SolidarityCard

An inclusive approach to the cashless future.

Vision









Provide homeless and undocumented people with money for their basic needs so they may be liberated from short-term thinking and lead a fulfilling existence.

Value proposition

Knowing the face, name, and story of homeless and undocumented people will give us the opportunity to care for them as true members of our community.

Use of blockchain technology will enable a reduction of operational costs and improved transparency.

Adoption of a DAO^[*] governance structure and bounty^[*] mechanisms means that anyone in the world can be part of the solution.

Problem



Cashlessness



People around the world are quickly going cashless, but the most vulnerable and marginalized population groups are often excluded from participating in this new economy.



In developed countries, where the majority is reasonably well served by the traditional system, there's no rush to upgrade all current infrastructure.



Even if cryptocurrency point-of-sale payment terminals are available today, they probably won't reach massive adoption before at least 5 years.



Dehumanization



Homeless and undocumented people are mostly a statistic we hear in the news and quickly forget. We walk past them in the street without even seeing them.



Most social programs today are bureaucratic processes that infantilize people by not giving them any choice in the use of funds nor expecting them to be responsible with their freedom.



Our world is increasingly polarized. We see those that don't belong to our group as unknown enemies to outcompete instead of potential friends with whom to build.

Solution



Usable without



Government ID



Bank account



Stable home







Remembering complex codes



Upgrading all payment terminals

Restrictions







No ATM^[*] withdrawals

Users

Beneficiaries Homeless and undocumented people.



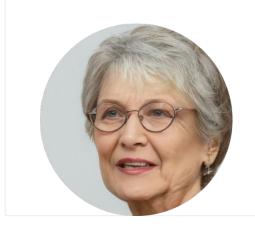
Activators

Activate cards and record monthly update videos.

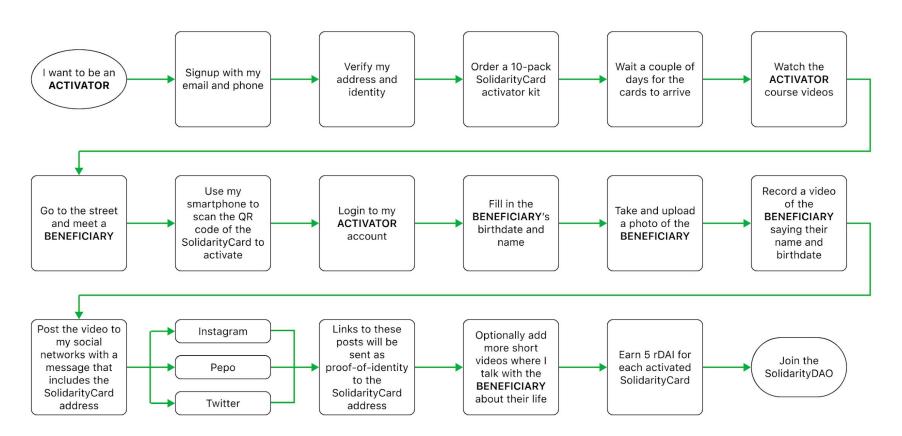


Donors

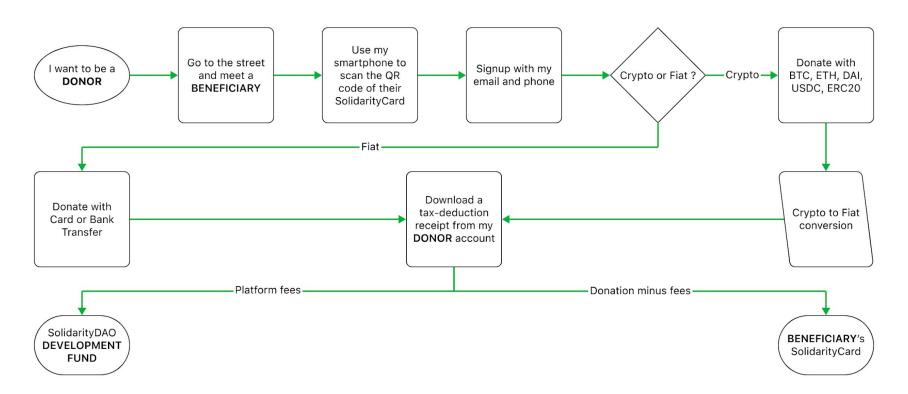
Make lots of tax-deductible donations.



