, addressed OpenGov issues by developing proposal and audit templates, improving community discussions, and creating audit reports. The second proposal, Milestone 0.5, expanded the initial project by introducing the program to onboard additional proposal Auditors to enhance the decentralization and accuracy of score results.

## 3. Problem

A major challenge in the current proposal evaluation process is the lack of constructive feedback during the discussion phase. To address this, appointed auditors will shift their focus by becoming more involved in the earlier phases of proposal development. This proactive approach will help proposers receive feedback and address potential weaknesses in their proposals before they are submitted onchain, giving them time to evaluate the feedback and make improvements.

## 4. Proposal

**OpenCommunity Governance project** is based on a series of smaller milestone and delivery-based proposals, each building upon the previous one. The initial proposal validated the project's concept, demonstrating its viability and feasibility. The subsequent milestones will showcase the project's potential to improve the Governance 2.0 experience for all parties involved through regular reviews and assessments.

This proposal will continue the previous work with an additional goal to address challenges faced during the proposal discussion phase, such as the lack of constructive feedback. Appointed auditors will become more involved in the earlier phases of proposal development, engaging with proposers during the discussion phase to help identify and address potential weak spots in proposals before they are submitted onchain. This approach will lead to higher-quality proposals and contribute to a more efficient and effective governance process within the Kusama ecosystem.

### 4.1. Available solutions

Currently, there is some level of individual and sporadic community engagement in the OpenGov process. However, this engagement lacks consistency and a standardized approach and rarely comes with the proper feedback.

### 4.2. Scope of work

The scope of work for this project outlines the tasks necessary to achieve the project goals. It breaks down the project into manageable milestones, tasks, and timelines. While the original plan included additional milestones and audits on reports and deliverables, the decision was made to pursue a smaller proposal and leave the above for the next proposal. The appointed auditors will engage with proposers during the discussion phase, ensuring that proposals are better aligned with the community's best interests, ultimately leading to better decision-making within the Kusama ecosystem.

### 4.3. Milestones

This proposal is milestone and delivery-based, meaning funding will not be requested for the entire project upfront. Instead, funding will be sought for each subsequent milestone upon successful completion and delivery of the previous one. This approach ensures efficient use of resources and increases accountability.

#### 4.3.1. Milestone 1: OpenCommunity Governance (05/2023 - 06/2023)

In Milestone 1, the primary objective is to continue onchain proposal audits, expand Auditor tasks, and introduce Auditor and Reviewer roles.

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As part of this milestone, strategic collaboration between the Audit team and Polkasassembly team will continue. The shared goal is to enhance the overall usability of Polkasassembly and provide users with interactive options for applying some audit/review components. This collaboration will lead to significant improvements in Polkasassembly's user experience, attracting more users and encouraging increased and simplified community engagement. The focus at this stage will be on testing a better system for applying reports to the platform, and exploring options to incorporate the Review form in a more user-friendly and interactive process within the platform.

Milestone 1: Implement OpenCommunity Governance (05/2023 - 06/2023)		
Work Tasks	Details	Deliverables
Continue onchain proposal audits.	Maintain the review process for incoming proposals	Ongoing onchain proposal audits
Expand Auditor tasks.	Extend the responsibilities of Auditors to include review of proposals before they are published onchain (pre-proposals and proposals in discussion phase)	Expanded Auditor tasks
Polkasassembly collaboration	Work on a solution to include interactive options for applying some audit components into Polkasassembly. This collaboration will lead to significant improvements in Polkasassembly's user experience, attracting more users and encouraging increased community engagement.	A simplified audit publishing process for the Audit team. Testing the possible options in order to create a simplified process for the community.
Introduce Auditor and Reviewer roles.	Create new roles within the governance structure and establish their duties for project evaluation. Adjust the Audit template categories to fit more subjective feedback.	Defined Auditor and Reviewer roles

In order to effectively evaluate project proposals using [Audit Template](#), it is essential to have an objective and standardized grading system in place. This system provides clear guidelines that enable auditors to consistently assess proposals, ensuring that their evaluations are unbiased and well-informed. By adhering to these guidelines, we can efficiently identify the risks associated with each proposal and provide valuable feedback to proposers and community

