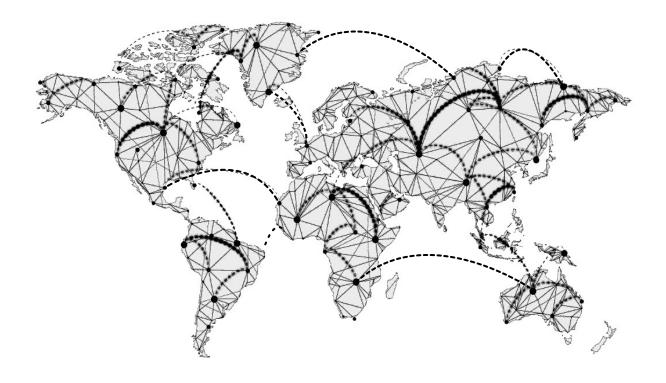
# For the Creation of a Worldwide Digital Platform Dedicated to the Presentation of Humankind's Projects



**Project of Projects Manifesto** 

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I would like to give an account of the system I have imagined and of my wish for it to serve the interests of each and every one. This document also aims to bring forces together to carry it out. Contributions are welcome.

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« "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. 1 »

1. Lao, Tzu. Tao Te Ching. China, 6th century BC, chapter 64.

### **Presenting the Projects on a Large Scale**

Idealizing the consequences of one's projects would be wrong<sup>1</sup>. Despite original benevolent intentions, they might indeed cause dramatic results. For instance, the invention of the diesel-powered engines keeps causing severe respiratory diseases<sup>2</sup>.

However, **creating and developing projects are also essential resorts to attempt to resolve considerable issues that can affect every one of us.** The devastating effects of cancer and neurodegenerative diseases immediately come to my mind. Successful projects are also able to overcome emergency situations. In those cases, we are glad to accelerate their achievements.

Nonetheless, do we really have a choice? We are coming out of a pandemic which keeps disrupting our everyday life, and we already have to gather all the necessary strength to prevent the coming climate disaster<sup>3</sup>. This fight will be difficult<sup>4</sup>. A difficult fight, but not an impossible one.

Thus, I suggest creating a worldwide platform dedicated to "the Presentation of Humankind's Projects" which would solve important issues. On this public or private platform, each project would have its dedicated page of presentation, just like a Wikipedia page, but with additional tools that will be discovered later on.

In concrete terms, our projects will be introduced along with their goals, their potential titles, and other defining aspects, such as the places where they are carried out. What results can one expect from such an approach? This is the subject of the following part.

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<sup>3</sup> Gates, Bill. (2021). *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need.* Knopf, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.

<sup>4</sup> IPCC. Reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. https://www.ipcc.ch/reports/

### The reasons of presenting projects on a large scale

Let's start with the nature of the projects that will be presented on this platform. **The purpose is to introduce all non-classified public or private projects. These projects would be meant to have an impact beyond the private sphere**, in other words the projects would be as diverse as building a bridge, creating an investigation journal or even creating a computer club<sup>5</sup>.

Why would we seek to introduce all these projects on a worldwide platform? Before answering this question, let's clarify the main missions this platform would have:

- 1. Improving the visibility of the projects
- 2. Providing all the necessary tools for creators to receive decisive contributions
- 3. Making the grouping of projects easier so that they can gather their means

If this platform was a success, it would contribute to the realization of more complex projects that concern us all. This is the ultimate purpose of the Project of Projects.

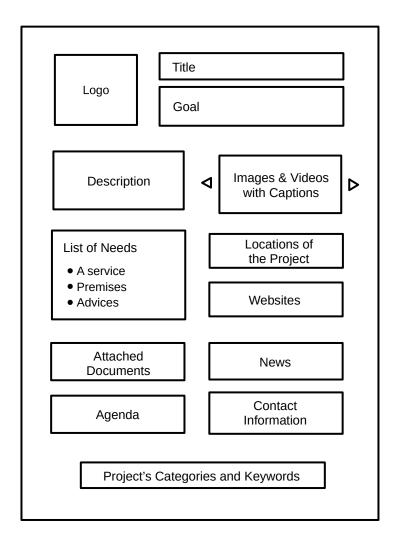
I have already talked about the climate challenge awaiting us, and I have also mentioned the opportunity of discovering new and efficient treatments. I won't forget the necessity of improving our ability to face any type of crisis.

