

Introducing the Argot Collective

A credibly neutral home for the Ethereum core infrastructure

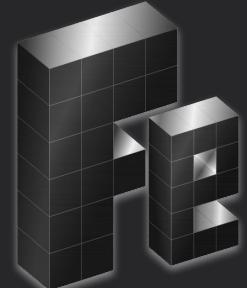
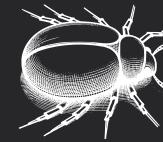
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Who we are

- A non-profit, democratically organized, research and development group focused on maintaining free, independent, and open-source software related to Ethereum. Currently operating as a functionally autonomous group within the Ethereum Foundation.
- 25 individuals who focus on languages, tooling, research, and verification.
- Shared belief that Ethereum requires dedicated individuals focused on its core infrastructure, working free from commercial pressures and supported by long-term funding.
- Swiss Association (Verein) non-profit organization.
- Brand and design TBD.

Who we are

- **Act**: Formal specification language for smart contracts
- **Ethdebug**: Standardized debug info format for the EVM
- **Fe**: Smart contract language
- **Hevm**: Symbolic execution engine for the EVM
- **Solidity**: Smart contract language
- **Sourcify**: Open-source and decentralized source-code verification service



Why we are spinning out

- Subtraction philosophy: <https://ethereum.foundation/philosophy>
- Technical overlap of projects. Initially EF projects only.
- Credible neutrality.

Our governance model

- “**Members**” will actively participate in governance and have equal voting rights.
- “**Contributors**” who want to work on the projects, but not participate in governance and take organizational workload.
 - Also working with external contractors
- Keeping the size small initially for coordination.
- “**Consent based**” decision making to reduce voting fatigue.
 - Tasks delegated to Working Groups or individuals. They are trusted with their decisions. If needed they can gather opinions informally or through “Sense check” votings.

Our governance model

- 5 decision types in our governance model (inspired by Enspiral Foundation Handbook).
- Example decisions types:
 - Standard decision:
 - Pass if <25% NO votes and no blocks
 - No minimum voter turnout
 - Quorum:
 - Pass if YES or ABSTAIN >75%
 - Min 75% participation
- Usually decisions pass unless there is someone blocking.
- We use Loomio as our decision making software.
- Full details will be published.

Loomio.

Why we are using this governance model

- Our core values are aligned with it.
- No centralized control over the organization.
- Minimize points of failure.
- Everyone can make their voice heard and is considered equal in the decision process.

Funding and Sustainability

- Initial funding by the Ethereum Foundation.
 - 5–10 years of runway in ETH in a multisig with regular unlocks (details TBD).
 - We need to become sustainable long term, without relying on the EF.
- Treasury will be staked to maximize runway.
- Round 3 (720,500 OP) and Round 5 (340,579 OP) of Optimism RPGF.
- Other no-strings attached grants and donations.
- Potentially consulting or other work that will not affect the independence or the neutrality.
- Responsible and transparent spending and growth.
- **NO** - Token or equity sales.
- **NO** - Closed source or closed data monetization.

Day-to-day Operations

- Most of the work is done by individuals responsible for the task and the Working Groups
- Outsourcing operations if it fits our values and working style (e.g. payments, expenses, travel organization etc.)
- Balance between open-source, self-manage vs. convenience
 - ~~Gmail~~ - Fastmail
 - ~~Google Drive~~ - Cryptpad, HackMD
 - ~~Slack, Discord, Telegram~~ - Matrix
 - ~~Zoom~~ - Jitsi

Day-to-day Operations

- Weekly/Bi-weekly all-hands meetings.
 - The rest are self-organized within the projects
- 4 day work week. Max 140 hours. Full flexibility in invoicing hours.
- Equal hourly pay for all.
- At least 1 offsite per year
- Voting on Loomio

↳ Infrastructure policy and mandate

Outcome

Results

Option	% of points	Voters
Yes	100%	16
Abstain	0%	0
No	0%	0
Block	0%	0
Undecided	0%	7

16 of 23 people have participated (69%)

↳ Extend the Contract with [REDACTED] beyond the trial period?

Outcome

 By Daniel · July 16

Since there were no objections, I filed with the EF to extend the contract.



Details

Proposal by Daniel · **Closed Tue 16 Jul 2024 8:00PM**

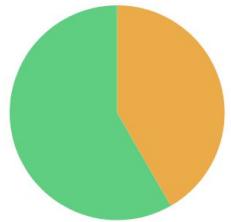
What is the decision you need to make?

