GM Optimists!

TL:DR:

We are building a Farcaster frame to help OP token holders seamlessly find an ideal match to delegate their OP.

We are a small team supported by Raid Guild to build this MVP for Optimism to help increase the delegated supply of OP to active delegates and foster deeper alignment between delegates and delegators. We also want to bring Raid Guild closer to the Optimism ecosystem.

We are taking inspiration from Voting Advice Applications (VAAs) to create a Delegate Match Application (DMA) for Optimism. Voting Advice Applications are online tools designed to help voters identify which political parties or candidates most closely align with their personal views and preferences. Users answer a series of questions about key issues, and the VAA matches their responses with the positions of various political parties or candidates. The outcome is usually a percentage score or a list showing which parties or candidates the user aligns with most closely, thus aiding in making informed voting decisions.

VAAs have been widely used across Europe. By providing voters with tools to easily compare their own policy preferences to those of various parties, VAAs have significantly improved electoral participation and the quality of democratic governance.

We aim to adapt this model and build this application for the Optimism community in the open to make a more user-centric MVP. For that, we invite you to participate in the process. Please share your thoughts about these questions or any other insights in the comments and fill out the poll.

For Delegates:

- 1. What are the key aspects or values you believe are crucial for OP holders to understand about your governance philosophy?
- 2. How do you prefer to communicate your decisions and actions to the community?

For OP Holders:

- 1. What factors do you consider most important when choosing a delegate?
- 2. What information do you find most valuable in making your delegation decisions?
- 3. How many questions would be ideal to find a good fit, but not discourage you from finishing?

For anyone:

1. What other contentious or non-contentious topics could better align OP holders with a specific delegate?

Topics for Matchmaking:

We are considering various topics to facilitate effective matchmaking between OP holders and delegates. Which of these do you find relevant? select all that apply.

- Commitment vs. Curriculum: Should the focus in choosing council and board members be on their commitment to Optimism, experience in Optimism, or professional background, even if they are new to the collective?
- Grants and RPGF Ideology: Would you prefer funding a few well-established projects with high potential for impact or supporting several emerging projects showing initial impact?
- Decentralization Pace: Should we accelerate towards a fully decentralized collective, or advocate for a steady transition from the foundation to the collective?
- Funding OSS vs VC Ventures: How should we balance funding between VC-backed ventures and open-source initiatives?
- Delegate Engagement: How important is it for a delegate to have active communication channels detailing their voting decisions and rationale?
- Demographic Matching: Do you see value in delegators being able to filter matches based on demographic factors like gender, region, or language?

This post will serve as a living document, updated based on feedback and the project's evolution.

We will also conduct some interviews with delegates, delegators, govnerds, members of the OP foundation, OP labs, and other stakeholders. Please feel free to DM <u>@cotabe</u> here or on TG (same handle everywhere) if you want to participate in a short interview or support this effort.

Please share your thoughts about the matchmaking topics, other topics that we might have missed. Thank you for your engagement and support.

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