This project aims to speed up the success of our projects, hence the name 'Project of Projects'. The basic materials the platform is going to offer are project presentation pages, so let's begin with the way they will look.

In order to avoid abusive uses, there would be a moderating step to check the content. Each newly presented project would have to go through automated and human validation steps. Furthermore, on each project's presentation page, visitors would have the possibility of using a report button

### A Project's Presentation Page

Each project would have a dedicated presentation page that would be humanly and computationally usable.



(Filled in diagram available in the appendices, at the end of the manifesto)

The design of the pages would be standardized, but not their content. The display would therefore remain stable, which would make the different information easy to find. Standardizing the pages is an important condition for efficiency.

What can one do now with the projects' pages? What would be their use in resolving concrete issues? It's now time to discover a first possible main application.

### **Discovering Interesting Projects**

Let us start by recalling a problem that even the best search engines have not managed to solve yet. Several millions of projects' presentations are scattered over the vastness of the Web and they end up lost under hundreds of search results of different kinds.

There are of course websites that gather presentations of projects, but they are thematically specialized, incompatible with each other, and nowhere close to gather all the scheduled or ongoing impactful projects on the planet.

From that perspective, it remains easy to miss the existence of projects we might be interested in, even close to us. Yet, this step is essential to directly contribute to their fulfillment, and therefore their success.

### What Such a Worldwide Platform Would Do For Us

One of the main points of gathering thousands of projects presented in a standardized way would be to improve their visibility and their capacity of being discovered. One would finally be able to efficiently search for projects by location, theme, or even desired goal<sup>6</sup>.

To better understand this idea, let's take the example of a traditional website of classified ads. What allows users to search for something with such precision and reliability? It's the standardization of the ads it contains. In the same way, if the platform had standardized presentation pages, we would get better precision and reliability when discovering projects we're interested in, for instance projects which revolve around personal matters.

So it would become easier for projects to be discovered by people who are truly interested in developing them. More contributions and better contributions would therefore be favored for different types of projects. This would be useful to take up more complicated challenges that concern all of us.

However, discovering interesting projects wouldn't be enough to carry them out as fast as we would like, hence my offer to complete the projects' pages with simple tools that I'm going to describe now.

<sup>6</sup> More on that in the appendices.



# Tools to Speed Up the Projects' Completion

It would be an interesting progress to facilitate the discovery of projects for them to move forward. However, one would like to go further, which is why **I propose to gather in the project's pages simple tools to favor their development.** 

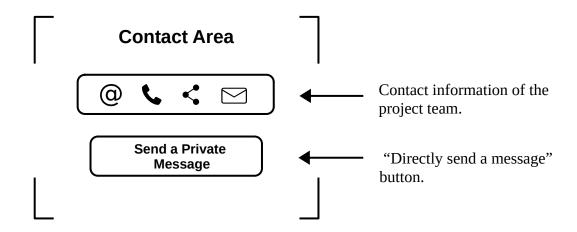
For example, a classic comment area is already a way for people to provide ideas and advice to a project team, it could therefore favor the success of a project<sup>7</sup>.

There are other simple tools to speed up the completion of projects and I'm going to briefly present four of them. Their benefit once accumulated should not be disregarded.

<sup>7</sup> To avoid ponderousness, the term 'team' will also apply to projects created by a single individual.

