



DÉPART
DE SENTIER

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General Assembly

26 June 2024

Slides available online:

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

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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.

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
- Acceptance of the auditor's report and approval of the annual accounts
 - Discharge of the Board of Directors
 - Election of the Board of Directors as well as the Auditors
 - Determination of the membership fees
 - Approval of the annual budget
 - Adoption of resolutions on the program of activities
 - Adoption of resolutions on motions of the Board of Directors and the members
 - Amendment of the statutes
 - Decision on exclusion of members.
 - Decision-making on the dissolution of the Association and the use of the liquidation proceeds

Annual Report

Brightcon 2023



69 in person, 36 (paid) online
Conference material free and open source

[ecoinvent video](#)

Annual Report

Autumn School 2023: Switzerland



30 students, 6 instructors, budget positive
Teaching material free and open source

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Spring School 2024: Canada



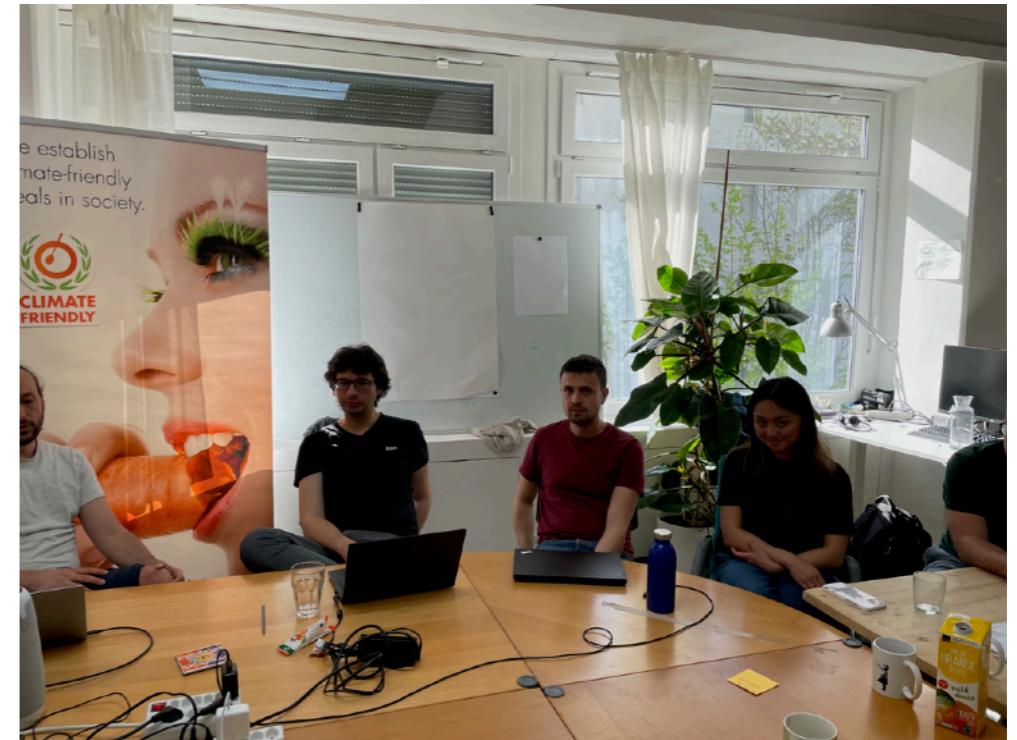
18 students, 4 instructors, budget negative
Teaching material free and open source

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Expanding ambitions



March 2024: Strategy retreat



April 2024: Technical workshop

From 2024: Focused outreach campaign, 16 letters of support

From April 2024: Cauldron Solutions GmbH devotes all human and financial resources to DdS mission to reach LCA at scale

From April 2024: Membership grows to 25 people

Finances

Budget

Expenses	Amount (EUR)	Income	Amount (EUR)
Cloud computer rentals	2189.24	Course fees	38907.29
Online software services	3086.05	Memberships	25
Travel reimbursement	364.08	Excess money from Brightcon conference (fees minus expenses)	2511.5
Electronic equipment for courses	34.28	Donations	4120
Office expenses	72.6		
Course hotel	35111.16		
Consultants for Brightcon conference	515		
Accountants	463.5		
Bank charges	61.8		
Total	41897.71		45563.79
Net surplus/loss			3666.08

Cash position

Cash	EUR	CHF	Total (EUR)
Jan 1, 2023	3975.68	3430.36	7508.9508
Jan 1, 2024	7353.62	2226.63	9647.0489
Jun 25, 2025		8362.92	8697.4368
<i>(multiple currencies)</i>			

Auditor's reports



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To
Members of the Départ de Sentier Association
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SWITZERLAND

Bouguenais, June 20th 2024

Subject: financial audit report

The association Départ de Sentier was founded in 2022 and registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Aargau on August 23rd 2022.

The Board of Directors of the association is responsible for the functioning of the association, and I volunteered as an association member outside this Board to audit and evaluate the financial results of the association over the period spanning from January 1st to December 31, 2023.

I evaluated the documents submitted to me: bank statements, invoices issued, and expense receipts.

I did not find in this audit any evidence which would lead me to believe that the operation of the association would not respect the laws, or that the financial transactions would have served interests other than those of the association.

This leads me to declare that the financial accounts of the association are in order, and I recommend to the office to prepare and close the balance sheet for the year 2023.

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Auditor's reports

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As the appointed auditor, I have reviewed the documents submitted to me, such as bank statements, invoices, and receipts from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

During my audit, I did not find any evidence that would lead me to conclude that the management of the association did not comply with the law and the relevant regulations or that the carried out financial transactions did not serve the purpose of the association.

In my opinion, the financial records are in order, and I recommend to the Board of Directors to prepare and close the balance sheet for the year 2023.

Kind regards,
Aleksandra Kim



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DdS Board

The current Board were all elected in 2022. Their 3-year terms will end on February 1, 2025.

- Chris Mutel (Chair of Board)
- Tomás Navarrete (Vice-chair)
- Karin Treyer (Member)

The board invited applications for additional members at this GA.



Mélanie Douziech

- Researcher and project manager at Agroscope, the Swiss centre of excellence for agricultural research
- Associate researcher at the Centre Observation Impacts and Energy (O.I.E.) of Mines Paris
- Fluent in French, German, English

Motivation

- Contribute to the dissemination of Brightway to increase the flexibility when conducting life cycle assessments
- Support the transition towards more open-data in sustainability assessment

Experiences

- Methodological developments in Life Cycle (Sustainability) Assessment
- Life Cycle Inventory modelling and sharing (renewable energy technologies)
- Project (and stakeholder) management
- Event organization (Ökobilanzplattform 2024, Workshops, MSc journey...)
- Teaching activities throughout my MSc, PhD and subsequent job experiences

Background

- PhD from the Radboud University “Reliability in chemical footprint modelling of consumer product”
- MSc and BSc in environmental engineering from ETH Zürich

Hobbies

- Traveling, hiking, cooking

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Outlook

Brightcon: September 2024 (Hamburg)

Autumn School: October 2024 (Grosshöchstetten)

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Spring School (x2): May 2025 (Singapore)

2024 Budget: ~150k EUR or more

Apply for tax-exempt status in Switzerland

Partnership model (first partner is CIRAI in Montreal)

Mandate from the GA

The Board requests a mandate from the GA to pursue the following:

- Specify membership fees for legal entities (from 2.5k to 25k EUR)
- Implement next stage in DdS development, including signing implementation contracts for project grants
- Adoption of resolutions on the program of activities
- Adoption of resolutions on motions of the Board of Directors and the members