Foundation draft:

KERI Foundation

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6 Concerns and responses

1. KIPS

Market-driven improvement to complement
technically driven improvement

1. KIPs - KERI Improvement Protocols so that there will also be space for market-driven instead of only technically driven.

   Good proposal, we'll extend the current KIDS into this direction.

2. Straight to ISO-TC

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as swiftly as possible.

2. Let's go straight for a ISO-TC proposal to get KERI, ACDC and CESR standardized as swiftly as possible.

Yes, we agree. It could be a parallel approach to our effort via ToIP/inux foundation. However, it's hard work to go for ISO-TC individually.

3. Fund raiser

Sales tiger needed to close the deals of funding.

1 Funding started 2 Development 5Ws completed 3 Adoption possible

Yes, the fundraiser has been described as a competence profile, and we'll get there and will consult the current team of participants.

First, we need the organization, the legal structure, the donor contract, and the bank account because otherwise, the deal can't be really closed. Of course, preparatory/exploratory work can now be done.

4. Missed opportunity and a shame

Urgent needs in the market the EU/CH group wishes to address.

4. Frustation around the forming of a foundation - it is a missed opportunity and a shame. Communication should've been better when the KERI team took over the EU/CH group initiative.

We think it's unfortunate that these feelings exist. The KERI team has been considering funding development through sponsoring long before DICE 2024. The first donation of Blockchainbird to KERI development via GitHub was in 2020. The KERI team wasn't involved in the CH initiative. When we heard of it, we tried to unify both initiatives.

We don't think we're missing opportunities; in our view, we're setting up a structure that has been proven in the past as being effective for a start-up open-source software foundation. We're safeguarding the right order in activities, the right relationship with the inventor, and preparing for a great future together with a broad & long-term scope.

To drive KERI adoption.

We agree; only the timing of engaging these shoulders is different. First, we want to get the donation flow started, and the 5W's completed so that we can deliver up the expectations for adoption in the first place.

Is Phase 2 for us, which can be prepared in a (directly funded) working group in Phase 1. Feel free to take an advance on this point.

We've heard of a 4-member board up to the 16-member board. All good to consider in Phase 1, but we postpone establishing any solution more than 3, right after delivering on Phase 1, the 5 W's.

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6. Decision-making process - Cathedral / Bazaar - demonstration, The foundation design is a cathedral with the three people on the board.
I don't know whether a 3-person board of directors is so functional and effective; it looks more like a management team.

We think the cathedral is a mischaracterization. In history, there have been numerous successful foundations to support the development and implementation of open-source software that started with a 3-headed board of directors, including the inventor/benevolent dictator:

1. The Free Software Foundation (FSF). - Richard Stallman in 1985
2. The Open Source Initiative (OSI). 1998 by Eric S. Raymond and Bruce Perens,
3. Apache Software Foundation (ASF): Founded in 1999, the ASF initially had a small group of individuals who were instrumental in its creation; the specific number of members can vary over time.
4. Python Software Foundation (PSF):, founded in 2001 Guido van Rossum
5. Linux Foundation: founded in 2000; Linus Torvalds - had a larger initial advisory board

Main lines August 8 - support wanted

- Sam is central in the foundation
- Small Board of Directors
- Focus on 5Ws to begin with (Phase 1)
- Broad and long-term objectives (not only CH)

- Direct funding - Memorandum of Understanding - Monitoring
- Phases: as soon as milestones are achieved -> Phase 2 + extend board of directors
- Unity towards the outside world is preferable.