Audit report criteria		
Grade	Rating	Description
-2	Unacceptable	Proposals with a complete lack of information or intentionally misleading details result in high risk. In such cases, the proposal's content may be false or deceptive.
-1	Needs Improvement	Proposals with missing or insufficient information have a medium level of risk. They don't meet the minimum criteria but can be improved by addressing missing information, enhancing clarity, or providing more accurate details.
0	Meets Criteria	Proposals with a low risk level meet the necessary requirements. They provide all essential information, reducing the potential risks involved.
1	Above Average	Proposals that go above the necessary requirements have a minimal risk. These proposers demonstrate extra effort in providing additional information and further reducing uncertainties.
2	Excellent	No risk proposals have the highest level of information quality. The proposer has supplied all information in a highly transparent and detailed manner, effectively eliminating the associated risks.

Audit report Guidelines	
Guideline	Description
Project/Proposal Size	Keep in mind the effort invested and try to scale scores relative to the proposal size. For instance, smaller proposals with a budget of 3 KSM may require minimal effort, while larger proposals may necessitate extensive budget breakdowns across multiple sheets.
Avoid Double Scoring	Ensure that the same aspect of the proposal is not scored twice.
Template Usage	Using the proposal template is recommended but not a requirement. Be careful not to grade someone solely based on their use of a different format or document. The focus should be on the quality and clarity of the information provided.
Overlap of Categories	Be aware that some elements may be presented across multiple categories. After completing the audit, review your comments to avoid praising or criticizing the same aspect twice.
Objectivity	Maintain objectivity throughout the audit process, and seek input from a second reviewer before posting the final assessment.

#### 4.3.2. Milestone 1.5: Extend OpenCommunity Governance (05/2023 - 06/2023)

Milestone 1.5 is a continuation of [Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#) with the goal to onboard additional community auditors. Additional Auditors are needed to keep up with the increased number of new proposals and the additional tasks introduced in the previous milestone. Multiple audits conducted by independent Auditors will allow for a wider and more objective opinion on the proposals, increasing transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process.

Milestone 1.5: Extend OpenCommunity Governance (05/2023 - 06/2023)		
Work Tasks	Details	Deliverables
Onboard additional proposal Auditors.	Expand the team of Auditors to enhance proposal review capabilities.	Up to 10 proposal Auditors
Continue improving score results.	Further develop the scoring system to enhance evaluation accuracy and fairness.	Enhanced scoring system
Perform audits of onchain proposals.	Continue reviewing and assessing proposals within the updated governance system.	Audited onchain proposals
Maintain Auditor onchain approval.	Maintain the system for Auditor candidate onchain approval to increase transparency and control.	Maintained onchain approval system

To ensure that the proposal Auditors are experienced and capable of performing their duties effectively, we propose that candidates follow the proposed onboarding process:

Phase 1. – Preparation		
Task	Description	Resource
Research	Get familiar with the proposal template, process and guidelines	<a href="#">Kusama Treasury - Project Proposal Template</a>
Research	Get familiar with the audit template, process and guidelines	<a href="#">Kusama - Treasury Proposal Audit Template</a>
Research	Get familiar with the existing audits	<a href="#">Referenda #67 discussion topic</a>

Phase 2. – Work tasks	
Task	Description
Create the Audit	Create an Audit report on a new onchain treasury proposal.

Discussion	Discuss the report with lead auditor CoinStudio
Post the Audit	Publish the Audit following the existing criteria and previous examples.
Create your portfolio	Create a minimum of 5 and maximum 10 quality Audit reports. Gather and address any community feedback or suggestions on your reports. This is the most important part of candidacy for the role of Proposal Auditor.