### ▶ Contact Us

A classic contact area would be integrable in each project's page:



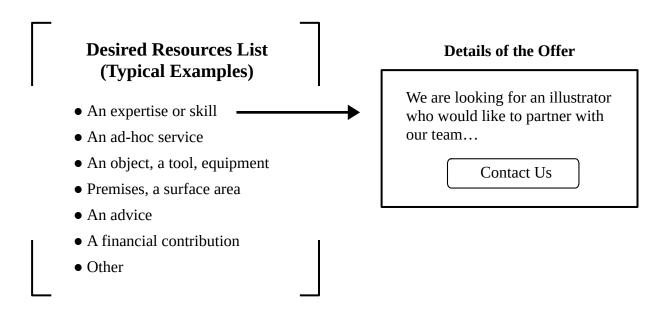
This area would boost contributions and partnerships between visitors and projects' teams. The goal of this measure is identical to the other measures introduced in this manifesto: generally favoring the success of projects, to improve our chances of getting specific desired results.

### **▶** Desired Resources for a Project

A team might want certain resources in order to carry out their project, such as premises; equipment; or participants.

The worldwide platform would help project teams to get a reference site to notify the resources they might need and, conversely, offer supplies<sup>8</sup>.

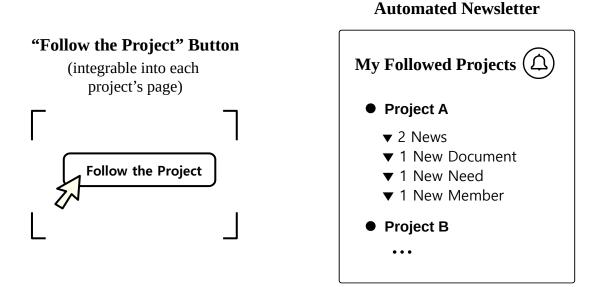
A 'wanted resources' area could therefore be added into each project's page:



<sup>8</sup> Here are various conceivable types of transactions: rentals, sales, loans, exchanges, donations, investments, volunteering.

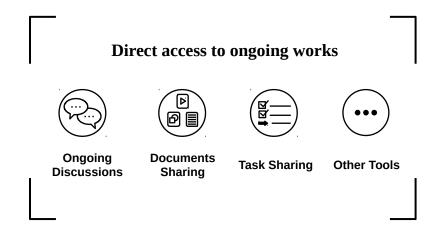
### ► Follow the Projects (and receive automated newsletters)

A 'follow the project' button would also be available for each project's page. It would help the teams with communication, while facilitating the follow-up of projects for visitors.



### **▶** Direct Access to Ongoing Works

Finally, an area to have direct access to ongoing works could be also added into each page<sup>9</sup>:



Teams would freely use their regular tools, connected by classic links. This area would only be visible to registered visitors who would get the approval of the projects' directors as well.

Therefore it would be easier to:

- know a list of tools used by the project team (especially for newcomers);
- create an access point to ongoing works.

<sup>9</sup> Additional tools are introduced in the appendices

## Groups of Projects

At this stage, the projects would gain visibility and ability to receive hopefully decisive contributions. Nevertheless, until now, the projects have been thought as plans isolated from one another. **In reality, teams can complement each other and increase their chances of success.** 

In this area, one can notice some tenacious competitions between for-profit project teams. However, these competitions are not representative of every interaction between teams.

- On the one hand, market-oriented partnerships are sometimes made between complementary companies<sup>10</sup>.
- On the other hand, **non-lucrative projects** such as environmental or civic projects might gather to share their experiences and improve their results.

Let's take the example of various projects dedicated to saving whales, but carried out all over the world. The teams could create a project group named "Save the Whales" which would allow them to **share their experiences**, **gather means and organize joint initiatives**.

In the end, if we wish to favor the success of the projects that are important to us, we should not forget **the true potential of partnerships between teams**, and we should try on the contrary to **improve as much as we can the conditions to create projects' groups**. To do so, my concrete offer is presented in the following page.

<sup>10 &#</sup>x27;Partners' and 'partnership' are general terms that will therefore be used in the rest of this manifesto.

