



DÉPART
DE SENTIER

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**General Assembly
27 May 2025**

Slides available online:

<https://github.com/Depart-de-Sentier/Legal/>

DdS Board

Association goals

Départ de Sentier is a Swiss association created with the following goals:

- Support open source software for sustainability assessment
- Organize conferences and events on open source software for sustainability assessment
- Promote public engagement and education on sustainability assessment, citizen science, data transparency, sustainability, and open science
- Support active citizen engagement in monitoring, interpreting, and managing personal energy and material use
- Facilitate scientific interchange on open science for sustainability assessment

Role of the General Assembly

The highest body of the association is the General Assembly.

Proposals to the General Assembly must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors no later than 7 days before the General Assembly. *No proposals submitted for 2025.*

The Board of Directors or 20 percent of the members may at any time request the convening of an extraordinary General Assembly, stating the purpose of the meeting.

Complete statutes at <https://github.com/Depart-de-Sentier/Legal>.

Tasks of the General Assembly

- Approval of the annual report of the Board
- Approval of the annual accounts
- Discharge of the Board of Directors
- Election of the Board of Directors
- ~~Approval of the annual budget~~
- ~~Amendment of the statutes~~
- ~~Decision on exclusion of members.~~
- ~~Decision-making on the dissolution of the Association and the use of the liquidation proceeds~~

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Brightcon 2024



39 in person, >50 (paid) online
Conference material free and open source

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Schools 2024: Switzerland



October 2024: 31 students and instructors
November 2024: 73 (!!) applications, 30 students

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Spring School 2024: Canada



18 students, 4 instructors, budget negative
Teaching material free and open source

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Financial Position

Assets:

- **€27k (Wise account)**
- **CHF 1k (Raiffeisen account)**
- **€26k (Outstanding invoice)**

Liabilities

- **€22k Summer School (Singapore)**

Monthly Spend:

- **< €200 (Servers and IT admin)**
- **€6k (Programmer)**

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Expanding possibilities

Grant from ADEME: 2024-2027, €180k

- Open data to support free LCA publication
- Infrastructure development
- Hiring 1 software engineer

Horizon 2020 Greengrocer Project: 2025 - 2028, €679k

- Develop platform for sharing and publishing open LCA data
- *Building statistical robustness to improve PEF quality... better understand statistical robustness within and across LCA databases, and thus to establish error budgets and prioritise improvements... we will harmonise project data and other open data sources using a common glossary... This logic will be used to create product system models which can be linked into flexible supply chains, and used to calculate the synthesised best-available knowledge of agricultural and other LCA data.*

DdS Board

Three member of the Board were elected in 2022. Their 3-year terms will ended on February 1, 2025. They are all running for re-election:

- Chris Mutel (Chair of Board)
- Tomás Navarrete (Vice-chair)
- Karin Treyer (Member)
- *João Gonçalves (elected until 2027)*
- *Melanie Douziech (elected until 2027)*
- *Manuel Klarmann (elected until 2027)*

Move General Assembly Date

The board proposes to move the General Assembly from Spring to the Fall, to be held during Brightcon. There could be two General Assemblies in 2025.

The aim is to make in-person participation possible, and to expose what and how DdS does to a broader audience. We believe that such transparency could attract additional members, and is consistent with our association's values.

Outlook

Summer School: June 2025 (Singapore)

Brightcon: October 2025 (Grenoble)

Autumn School: November 2025 (Grosshöchstetten)

Hiring of DdS director in Autumn 2025