

# Introduction to OpenGov

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# All the Practical OpenGov Stuff

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**Raise your hands...**

# Agenda

- What is OpenGov.Watch?
- OpenGov Today
- How to Win in OpenGov
- Issues
- Future

# What is OpenGov.Watch?

# OpenGov Timeline

- 2020 - Gov1 (Council Governance)
- 2022-11 - Kusama OpenGov Rollout
- **Kusama shopping spree**
- Kusama conservatism, HACN
- 2023-06 - Polkadot rollout
- **Slow and boring conservatism**
- 2023-10 - Giotto
- 2024-03 - Decentralized Voices (DV)

## Polkadot Treasury annual spending in USD & DOT | 2020 - 2023 June

■ Governance ■ treasury



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Jul 2023

I wanted to understand the total USD & DOT amount the Polkadot Treasury has been spending so far per year. I used the data from DoTreasury as base, which seems to use the daily rate of treasury grants around the time they were awarded - so in-time USD values, which should provide an accurate view on the value spent.

To solve the task, I...

- fetched all Polkadot Treasury proposals with the status awarded from [DoTreasury](#) <sup>7</sup>
- manually copied the values over to [this spreadsheet](#) <sup>5</sup>
- processed the data with [this Python Notebook](#) <sup>4</sup>

This is the result I arrived at:

year	USD	DOT
2020	565,629 USD	118,466 DOT
2021	1,805,639 USD	70,585 DOT
2022	16,359,027 USD	2,301,333 DOT
2023	9,106,917 USD	1,464,989 DOT



# OpenGov.Watch

- Reporting
  - Monitoring
  - Monthly Governance Report
  - Quarterly Treasury Report
- Discussion
  - Weekly Twitter Spaces
  - Free Consultations
  - Surfacing Issues
- Leadership
  - Governance Initiatives
  - Strategy

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# Welcome to OpenGov.Watch

Polkadot is the biggest DAO in the world. We help OpenGov grow up and develop structures and culture. We monitor ongoing developments, publish reports, consult OpenGov participants and provide thought leadership through curating a community-developed strategy for ecosystem development.

The [OpenGov Portal](#) is your gateway to understand all the current efforts in OpenGov.

Useful links:

- To learn what Polkadot OpenGov is, read the [Introduction to OpenGov](#) in the Polkadot Wiki first.
- Our [Guides](#) section has useful explainers around OpenGov.
- Visit the [Reports](#) section to learn about the latest development in OpenGov and the Treasury
- To get in-depth reports about the progress of the technical fellowship and a roadmap for Polkadot 2.0, check out the [Technical Fellowship](#) section.
- Do you need help and can't find the answers? [Book a call](#)
- We have written a Manifesto to explain our philosophy: [Web3 is a promise. OpenGov is the way.](#)
- We provide a Google Calendar for all relevant OpenGov events: [Link](#)