### **Creating Explicit and Visible Groups of Projects**

Let us start by wondering which teams are more likely to get into partnership. It's those that **share** similarities or complementarities, and that are aware of it. Then a team can try to contact another team.

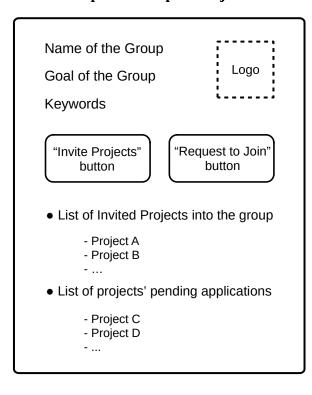
Thus, there are two levers to activate in order to bring projects together:

- 1. Facilitating the discovery of similar or complementary projects
- 2. Facilitating explicit gathering for project teams when they wish to do so

Here is how the worldwide platform could help activate these two levers:

- 1. The discovery of similar or complementary projects would become more efficient. As shown in the chapter "Discovering interesting projects", an efficient search engine would become possible, for instance to discover projects that share the same goal or that are being developed in the same region.
- 2. **Gathering projects would also become more practical.** Here is included the notion of explicit and visible groups of projects, that are able to appeal to other partners in order to accumulate means. This latest idea is illustrated in the following page.

### With a Worldwide Platform, an Explicit Group of Projects



- The creator of a group for instance a team that would like to partner with other teams – wants to directly invite other projects in his group. They can do so with the invitation button.
- The creator of a group would not necessarily need to search for similar or complementary teams by themselves. Other teams can come directly to them by pressing the 'request' button.

#### In conclusion

A worldwide platform would facilitate the creation of explicit and visible projects' groups. These groups could appeal to other teams to gather their means and, thus, to increase their chances of success. The procedure to create each group would be simple and accessible to all, and would make it possible for groups to develop on a local or global scale.

In practice, the purpose of such a system remains to prove, but it seems important to me. The creation of groups would be easier for projects that are located all over the world, that are organized by people who want to increase their chances of solving matters that affect them and potentially all of us.

It is time to take a step back from the platform as it has been designed until now.

### **Worldwide Organization of Projects**

Despite inequalities that remain considerable, humankind has more and more time<sup>11</sup>, freedom, education, and access to diverse resources. **As a result, conditions to create and participate in projects tend to become popularized.** 

What's more, digital tools have become accessible and have made it easier to meet beyond specific territories and to work with others in an organized manner. As for these conditions, **they foster the creation of teams working remotely or even internationally**<sup>12</sup>, **on several types of projects, even non-professional ones.** This situation has been observed in a substantial number of collaborative IT projects<sup>13</sup>.

Ultimately, there is a triple aspect to a reality that could generalize in the coming years: more projects; projects including members from all over the world; and projects that merge or complete each other beyond territories.

However, how could one take advantage of a possible worldwide increase of projects? What projects will be planned or ongoing on the planet? What will be their respective needs? How can they find meet and exchange while being far away from each other?

With a worldwide platform, one would be more equipped to answer these questions, because it would provide a **continuously updated global cartography of presented projects**. It would also **provide a practical tool** – which I talked about in the previous chapter – to **gather similar or complementary projects**.

In a way, **one would thereby lay the foundation of a Worldwide Organization of Projects freely usable**. Therefore, such a platform seems particularly important to build and to experiment as fast as possible, above all to improve our chances to succeed in fighting climate change, which is affecting the world in an alarming way now<sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup>.

Thanks to a Global Map of Projects, we would also be better equipped to discover if there are not enough projects yet to fight against major problems. What could one do in this case? What could one do when there are not enough projects dedicated to put an end to important issues? A call for projects can be a solution and is the subject of the next chapter.

<sup>11</sup> Bronner, Gérald. (2021). Apocalypse Cognitive. PUF.

However, the language barrier remains strong. Major progress needs to be done when it comes to this barrier. Part of this subject is treated in the chapter "Globalizing the Projects' Presentation" located in the appendices.

