

# After Action Report: Cardano Summit 2025

**To:** Open Source Committee (OSC)

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## Executive Summary

From **November 12–13, 2025**, I represented the Open Source Committee (OSC) at the Cardano Summit in Berlin. The primary objectives were to align OSC initiatives with current community developments, clarify our program offerings to potential participants, and support the Open Source Office (OSO) in their outreach efforts. The trip was highly productive, resulting in several high-value connections and increased clarity for the community regarding our processes.

## Key Activities & Contributions

- **Community Engagement & Strategic Alignment:**  
Engaged in deep-dive conversations with community developers and stakeholders. These interactions provided a pulse check on current ecosystem trends, which will be instrumental in ensuring the OSC's roadmap remains aligned with the community's technical needs.
- **Program Advocacy & Myth-Busting:**  
Met with several individuals and teams interested in OSC programs. I focused on:
  - Clarifying misconceptions regarding eligibility and governance.
  - Walking potential recipients through the application and participation process.
  - Onboarding interest for upcoming committee initiatives.
- **OSO Lunch and Learn Support:**  
Collaborated closely with the Open Source Office (OSO) to ensure a cohesive narrative during their "Lunch and Learn" session.
  - **Pre-session:** Assisted in crafting the "story" and value proposition of our open-source framework.
  - **During session:** Acted as the OSC representative during the Q&A and follow-up discussions, bridging the gap between high-level OSO strategy and practical OSC implementation.
- Post on LinkedIn with 60 interactions, 5 comments, 3 reposts, and 1,145 impressions
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The conversations at the [Cardano Summit](#) in Berlin inspire me challenge assumptions. It appears to me that the waning hype for the [#blockchain](#) technology is making place for feasible and useful solutions, enabled by blockchain.

I have been skeptical about blockchain-centric solutions. The sentiment is everywhere here at the event: solutions motivated by blockchain first often fail in practice. It is refreshing to hear that in recent years solutions that centered solving problems for people are getting traction. I suspect that poor implementations are weeded out. The fact that these solutions are built on blockchain are irrelevant to the users. What matters are the balance of privacy, transparency, and verifiability of information.

My background is in [#opensource](#). In the few conversations I had here about open source, I find that the [#Web3](#) space can learn a lot from open source in [#Web2](#). The combination is easy to see: blockchain is a technology; open source is a licensing and collaboration model that can be applied to this technology.

I'm bullish about [Intersect MBO](#) and specifically the Paid Open Source model. The core idea to reinvest transaction fees from the blockchain back into the technology is intuitive to everyone I talked with. Organizing this in an open source way makes it possible for the ecosystem stakeholders to coordinate the advancement of the technology everyone relies on. I'm energized to continue my work as an elected member of the Open Source Committee because I get to see the difference it makes.

Finally, I'm proud that [Bitergia](#) is a member and partner of Intersect. The Bitergia metrics are showing the growth of engagement in the open source projects. I'm considering to ask for funding from the Cardano treasury to do a large-scale analysis of the Cardano project, ecosystem projects, and also related and competing projects. I think it will be very interesting to see how different blockchain projects are being built. This will be important for adopters to choose which blockchain to rely on. With the investment into the Paid Open Source Model, Cardano should be well positioned.

Finally, finally, shoutout to [Terence McCutcheon](#) and [Christian Taylor](#) for inviting me into the Cardano ecosystem and driving the open source strategy. I am honored to get to work with them.

PS: I see a lot of people with to cellphones. Not sure what that's about.



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## Key Insights & Takeaways

Area	Observation
Community Sentiment	High interest in OSC programs, but a noted need for simplified documentation on "how to join."
Ecosystem Alignment	Current community projects are shifting toward digital identity solutions, suggesting we should review our current process to support DID's in the future.
Networking	Established 5+ high-lead connections with veteran contributors who had previously been hesitant to engage with the formal OSC process.

## Conclusion

Attending the Cardano Summit was important to interact directly with the community. We were able to explain the OSC's processes and thus recruit talented contributors. I am grateful for the opportunity to have represented the committee and look forward to converting these new connections into tangible program participants.