Intersect Open Source Committee

Event Attendance Report

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Event: Cardano Summit Berlin
Dates: November 11–13, 2025

1. Objective of Attendance

The primary objectives for attending Cardano Summit Berlin were:

- To strengthen the relationship between the Open Source Committee (OSC) and the Cardano community through direct, in-person engagement.
- To establish stronger bridges between the Paid Open Source Model (POSM) and the Cardano developer community, ensuring alignment between governance initiatives and on-the-ground developer needs.
- To gather direct feedback from Cardano developers, builders, and project teams, informing the Open Source Committee's public stewardship role and improving the relevance of its decision-making.
- To assess the broader reach and impact of the Cardano development ecosystem beyond its core community, including interactions with governments, businesses, institutions, and entrepreneurs, and to identify opportunities where the OSC, Open Source Office (OSO), and POSM can better support market adoption.
- To reinforce collaboration and alignment between the Open Source Committee and founding entities.
- To complement the committee's primarily virtual operations with in-person engagement, strengthening trust, coordination, and collaboration across individuals and teams involved in Cardano's open-source infrastructure (OSC, OSO).

2. Evidence of Participation / Communications

Public communications related to attendance and representation of the Open Source Committee:

- X (Twitter):
  https://x.com/andamioseb/status/1985827391537660281

- LinkedIn:
  https://www.linkedin.com/posts/seb-pabon_as-a-member-of-the-intersect-mbo-open-source-activity-7391592956400463873-IJDB

3. Ecosystem and Committee Benefits

Key benefits derived from Open Source Committee representation at the event include:

- Direct conversations with developers, builders, entrepreneurs, and founding entities regarding how the POSM can support their initiatives, and how the OSC and OSO contribute to the long-term sustainability and viability of Cardano as an open source project.
- Engagements with builders, projects, advocates, and institutions from outside the Cardano ecosystem, positioning the POSM as a structured entry point into Cardano for development, integrations, and onboarding of developers and builders.
- Increased visibility and understanding of the OSC's role as a steward of Cardano's public open source infrastructure.

4. Key Insights and Learnings

- Direct, in-person engagement between Open Source Committee members and the developer community is essential. It provides an irreplaceable mechanism for understanding real developer pain points and ensures that governance and stewardship decisions remain grounded in community reality.
- While participation from non-Cardano actors (governments, businesses, institutions, and entrepreneurs) is increasing, there is not yet strong organic market demand for Cardano-based products and services. This highlights a gap between technological readiness and market adoption.
- The breadth and maturity of projects showcased at the event demonstrate that Cardano already has the technical capacity to address more complex and ambitious market challenges.
- To compete effectively with other ecosystems, Cardano must maintain continuous momentum and adaptability. This requires well-maintained public infrastructure that supports rapid learning cycles, iteration, and developer enablement.
- The POSM, stewarded by the Open Source Committee and the Open Source Office, plays a critical role in establishing and reinforcing this infrastructure, positioning the Cardano open-source ecosystem to respond effectively to a volatile, uncertain, and opportunity-rich future.