We hired [REDACTED] into the programming research group on the basis of a three month contract that will end by the end of July unless we extend it. I already got a reminder mail from about it.

So the decision is:

Should we extend [REDACTED]'s contract to an unlimited contract?

Results



Option	% of points	Voters
Yes	58%	7
Abstain	42%	5
No	0%	0
Block	0%	0
Undecided	0%	11

12 of 23 people have participated (52%)

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-  [argot] Off-site Planning 9
 -  [argot] General Coordination 1
 -  [argot] WG Comms
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 -  [argot] WG Legal
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 -  [argot] Infrastructure
 -  [argot] Devcon talk
 -  [argot] Gov Facilitator Hiring
 -  [argot] WG Democratic Orgs

Transparency

- Publishing governance framework.
- Detailed reports on:
 - Financials and budgets
 - Roadmaps
 - Funding terms
- Fully open-source.
- **We think there's a lack of transparency in the ecosystem and aim to be a leading example on this front.**

Future of the Collective

- Expecting to completely spin-out by the first half of 2025.
- Existing projects are secondary, we have a higher goal to improve languages and tooling in the ecosystem.
- Giving away grants. Supporting others.
- Starting new projects that are in-line with ecosystem needs.
- Retiring projects that are no longer useful.
- Continue maintaining Solidity for as long as it is considered useful by the community.
- We want to become an example of democratic governance for the community.

Thank you!

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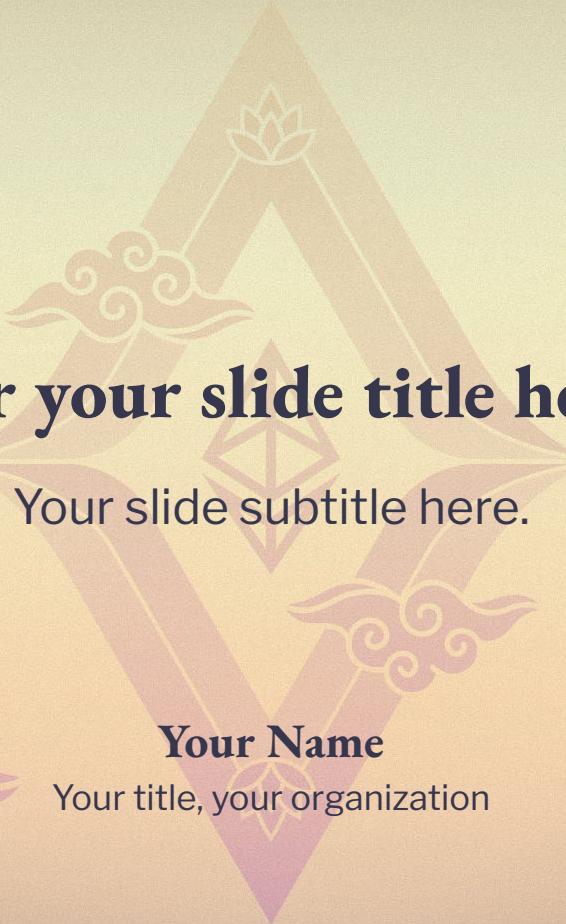
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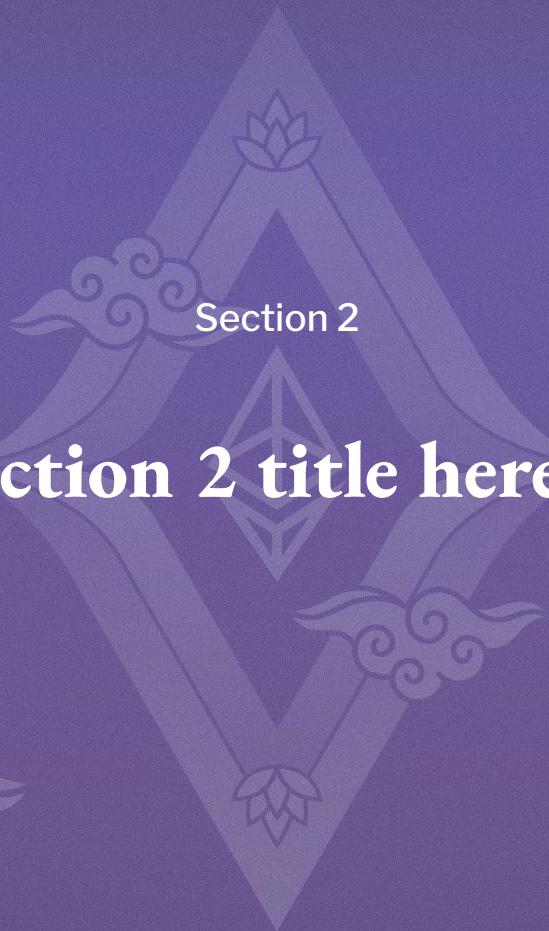
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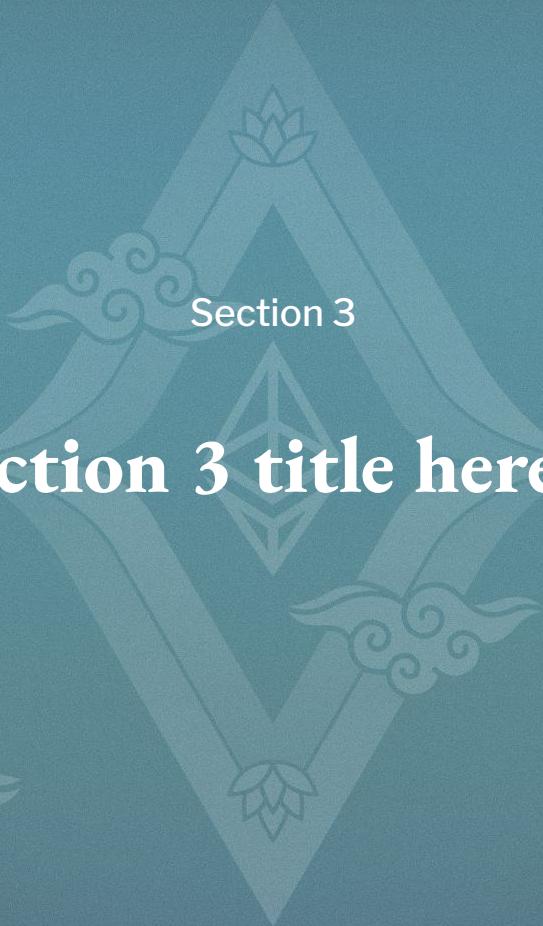




