



DÉPART
DE SENTIER

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Information and Feedback Assembly

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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

Brightcon 2023 vs. 2024



2023: 69 in person, 36 online



2024: 39 in person, 63 online

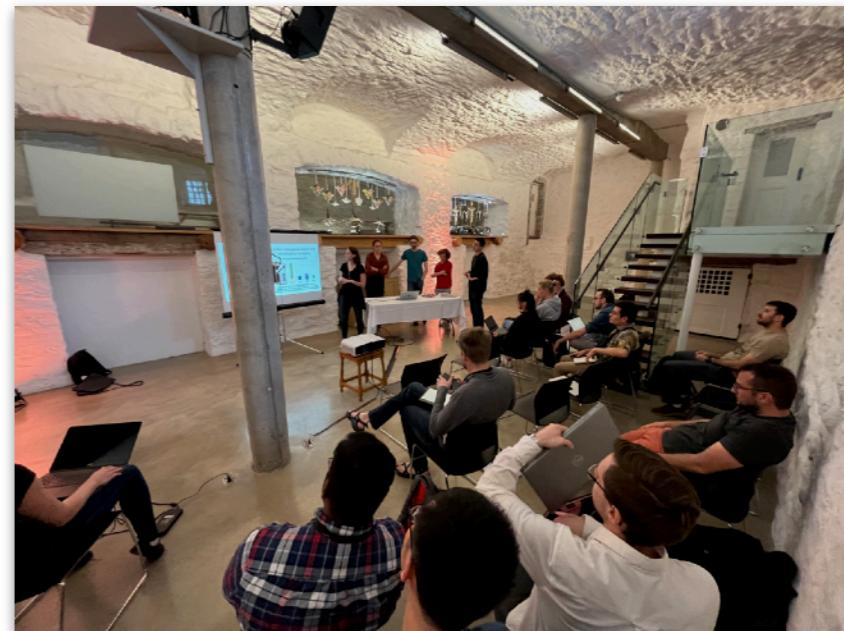
Schools

Autumn 2023: Switzerland



30 students, 6 instructors

May 2024: Québec



18 students, 4 instructors

Upcoming Schools:

- October 2024: Switzerland
- November 2024: Switzerland
- February 2025: Lima Peru
- June 2025: Singapore

Expanding ambitions



March 2024
Strategy retreat



April 2024
Technical workshop



June 2024
Hackathon

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 September 2024: Membership grows to 47 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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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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The association Départ de Sentier was founded in early 2022 and registered in the Commercial Register of the Canton of Aargau on August 23, 2022.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the association, and I volunteered as an association member outside the Board to audit and assess the financial records of the association.

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



Brightcon 2024 Budget

Costs	Value (EUR)
Catering	11336
Social Event	5635
Room rentals	2625
IT equipment	650
Miscellaneous	400
Organizers travel and hotel	2670
Income	
Sponsorship	2100
Online	5050
In-person	13300
Net Position	
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and CAULDRON

- Association
- Non-profit, applying for tax-exempt status
- No staff, all volunteers
- Runs budget-neutral events
- Limited liability company
- Owned by Chris, Tomás, and João
- Plan is to have DdS own at least part of Cauldron
- Preferred technology partner of DdS (DdS can decide on contracts)
- Building Sentier.dev, but also other stuff
- *Cauldron has money, DdS doesn't*