# OpenGov Today

# OpenGov Today

- Treasury
- Separation of powers
- Departments
  - Bounties
  - Collectives

# Treasury

# Treasury

Total

≈ \$114.75M

 ≈ 30.78M DOT

 ≈ 2.11M USDC

 ≈ 6.11M USDT

 ≈ 3M MYTH

Relay Chain

≈ \$58.72M

 ≈ 17.04M DOT

To be awarded 239.57K DOT

Next burn 170.36K DOT

Spend period 5d 5hrs / 24d 

Fellowship

≈ \$8.75M

Treasury ↗ ≈ 1.95M DOT

Salary ↗ ≈ 2.02M USDT

Asset Hub Treasury ↗

≈ \$18.27M

 ≈ 4.32M DOT

 ≈ 46.39K USDC

 ≈ 3.32M USDT

Ambassador ↗

≈ \$201.36K

 ≈ 201.36K USDT

Hydration ↗

≈ \$10.62M

 ≈ 2.75M DOT

 ≈ 569.62K USDC

 ≈ 565.18K USDT

Addr #1 ↗ Addr #2 ↗

Loans

≈ \$6.84M

Centrifuge ↗ 1.5M USDC

Bifrost ↗ 500K DOT

Pendulum ↗ 50,000 DOT

Hydration ↗ 1M DOT

Bounties · 21

≈ \$10.92M

 ≈ 3.17M DOT

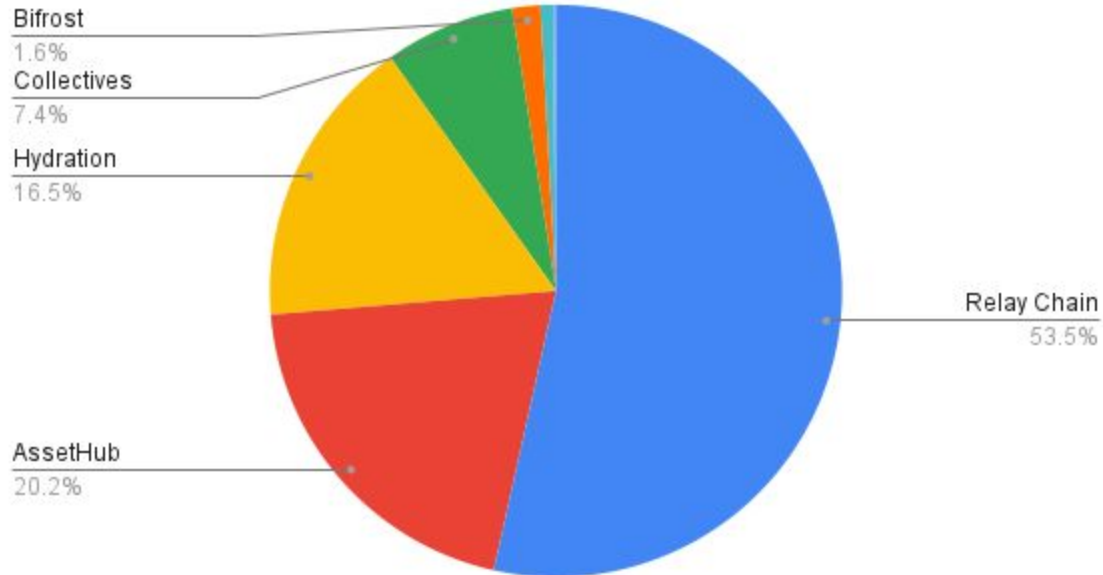
Myth Token

≈ \$424.2K

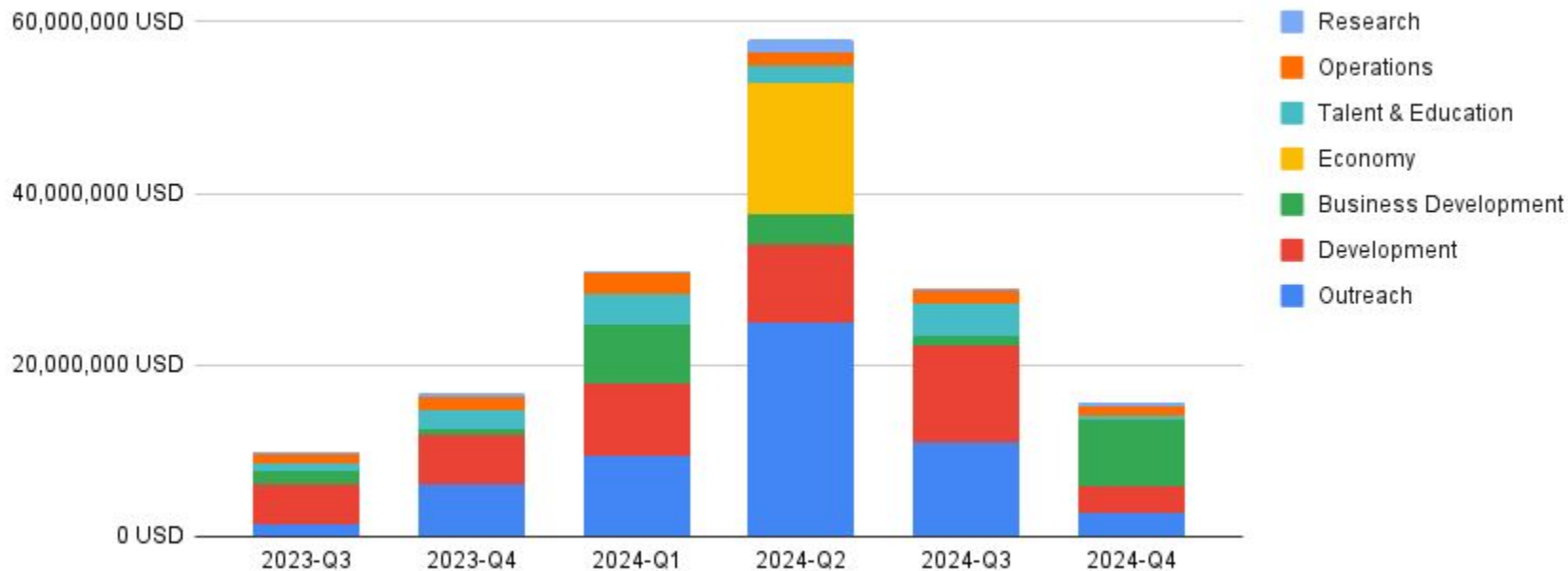
 ≈ 3M MYTH

Distribution ↗

## Polkadot Treasury Assets by Chain - 2024-12-31



## Polkadot Treasury Spend per Quarter by Category





# Power Structures

- Guardian Angels
- Whales
- DarkGov
- Delegates
  - Decentralized Voices

# Agents

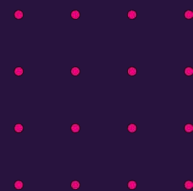
# Departments

Legislative

**What should  
we do?**

Executive

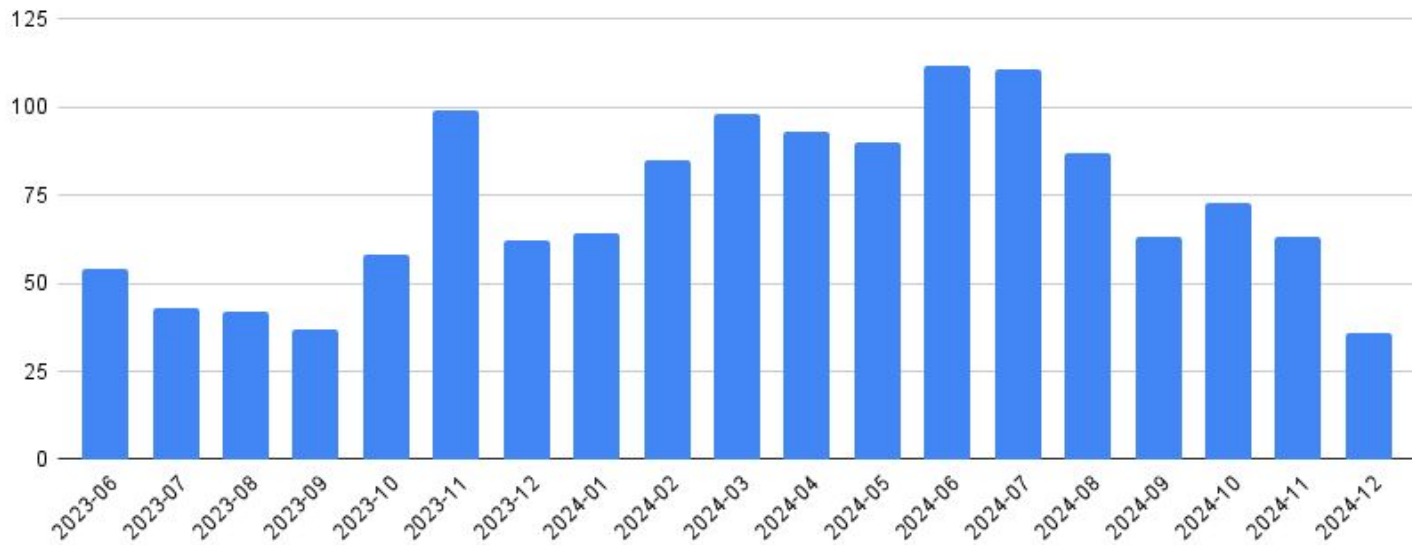
**How do we  
do it?**



# How can everyone decide on everything?




## Polkadot OpenGov Proposals per Month



# Bounties

- Social Contract with a multisig Sub-Treasury
- Curators
- Child Bounties
- We think of it as departments
- [opengov.watch/guides/bounty\\_best\\_practices](https://opengov.watch/guides/bounty_best_practices)