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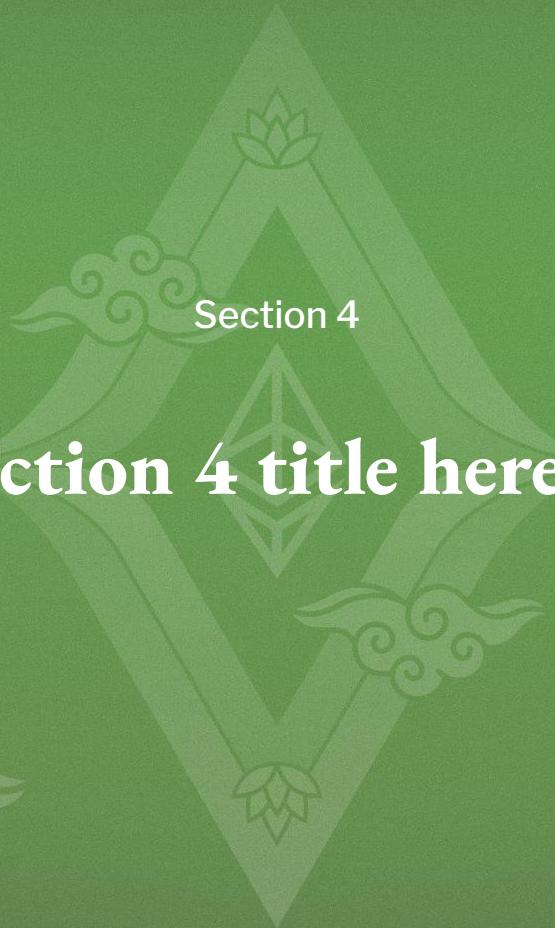