Design is here: https://hackmd.io/25gMXiwwSmqdVOwypSnMqw
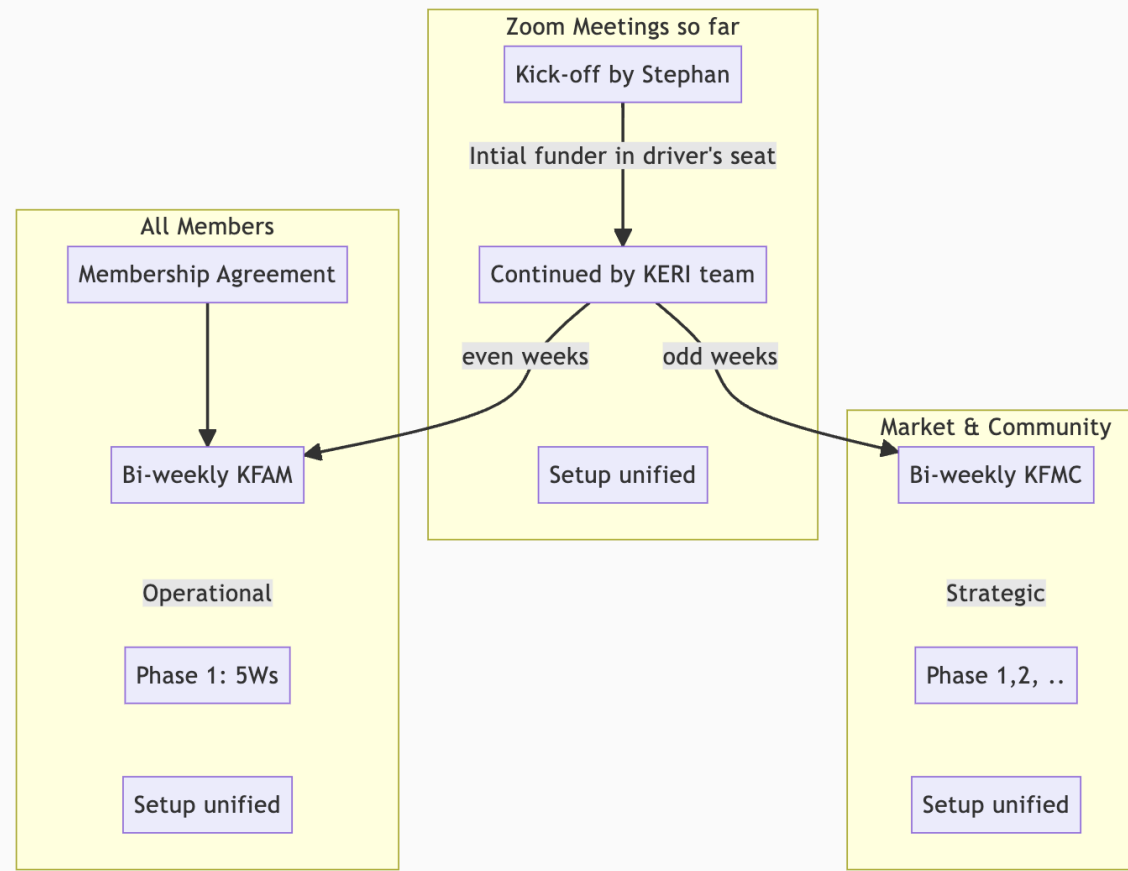
Extra August 15 - support wanted KERI

1. Start working on Phase 2 today
2. Grassroots adoption will be easier with the 5W's done.
3. Sales Tiger and also the role/position of deal-closing fundraiser
4. Recognition/access tiers
5. Control granted over Funded Portfolios
6. Use bigger font on the Org chart
7. KIPS
8. ISO-TC

Amended in design doc: https://hackmd.io/25gMXiwwSmqdVOwypSnMqw

1. Feel free to gather funds and start.
2. Please fund the working group that codes the 5 Ws.
3. We will get there soon after we've established the foundation and done some general communication and PR.
4. Directed funding. As soon as there's agreement -> contractual obligation to pay the donation. With funding comes expectation. We want to manage expectations in portfolios that are achievable for the foundation's current state.
5. No rights, but Portfolios - funds (once full, we can't accept new funding*) ->
There'll be a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and transparency so that everything can be monitored
6. Erwin will create a better readible chart soon.

Zoom meetings Thursdays 4 PM CEST, 8 AM MT

Membership application: https://keri.foundation/supporters/membership/membership-application/

Coordination between both AM and M&C:
- M&C ideas can be working groups from day 1
- Ask for advice from the board/working groups
- Precedence, priority
- Reporting and monitoring