<sup>13</sup> In this area, the creation of teams mainly national would however remain predominant. Mombach, T., Chen, C., Bruntink, M., & Pinto, G. (2018). *Open-Source Development Around the World: A Comparative Study*. ArXiv, abs/1805.01342.

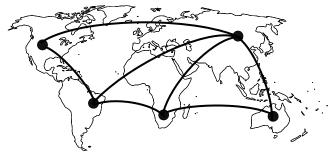
<sup>14</sup> This has been showed through series of climate events.

<sup>15</sup> Le Monde with AFP. "L'Ouest canadien consume par près de deux cents feux." *lemonde.fr*, Le Monde, 4 July 2021, <a href="https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2021/07/03/l-ouest-canadien-consume-par-des-centaines-defeux">https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2021/07/03/l-ouest-canadien-consume-par-des-centaines-defeux</a> 6086893 3210.html. Accessed 4 July 2021.

<sup>16</sup> Le Monde with AFP. "Intempéries dévastatrices en Europe : au moins 126 morts en Allemagne et en Belgique." *lemonde.fr*, Le Monde, 17 July 2021, <a href="https://www.lemonde.fr/climat/article/2021/07/16/le-bilan-des-intemperies-en-europe-grimpe-a-pres-de-cent-morts">https://www.lemonde.fr/climat/article/2021/07/16/le-bilan-des-intemperies-en-europe-grimpe-a-pres-de-cent-morts</a> 6088429 1652612.html. Accessed 17 July 2021.

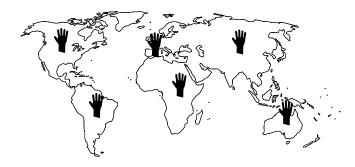


Presenting projects on a large scale would make it easier to discover their existence around the globe, an important first step in contributing or receiving contributions.

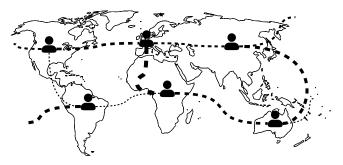


Representation of an imaginary project group called "Fight Against Illiteracy".

The global platform would facilitate the creation of explicit and visible project groups, capable of bringing together other teams, and designed to concentrate forces.



The global platform would provide each project team with a reference site to present their needs, and conversely offer supplies. For example, if a project is looking for an illustrator, quickly finding an illustrator can speed up its success.



This image symbolizes one of the objectives of the Project of Projects: to encourage contributions beyond territories, in order to improve our chances of achieving goals that are important to us.

### **Call for Projects**

One can wish to carry out a project without being able to achieve it efficiently by oneself. In this case, calling for projects can be useful. Here is a recent example<sup>17</sup>:

#### ARE YOU THE CREATOR OF AN INVENTION THAT CAN HELP FIGHTING COVID-19?

The state can support you!

The crisis resulting from the Covid-19 epidemic has created an **emergency need of innovations** regarding medical equipment, treatments, [...]

Nevertheless, **today**, **there is no general worldwide plan dedicated to creating calls for projects and consulting them**. Exactly like the presentations of projects, calls for projects tend to be lost in the vastness of the Web, with more or less visibility.

Yet, the stakes are significant as urgent and important matters can be fought thanks to successful calls for projects, especially during destructive crisis.

A worldwide plan dedicated to calls for projects would help to have better means to face such situations, and the global platform could be a suitable place for it.

#### Menu

Projects

**Groups of Projects** 

Calls for Projects

- The platform would **globalize the calls for projects**
- It would gather them into one dedicated part (see diagram opposite)
- It would enable their discovering and reading (as they would become standardized and brought up by categories and keywords)
- It would also become practical to directly answer the calls for projects: the project would be simply presented on the platform if it is not already done and the team would propose it in response to a call
- Finally, these conditions would become available to all

Of course, as it would apply to the presentations of projects, such a system would require a mechanism of content moderating. The authorized calls for projects would have to fulfill specific inclusive criteria beforehand.

