

# Départ de Sentier

**General Assembly**

**19 May 2023**

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# DdS Association

## 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

# DdS General Assembly

## Role of 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>.

# DdS General Assembly

## Tasks of General Assembly

- ~~Approval of the minutes of the last 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 2022



80 attendees (sold out)

Presentation material (mostly) free and open source



# Annual Report

## Autumn School



32 students, 6 instructors, budget neutral

Teaching material free and open source

# Annual Report

## Finances

### Current Assets:

- Wise: 6793.40 EUR
- Raiffeisen: 7415.46 CHF

### Liabilities:

- Monthly cost: ~230 EUR (Hetzner hosting)
- Misc. costs 100 CHF per year

Current model relies heavily on large individual donations.

Finances open at <https://github.com/Depart-de-Sentier/Financial>



# 2022 Auditor's Report



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## Auditor's Report

The Association Départ de Sentier was founded in early 2022 and registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Aargau on 23 August 2022. The first annual accounts will be prepared for the year ending 31 December 2023.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the Association, while my task is to audit and assess the financial records.

As the appointed auditor, I have reviewed the documents submitted to me, such as bank statements, invoices and receipts from 4 March 2022 – 31 January 2023, and checked them for accuracy.

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 financial transactions had been carried out that 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 the first annual accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023.

Zehnder Treuhand AG, Brugg

*T. Stanicek*



# 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 (Actuary)

To reduce costs, we invite volunteers for the role of financial controller :)

# Outlook

- 2023 Autumn School is fully booked: <https://www.d-d-s.ch/school.html>
- 2023 Brightcon is announced and contract signed with LIST: <https://2023.brightcon.link/>
- Investigating Spring 2024 schools in Québec and Latin America.

Given the current association membership, our main activities going forward will be Spring/Autumn Schools and the annual conference.

# AOB

- ~~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~~

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