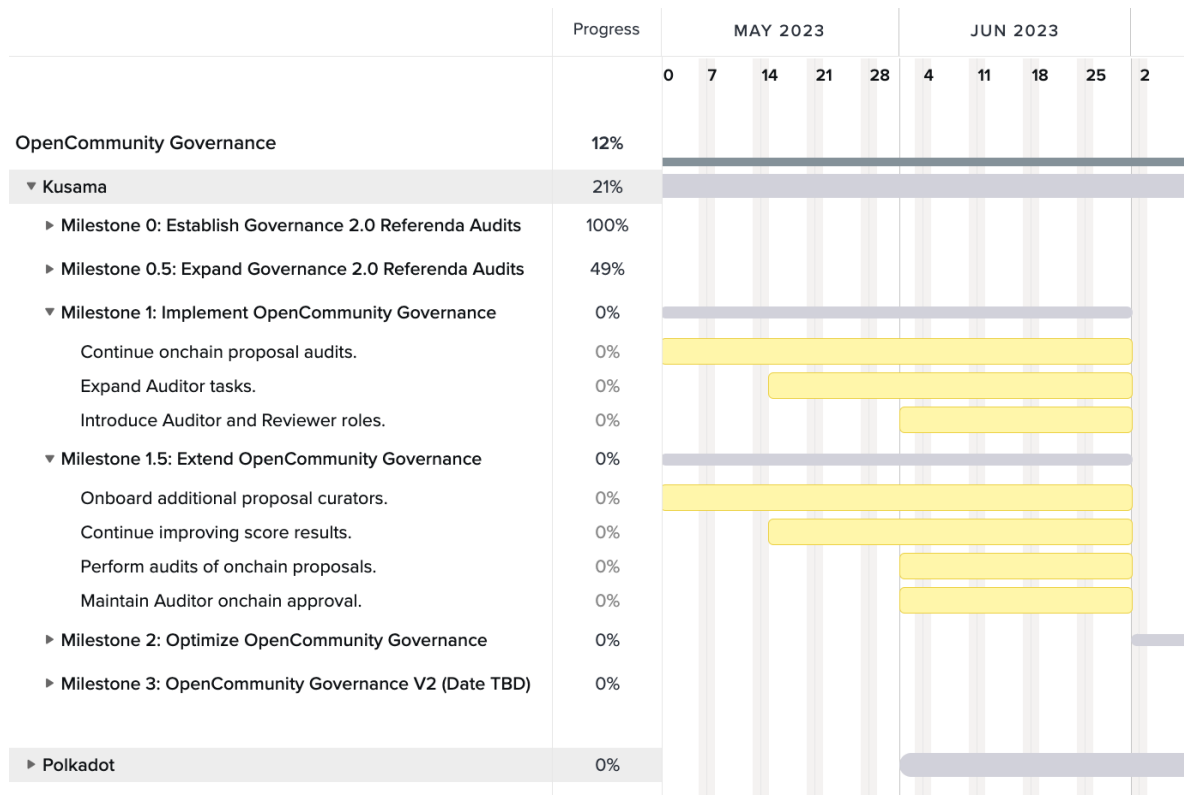
In addition, we propose that the candidates for the role of proposal Auditor must go through the treasury governance process themselves. This requirement will ensure that the candidates have a clear understanding of the treasury governance process and are familiar with the rules and guidelines that need to be followed while submitting a proposal. It will also ensure that the proposal Auditors have firsthand experience of the process and can provide valuable insights and feedback to the proposers and community.

Phase 3. – Onchain application process	
Task	Description
Draft your Candidacy proposal	Use <a href="#">Kusama Treasury - Project Proposal Template</a> to create your Candidacy proposal.
Start a pre-proposal discussion	Create a new post on the discussions tab in <a href="#">Polkasemply</a> . Run a discussion for a minimum period of one week.
Submit proposal on-chain - Small Tip	Submit the onchain candidacy in the form of a Small Tip. Provide all contextual info related to your candidacy. Stay engaged with the community.
Onchain decision	Onchain Approval of the submitted Tip is considered as the successful application for the Treasury proposal Auditor role.

Once the candidates are elected as proposal curators, they will be onboarded in the project, where their work will be paid and compensated according to the terms proposed in the proposal budget.

The future Reviewer role will be available only to approved Auditors to ensure that they have gone through the full OpenGov process and are familiar with the documentation and the projects, thereby maintaining the quality and effectiveness of the review process.

## 4.4. Timeline



## 4.5. Budget

The proposed budget outlines the costs associated with the project milestones 1 and 1.5. The project manager's time is estimated at 2 months, with a rate of 60 €/h, resulting in a total cost of €6,900. This includes the costs for preparing documentation, expanding auditor tasks, introducing auditor and reviewer roles, and collaborating with Polkasassembly.