This work is about to end. I have finished to review the main elements of the platform. It is now time to discover a last conceivable and essential use, that is to say improving our ability to face various types of crisis.

<sup>17</sup> Call for projects from the French government, <a href="https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/soutien-a-l-innovation">https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus/soutien-a-l-innovation</a>. Accessed 4 October 2020.

### Crisis Management<sup>18</sup>

When a crisis starts, human lives, habitats and production tools are likely to be wrecked in the more or less short term. However, beyond words, crisis are first and foremost human lives destroyed by permanent physical or psychological injuries. The stakes when it comes to crisis management are therefore very high.

Despite the diversity of crisis that can impact us, here is a thought to attempt reducing some of the consequences.

Let's start with a reminder: in practice, in order to adapt or put an end to a crisis, professional and non-professional projects are created. Nevertheless, once again, knowing the existence of these projects as well as their needs can be problematic. How can one get in touch with their teams? How can complementary projects get together if they are not aware of each other's existence?

In order to limit the appearance of lasting or out of control crisis, it would be in one's interests to progress in all these areas. When I started to conceive the plans of a worldwide platform to present projects, its utility to improve our ability to face various crisis appeared non-negligible. Here is why:

- I The platform would offer to each and every one of us a place of reference, simple and quick to use to present projects during times of crisis including non-professional ones and to discover their existence (chapter "Discovering Interesting Projects")
- II It would also allow visitors to know the teams' needs, to follow the project's development, and to try to get in touch with the teams, or even to directly access ongoing discussions (chapter "Tools to Speed Up the Projects' Completion")
- III It would facilitate the creation of explicit and visible projects' groups, that would be able to appeal to other teams and accumulate means (chapter "Groups of Projects")
- IV Finally, it would offer a worldwide system of calls for projects, which is useful to fight predictable problems or ongoing problems (chapter "Calls for Projects" from the previous page)

These are of course theories but, in my opinion, they seem plausible and particularly interesting.

The list of elements aforementioned have already been explained in the previous pages. This means that to obtain these new ways to manage crisis, there would be nothing else to do than simply using the platform.

<sup>18</sup> Typical examples of situations of crisis: natural disasters (earthquakes, storms, fires, floods and droughts), pandemics, economic collapses and explosions.

### **Conclusion**

Hope but also fear led me to write these lines. The world is facing a climate change which seems to be already destroying the everyday life of a large number of our fellow men and women. How can we develop faster our projects to try reducing its impact? The Project of Projects has been conceived to accelerate the completion of our projects and I advocate for its testing. The results would be enlightening whatever happens.

There is another hope I would like to share with you. It is the hope of a Project of Projects that would enable the completion of decisive medical progress. This hope is based on a simple mechanism: by accelerating the success of various projects, the development of more complex projects would also be fostered. As a matter of fact, the success of complex projects would only be possible if multiple and diverse – even modest – projects would be completed beforehand.

Theories remain theories as long as they are not exposed to reality. For instance, it is impossible to confirm that a sufficient number of people would take the step to present their own projects on such a platform.

I am probably not the most skilled person to build this platform and test my theories. That is why I have decided to publish this manifesto, and to make it free of use. I will keep trying to develop the Project of Projects, but the more people we are, the furthest we can go.

This project does not belong to me anymore and it is from now on in your hands too. If you believe that such a platform would deserve to see the light of the day and to be tried out, it needs you to come to be. Your opinion matters and your skills can make the difference. Suggestions of contributions and contact information are presented in the next page for this purpose.

Laurent Gaillard

**From Theory to Practice** 

The Project of Projects needs you to be carried out. There are many useful possibilities to participate in this project, even if you do not know how to do so. Here are some examples:

• Providing ideas, comments, remarks:

The Project of Projects can be improved. Your remarks, criticism and suggestions to improve it are useful. Contact me and they will be read with interest (email address available

hereinbelow.)