#	Name	Status	Proposal	Curator proposal	Transparency Page	Misc
<a href="#">10</a>	Polkadot Pioneers Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>		<a href="#">Website</a>
<a href="#">11</a>	Anti-Scam Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subscs://polkadot.antiscam.te">https://polkadot.subscs://polkadot.antiscam.te</a>		<a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Discord</a> , <a href="#">Twitter</a>
<a href="#">17</a>	Events Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc9S-Up45mwTSHUks0Gef">https://polkadot.subsc9S-Up45mwTSHUks0Gef</a>		<a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Twitter</a> , <a href="#">Linktree</a>
<a href="#">22</a>	Polkadot Assurance Legion Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://github.com/polka">https://github.com/polka</a>	Security audit for Parachains, <a href="#">Twitter</a>
<a href="#">32</a>	System Parachains Collator Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://docs.google.com">https://docs.google.com</a>	Regular updates on the <a href="#">proposal page</a>
<a href="#">33</a>	Marketing Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc/MB-Spending-Tracker-15">https://polkadot.subsc/MB-Spending-Tracker-15</a>		<a href="#">Notion Page</a> , <a href="#">Submission Form</a>
<a href="#">36</a>	DeFi Infrastructure and Tooling Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.polka">https://polkadot.polka</a>		
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<a href="#">43</a>	Meetups Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subscsite/Reports-13407b7487">https://polkadot.subscsite/Reports-13407b7487</a>		Max ask \$1,000, <a href="#">Submission Form</a> , <a href="#">Notion Page</a>