Project manager - 2 months			
Milestone	Task	Rate 60 €/h	Cost
1	Prepare documentation: Proposal documents, reports, deliverables.	40	€2,400
1	Expand Auditor tasks.	10	€600
1	Introduce Auditor and Reviewer roles.	20	€1,200
1	Polkasassembly collaboration	15	€900
1.5	Onboard additional proposal curators.	30	€1,800
Total:		115	€6,900

The secondary budget provided is an estimated cost for approximately 2 months of work or around 60 proposals, offering a rough idea of the potential budget requirements. For this stage, all work will be **post-paid through self-submitted tips**. Approved auditors will initiate self-tips for the delivered proposal audits, and to avoid spamming the treasury track, a tip should be for compensation of a minimum of 5 audit reports.

Additionally, the estimated budget for proposal auditors is set at a rate of 50\$/h, with a total cost of \$6,000 for creating 60 audit reports, of which a minimum of 30 will be for proposals in the discussion phase. Based on previous experience, a minimum of 2 hours is needed to read, review, and publish all relevant audit documents. The auditing process will be carefully managed to maintain cost control measures and focus on the most crucial stages of proposal evaluation.

Estimated Proposal Auditor Budget - 60 Audit reports			
Milestone	Task	Rate 50\$/h	Cost
1	Create 60 Audit reports where minimum 30 is for proposals in the discussion phase.	120	\$6,000
Total:		120	\$6,000

To ensure that community members are fairly compensated for their participation in the onboarding process, the proposed budget has been designed to offer transparent guidelines and incentives for their engagement. By establishing a fair and consistent compensation system, we aim to motivate more community members to actively contribute to OpenGov.

With the goal to improve efficiency of the process and implement cost control measures, we have made the decision to discontinue providing audits for proposals that are still in the writing stage. This decision was made on the basis that auditing half-finished proposals proved to be highly time-consuming, often requiring auditors to dedicate significant effort to review and provide feedback on incomplete ideas. By focusing on more developed proposals, we aim to optimize the use of our resources and deliver more meaningful insights to the community.

The following **cost control measures** have been implemented to optimize the auditing process:

- A minimum of 2 hours is necessary for each audit, including reading, auditing, and posting a report on medium-spender proposals. This combined approach ensures that the auditing process is efficient and focuses on the most crucial aspects of each proposal.
- Limit the number of Auditors per proposal to 2 during the current milestone. This restriction ensures that each proposal receives multiple perspectives while maintaining cost efficiency. In certain big spender proposals, this decision may be re-evaluated to ensure appropriate coverage.



- Restrict the number of reports a single Auditor can submit to 2 per proposal. This measure ensures that each Auditor is focused on providing quality feedback and allows for diverse opinions on each proposal. This includes a secondary Audit report in cases where the proposer changed the proposal to include recommendations from the initial report.
- All the Audits will be post-paid through self-submitted tips, allowing the community to have an active role in overseeing the audit process and ensuring transparency and accountability throughout the evaluation of proposals.

These initial cost control measures aim to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the auditing process. As the team grows, these measures will be re-evaluated and adjusted accordingly to ensure continued optimization and cost control within the project.

All approved auditors will have the opportunity to contribute to the project, and they will be reimbursed for their completed audits through the OpenGov Tips. This reimbursement method has been chosen in order to reduce fund management costs and accommodate the small team size. All payments will be logged and presented in the final report, providing transparency and accountability for the entire process.

In summary, the proposed budget and compensation structure have been carefully designed to encourage active community involvement, while also ensuring that participants are fairly compensated for their contributions. By further opening and decentralization of the auditing process and creating a transparent reimbursement system, we hope to foster greater engagement and support the overall success of the project.

#### 4.6. Payment condition

**Proponent:** CoinStudio

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Funding request - 2 months	
Milestone 1.	€5,100
Milestone 1.5	€1,800
<b>Budget (Euro)</b>	<b>6,900€</b>
USD/EUR on 29/04/2023	0.906
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$7,616</b>
Conversion/slippage 3%	\$228

Final Budget	\$7,844
KSM/USD EMA7 on 23/05/2023	25.521
<b>Total amount requested (KSM)</b>	<b>307.38</b>

- <sup>1</sup>Daily EUR/USD conversion rate:  
<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=EUR>
- <sup>2</sup> KSM/USD EMA7 source: <https://kusama.subscan.io/tools/charts?type=price>

Payment conditions will be re-calculated using the latest rates on the day of onchain submission.