• Sharing the Project of Projects:

More people will be aware of the Project of Projects more it might get contributions. This is why I encourage you to share this manifesto, to share reviews, comments and summaries.

How can you do that? Sharing on social networks or by email is already a great help.

• Translating chapters:

Translation is another major lever to efficiently share this manifesto's message, and therefore to increase the chances of concrete initiatives developing all over the world.

Translating a single chapter would already be a massive contribution. Each and every language matters. To know the list of the chapters left to translate, please contact me.

Participating in the building of a platform to present projects:

If you wish to create by yourself a platform as presented in this manifesto, I recommend you reading the chapter "Compatibility Between Complementary or Rival Platforms" available

in the appendix.

If you want to join in my own building attempt, or if you have any other offer to take part in

it, please contact me.

The source code of a non-professional incomplete prototype is available on the following link: <a href="https://github.com/LoloForThePOP/meta-project/">https://github.com/LoloForThePOP/meta-project/</a> It is as for now free of use as part of the MIT

license.

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### **APPENDICES**

### Other Useful Areas for Presenting a Project

### **Project's Team Project Initiators** Ex: The city of New-York John Smith **Outside Contributors** Ex: sponsors; donors; investors; etc. **Planned Events** Other Standardized Information Ex: Project's status; project's budget. **Direct access to ongoing work** Ex: access to the chatroom. Frequently **Donation Asked Button** Questions **Comments from visitors**

### Possibilities of a Search Engine Dedicated to the Project's Success

Thanks to this platform, which would gather several thousands of standardized projects' presentations, it would finally become possible to create a more efficient search engine to discover the projects. Here are some examples:

- Search for projects initiated by organizations, for instance getting a list of all public projects carried out by the city of London, or a list of unclassified projects introduced by Tesla.
- Search for **projects with a specific goal,** for instance getting a list of all public projects which attempt to build a public supersonic plane.
- Search for **projects related to a particular area**, for instance searching for projects about the use of marine algae.
- Search for **projects by location in any geographical area**, for instance searching for projects that are being developed in one's home area or in any specific area.
- Search for specific projects depending on their title<sup>19</sup>
- Search for **projects which require a certain resource** (and eventually offer this needed supply.) (For more information, please check the "Desired Resources for a Project" part.)

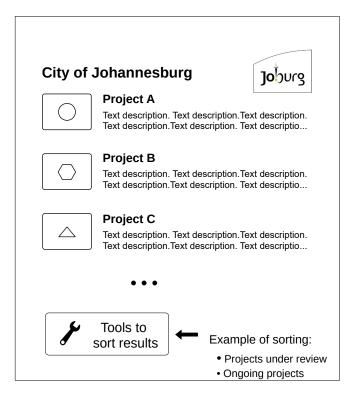
<sup>19</sup> This is the only possibility nowadays that remains trustworthy when using a classic search engine.

### Projects Owned by Organizations (Administration; Companies; Associations; and Other Organizations)

What projects does the city of London carry out? What are the projects that a region or other organization are planning to make or making at the moment? Is there any planned renovation of highway sections? Any creation of new infrastructures?

Practically, there is no efficient system to inform the people about public projects planned or already started and initiated by an organization. For instance, there is no information about projects from the city one pays taxes to.

If the platform introduced in this manifesto was to be built and used, it would immediately give people this efficient system. Its universal nature would indeed encourage organizations of any type to present on it unclassified projects, and its search engine would organize the results. Here is an illustration:



Henceforth, every organization would have a baseline platform to present planned or ongoing unclassified projects, and visitors would then access the pages of the projects they are interested in.

Memo: What reasons would lead an organization – even a private one – to present its unclassified projects to the mainstream? Here are a few examples:

- Communicating and advertising its planned or ongoing projects (e.g. a company creating a new product and wishing to share the project.)
- Justifying its choices or projects to the mainstream (e.g. a town council that receives and spend the money of its taxpayers.)
- Find contributors (e.g. an association that is looking for contributions.)