<a href="#">50</a>	Infrastructure Builders Program	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subscop.network/docs/categor">https://polkadot.subscop.network/docs/categor</a>		<a href="#">Website</a> , <a href="#">Wiki</a> , <a href="#">Submission</a>
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<a href="#">31</a>	Public RPCs for Relay and System Chains	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>			
<a href="#">59</a>	Open Source Developer Grants Bounty	Active	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>		
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<a href="#">49</a>	Technical Support Bounty	Inactive	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://docs.google.co">https://docs.google.co</a>	<a href="#">hcnical-Support-Bounty-G</a>	<a href="#">Telegram</a> , <a href="#">Submission Form</a> , <a href="#">Website</a>
<a href="#">64</a>	Rust Bounties	Waiting for Curators	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>		
<a href="#">63</a>	Fast Grants Bounty	Waiting for Curators	<a href="https://polkadot.subsc">https://polkadot.subsc</a>			



# Collectives

- On-chain primitive
- Technical Fellowship & Ambassador Collective
- Executive bodies
- Custom pallet
- Membership management & Ranks
- Payroll in DOT, USDT, any
- Sub-Treasury

# Technical Fellowship

- Sort-of replaced Technical Committee
- Can whitelist proposals for fast enactment/cheaper deposits
- Consists of Polkadot core devs
- Responsible for building the Polkadot runtime
- RFCs & RFPs
- OpenDev calls