## 4.7. Deliverables and Success criteria

To ensure the proposed project success, criteria have been established for each milestone, serving as key performance indicators for evaluating progress. Regular updates on the project progress will be provided through live Polkasassembly discussion posts, maintaining transparency and encouraging community engagement. This open communication allows the community to stay informed and provide valuable feedback at any time.

Milestone	Success Criteria	Measure
Milestone 1	Total 60 Audit reports	60/60 Audit reports delivered
Milestone 1	More than half of Audits done before proposal onchain submission	Minimum 30/60 Audit reports delivered
Milestone 1	Defined Auditor and Reviewer roles	New Reviewer Audit sheet. 5 Review reports on proposals delivered
Milestone 1.5	Onboard additional proposal Auditors	Minimum 5 Auditor candidates submitted onchain

## 4.8. Known constraints

The main constraints that could impact the success of this initiative are limited resources for conducting comprehensive reviews, potential resistance from the community to adopt a new process, and a lack of community interest and low availability of qualified candidates.

## 4.9. Reporting

All information on Audit reports, registered candidates and their work on proposals will be presented on the [Referenda #67 discussion topic](#).

## 4.10. Communication

Team member: CoinStudio

Email: [coinstudio.polkadot@gmail.com](mailto:coinstudio.polkadot@gmail.com)

Polkasebly post: [Referenda #67 discussion topic](#).

Element: [@coinstudio:matrix.org](#)

## 5. Team

Project manager/Lead Auditor: CoinStudio

Proposal Auditor 1: Abdulbee

Proposal Auditor 2:

Proposal Auditor 3:

### 5.1. Kusama/Polkadot reputation

Since the launch of the Kusama mainnet in late 2019, I have been involved in the Kusama and Polkadot ecosystem. After a year of closely observing and learning about the network, upon friend suggestion I decided to take a more active role in the ecosystem. I decided to participate in the network by setting up and running my own validator infrastructure. This decision has allowed me to contribute more meaningfully to the ecosystem's growth and development while gaining valuable hands-on experience in the Polkadot and Kusama networks.

#### Infrastructure:

Operating validators on Kusama since 01/2021: [CoinStudio](#), [CoinStudio/CS1](#)

Operating validators on Polkadot since 04/2021: [CoinStudio](#), [CoinStudio/Grafitti](#)

Member of the Polkadot and Kusama [1KV program](#)

Operating Kusama Nomination Pool [#86 CoinStudio Pool](#) and Polkadot Nomination Pool [#68 CoinStudio](#)

#### Treasury proposals:

[#67 Governance 2.0 Referenda Audits](#),

[#79 Kusama Validator minimum commission rate](#),

[Referenda #67 - Proposal Extension](#)

#### Bounties:

Kusama Infrastructure Maintenance [Bounty #13](#) Curator

Kusama Infrastructure Builders Program [Bounty #19](#) Curator

## 6. Comments, Qs&As

Question 1: Why is there a need to review proposals? How does this process contribute to the Kusama ecosystem?

*Answer: Reviewing proposals is essential because not every proposer has extensive experience with project planning, and constructive feedback is currently lacking in the ecosystem. By providing in-depth reviews and feedback, Auditors help proposers improve their self-awareness regarding project goals and responsibilities, ultimately leading to better project execution and a stronger Kusama ecosystem.*

Question 2: Did proposal audits improve the proposals in the past? Can you provide some examples of their impact on the ecosystem?

*Answer: Reviewing proposals is essential because not every proposer has extensive experience with project planning, and constructive feedback is currently lacking in the ecosystem. Some examples of the positive impact of audits include enhanced project planning, improved budget allocation, and the identification of risks that were previously overlooked.*

Question 3: Is this initiative sustainable in the long run?

*Answer: As the Kusama ecosystem evolves and high quality proposals become the community standard, the need for audit reports will gradually diminish. This is already acknowledged and incorporated into the future Milestone 3, which focuses on the deprecation of the Auditor role and the full transition to a Reviewer role. This approach ensures that the initiative remains adaptive and sustainable.*


Question 4: How is the budget and funding for this proposal determined? Are the rates reasonable?