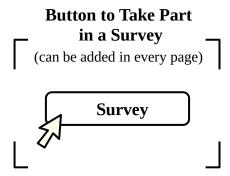
### **Comments on a Project**

There is no baseline place to express our opinion on projects. Each and every one of us is losing a chance to be heard and each team also loses its chances to receive potentially useful information to successfully complete its projects.

A worldwide platform to present projects would immediately bring us a baseline place to comment on projects, even if they are under review or ongoing projects. A comment section could therefore be added on each project's page as a way to favor their success.

### **Opinion Polls**

In order to get people's opinion on a project it would be useful to public opinion polls in the form of surveys. These surveys would also be integrable to each page and they would resemble the following:



The purpose here remains the same as for the other elements of the platform introduced in this document. This purpose is to increase the chances of success for the various projects and to raise our chances to solve more complex challenges.

### **Archiving of Projects**

Past experiences could enable the success of new projects, it is therefore essential to retain the presentations of completed projects. Presenting projects on a large scale would precisely allow us to do so by storing the pages for several years.

It would become more and more practical to get in touch with the members of previous projects, to get information on their own experiences, to ask for advice, or even to receive or negotiate contributions.

### **Globalize the Presentation of Projects**

When we are interested in a project, we would like it to receive contributions that will enable its completion. However, there is a strong barrier facing this desire, that is the language. The diversity of languages is an opportunity, but it is indeed an important obstacle to have knowledge of the large number of projects all around the world. Most projects created in the world therefore remain 'invisible' to us.

Yet, every project can have goals that are important to us, even projects initiated in a faraway country. Thus, making the effort to globalize the projects' presentations would possibly be a useful step for projects to receive more contributions. Here is an example:



In practice, how can this be obtained? Here are some ways:

- Each page could have an automated translation of its contents (thanks to the substantial progresses of these last years)
- The titles of the subsections would be pre-translated (as they remain the same)
- Human translation for the contents would also be available.

In the end, globalizing would make it easier for people to share or to have knowledge of projects from the entire world. The doors would open to more contributions and possible partnerships (which would both help making the projects successful.) Nevertheless, people would then have to find a common language to work together and this problem is not solved yet.

### **Compatibility Between Complementary or Rival Platforms**

I have written this manifesto so that at least one worldwide platform to present projects can see the light of the day. In the context of initiative freedom, different organizations could create different platforms. Diversity is an opportunity.

However, if we are not careful, the efficiency of each platform would collapse:

- When a project is presented on a platform, it would not be visible on other incompatible platforms. Projects would thus lose chances to receive contributions.
- Moreover, how could people be able to be automatically informed of the development of a project they are interested in, if this project is presented on a platform they are not registered in?
- Last example: how could an explicit and visible group of projects be formed if the projects are presented on different incompatible platforms?

Without any interoperability between rival platforms, the resulting situation would be the same as the current situation we are in; that is to say many isolated platforms with a significant but diminished global utility.

Chances of developing projects would be decreased and not as efficient as desired. Therefore, the incompatibility between rival platforms seems to me like a priority problem that we must remove. And a solution exists: a joint construction of the desired interoperability beforehand.

The basics of such an interoperability would be:

- 1. The creation of a common standard to show projects
- 2. An agreement of unclassified data sharing between collaborating platforms (which would technically imply the creation of an API<sup>20</sup>)

In concrete terms, when using platform x, the user would implicitly access the search and see the presentation pages of unclassified projects stored on platform y (but they wouldn't access their alteration.)

In view of this, whatever platform would be used, the user would implicitly access a wider platform equal to the sum of all interoperable platforms (rival or complementary ones.) This sum would contain a large number of projects and the worldwide coverage would be vaster.

So, if you wish to create such a platform on your own, wherever you live, I encourage you to contact me in order to organize an efficient interoperability.

If you have any skills in creating Web's standards, please also contact me as your contribution would help improve the basics of this interoperability that we need to favor the completion of projects.

<sup>20</sup> Application Programing Interface

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