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Notifications

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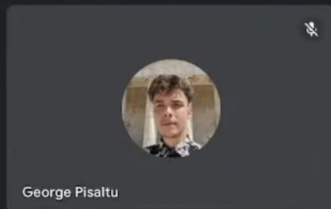
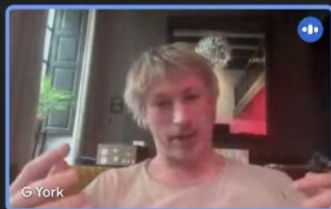
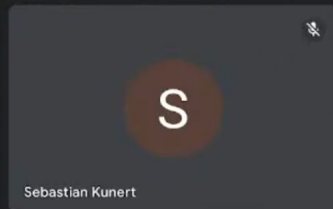
New pull request

22 Open	30 Closed	Author	Label	Projects	Milestones	Reviews	Assignee	Sort
Added RFC cron job	#68 opened 3 days ago by Bullrich • Approved	1	1					
Add EVM+ink! Contracts Pallets to Asset Hub for Polkadot	#66 opened last week by sourabhniyogi		6					
Support allocator inside of runtime	#61 opened last month by yjhmelody		13					
Add a discovery mechanism for nodes based on their capabilities	#59 opened on Dec 18, 2023 by tomaka		2					
Remove the concept of "heap pages" from the client	#54 opened on Nov 24, 2023 by tomaka		1					
Generate ownership proof for <code>SessionKeys</code>	#48 opened on Nov 13, 2023 by bkchr		11					
Assignment of availability-chunk indices to validators	#47 opened on Nov 13, 2023 by alindima		134					
Metadata for offline signers	#46 opened on Nov 8, 2023 by Siesarew		120					
Lowering Deposit Requirements on Polkadot and Kusama Asset Hub	#45 opened on Nov 7, 2023 by poppyseedDev		45					
Rent Based Registration Model	#44 opened on Nov 6, 2023 by Szegoo		8					
Introduce <code>storage_proof_size</code> Host Function for Improved Parachain Block Utilization	#43 opened on Nov 6, 2023 by Szegoo		53					