*Answer: The budget and funding for this proposal have been carefully planned to ensure that the project is cost-effective while providing adequate compensation for the individuals involved. The rates for the project manager and proposal auditors have been set at modest levels to strike a balance between fair compensation and responsible resource allocation. By establishing a clear and transparent budget, we aim to incentivize community members to participate in the project, contribute to its success, and maintain a sustainable governance structure for the Kusama ecosystem.*


## 7. Extras


Here is a short summary of the feedback received from the proposers:


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 niftesty commented | 16th Feb '23

I just recently used the template as a starting point for [my first proposal](#). There it was of great help for me to understand the process and the requirements. Also CoinStudio was very helpful in chat with other questions I had. Thanks for that!


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 Anabelle | P... commented | 17th Feb '23

Thank you for your regular updates and work on these templates. I have left some comments directly in the docs.


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 Babes Pap... replied | 14th Feb '23

thank you for your support and guidance [@coinstudio](#)!

I didn't expect chaos when I published the proposal the first time, but "Kusama" didn't disappoint me and indeed provided a bit of chaos :)
- A

ab691c55844b49ae8f925c735


 replied | 6th Mar '23

Hey [@coinstudio](#), your audit report it's a very useful tool, and I appreciate the effort you have taken to provide with comprehensive feedback. The guidelines and suggestions included in Referendum #67 will be especially helpful in guiding me in creating my next proposal and achieving an excellent result.. I truly appreciate your contribution and your commitment to ensuring the quality. Your insights will undoubtedly benefit not only for my current proposal but also other ones. All link and file are OK
- D

dataphysicist

 replied | 10th Mar '23

This is great, it highlighted some areas for improvement for the draft proposal. We will update shortly.

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 Kusama P... replied | 11th Mar '23

Wow, thank you very much for that detailed feedback and for taking the time to read through the proposal. Rest assured that we take all your evaluation seriously, and we will be using it to work on a much-improved proposal that addresses any concerns and improves the overall quality of it.

K

 KusamaH... replied | 27th Mar '23

Thank you very much CoinStudio for your help with the proposal during the past month and the active and constructive feedback you provided us.

Your expertise and advise helped to guide us through all the step to make it an OpenGov-friendly proposal.

Sincerely, KusamaHub.

 KusamaH... commented | 27th Mar '23

We are deeply grateful to CoinStudio for his valuable contribution to the proposal over the past month, and for his active and constructive feedback.

Through his unparalleled expertise and astute guidance, the proposal was transformed into an OpenGov-friendly initiative, offering immense utility to the community.

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 CrisPap replied | 31st Mar '23

Thank you very much for taking the time to evaluate our proposal.

Your audit report highlighted some good points that we should definitely look into.

Really nice initiative overall that could be very useful with some extra necessary developments that will improve the decentralisation and accuracy of the score results.

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  Hypercube commented | 30th Mar '23

Thanks for the review, Coinstudio.

I'll add as much missing information as I can. This is very helpful.

I think you missed a few items that were actually included in the proposal. But if you couldn't find them instantly, that's a sign I wasn't clear enough.

Note that I used the exact same format as we did with a proposal that was accepted two years ago and was well received by the community, through v1 Governance.

I'll update this soon. Thanks again

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  Dotcast replied | 30th Mar '23

Hey CoinStudio,

thanks for your report!

We will make the necessary changes to meet the audit standards and in this way deliver a more clear and complete proposal to the community.

C

  Cryptozilla replied | 3 days ago

Hello CoinStudio,

thank you for going through my treasury proposal and providing me with your detailed audit report.

I appreciate your analysis of the quality of information included in my proposal as it provides me valuable feedback on each section and identifies the areas, that might require improvement so that the community can really find all necessary information.

Within the next few days, I will add additional information and implement some changes based on your suggestions. Once done, I will provide the summary of which sections of my proposal got updated in the description at the top of this page and also as a reply to your comment.

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    Day... replied | 3 days ago

Thank you, CoinStudio, very helpful. I will work on the improvements to elevate the quality of the proposal. Really do appreciate the feedback!

D

  MYBESTLIFE replied | 15 hours ago

Thank you CoinStudio! Proposal #67 is a great idea.

I will make improvements to "#2552 DeStore Network 6 month extension and further funding" based on your personal feedback through the audit.