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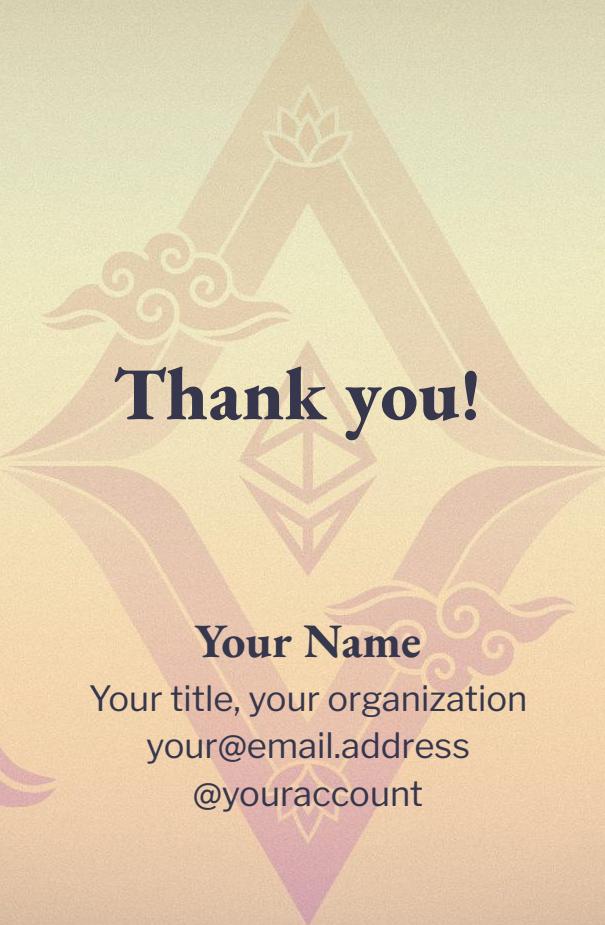


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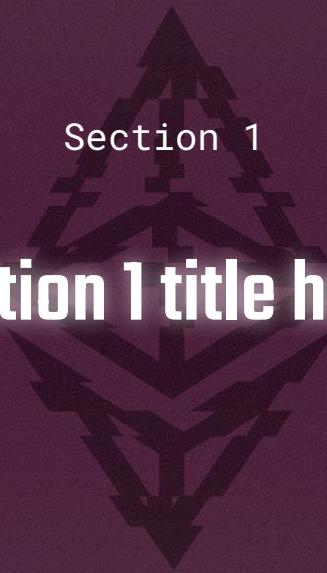


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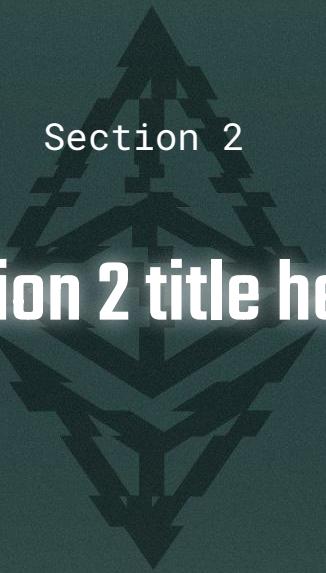
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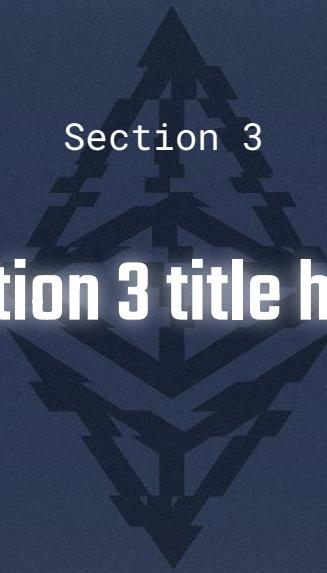
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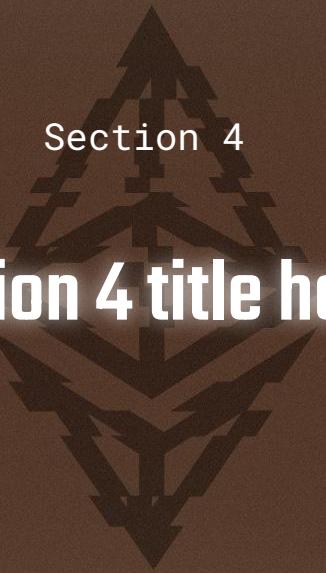


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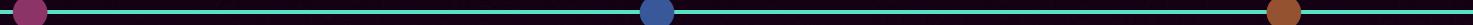


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