# RFC process

# OpenDevFELLOWSHIPCall

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# How to Win in OpenGov

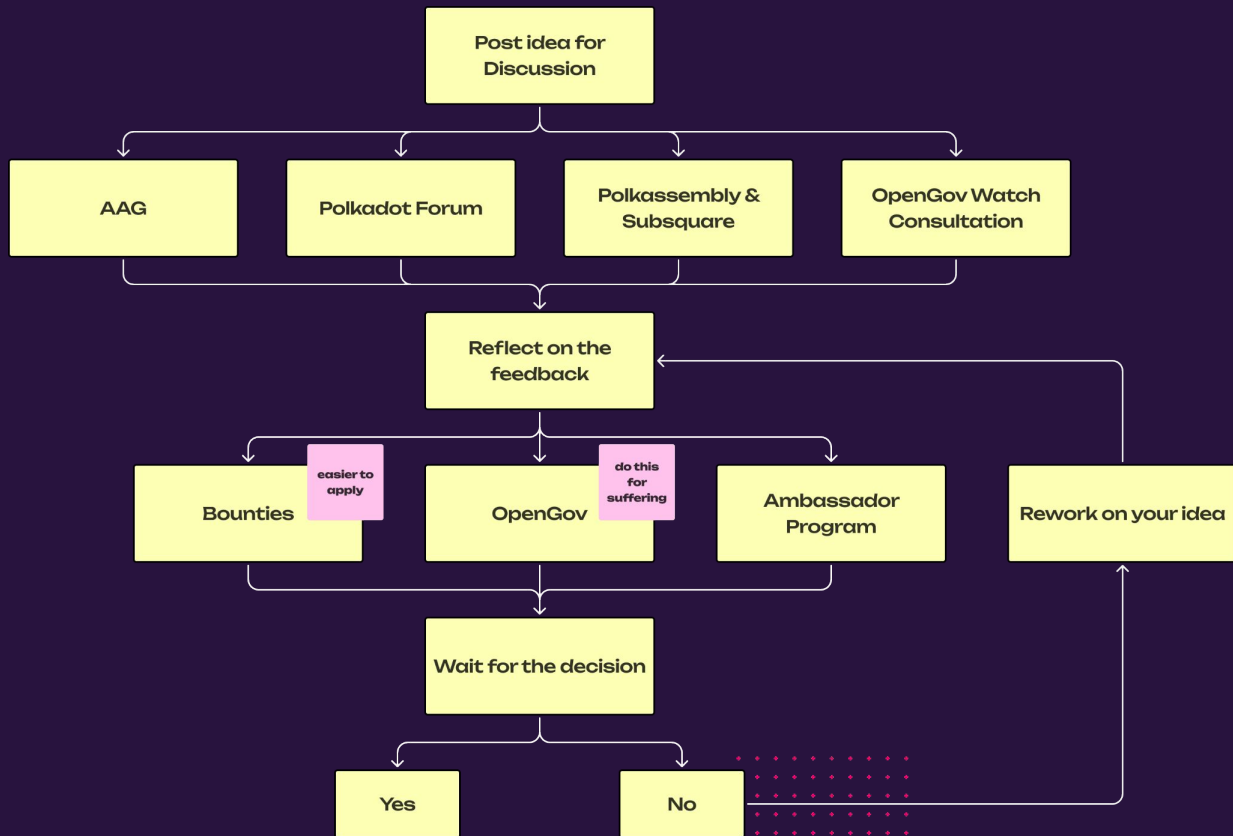
# What do you want to propose to OpenGov?

# What do you need to win?

- Decision deposit
- Majority
- Time

## Helpful:

- Capital → Voting Power
- Social Capital
- OpenGov Expertise





# Tools

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- SubSquare & Polkasassembly
- DoTreasury
- OG Tracker
- CD Discord Voting Bot
- OpenSquare Off-Chain Voting

# Issues



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- Low voter turnout
- Polarization
- Time, Motivation, Attrition
- Bribery, threats
- Monopolies
- In-Groups
- Gatekeeping

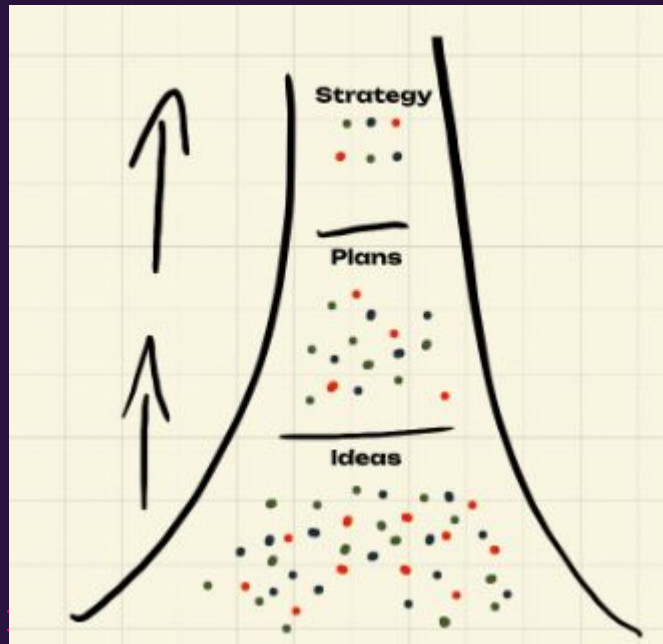
# Future

# OpenGov Tomorrow

- RFPs
- PCF
- Community DAOs
- Hub

# The Future

- Departmental budgets
- Strategy
- Constitution?
- Network State?



# Follow for luck!



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# PolkadotDevs: MeetUps

# Thank you!