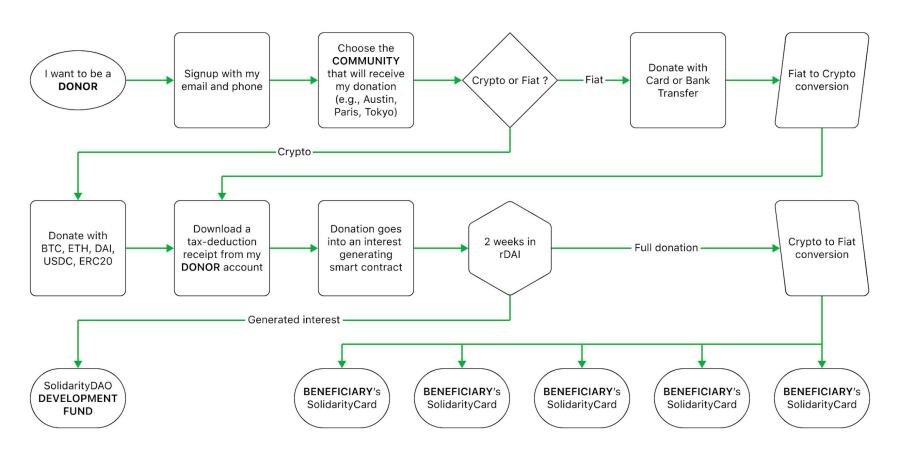
Community-powered trust



Donate to one person



Donate to a community



Revenue model

Donate to one person

SolidarityDAO takes a small transaction fee and the remainder is instantly credited to the beneficiary so they can use the money within minutes.



Donate to a community

The money goes into an interest generating smart contract (rDAI^[*]) during two weeks, after which SolidarityDAO takes the accrued interest and the full donation is credited to all the beneficiaries of the community.



Impact measurement

Humanize

- What do you feel about engaging with people that surround you?
- Do you feel that people interact with you in a different way?
- Do you feel more confident about your capabilities?

Stabilize

- Do you feel that your basic needs are being met?
- What can you afford now that you couldn't before?
- Do you feel less depressed?
- Do you feel more secure?

Reconnect

- Did you use your money to support friends, family?
- Did you use your money to build something?
- Do you feel that you can contribute to society?
- With how many new people have you felt connected?

KPIs for success

Beneficiaries

- Number of lives changed.
- Number of daily active beneficiaries.
- Number of total beneficiaries.
- Average weekly & monthly income received.
- Percentage of target minimum income received (2000 EUR).

Activators

- Number of monthly active activators.
- Number of recurrent activators.
- Number of total activators.
- Number of donating activators.
- Use frequency.

Donors

- Number of monthly active donors.
- Number of recurrent donors.
- Number of total donors.
- Use frequency.
- Average amount per donation.
- Total amount donated.

Target market and opportunity

150M

homeless the world. 200K

homeless France.

- 2K die every year.
- Most die before the age of 50.
- 30% don't have a smartphone.

10-15K

homeless in Paris.

4.5K

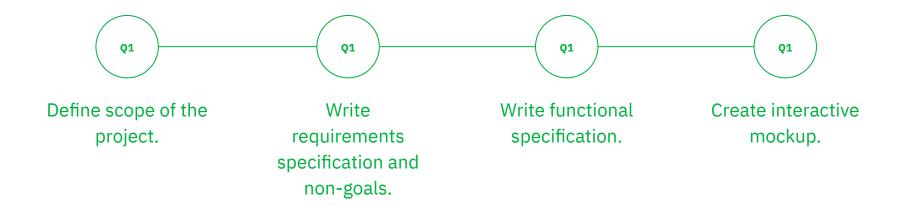
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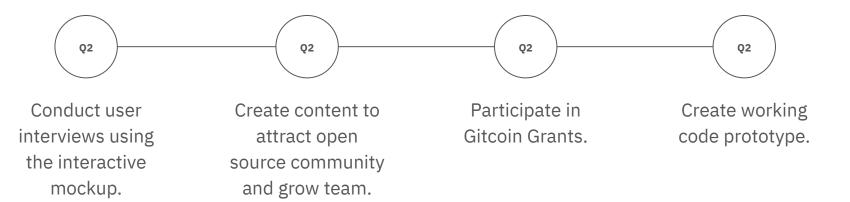
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Roadmap

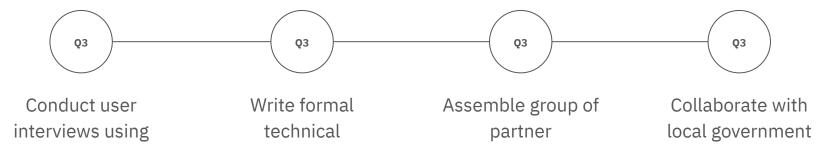
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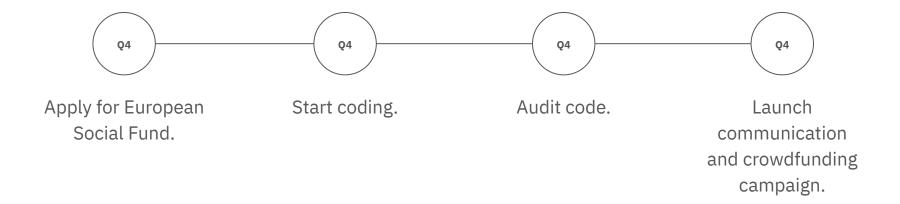
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Team

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FAQ

How can we be sure that beneficiaries won't have more than one card?

Every beneficiary is publicly listed in the local community page, so during the activation process we would know if that person already has a card. This could be automated through facial recognition.

How can we be sure that beneficiaries won't use the money for alcohol or drugs?

We expect people to be responsible for themselves and think alcohol or drugs should not be only for rich people. However, since the cards can only be used for contactless payments and ATM withdrawals are not possible, buying drugs without cash would be quite hard.

What happens if beneficiaries lose their cards or they are robbed?

They can ask anyone with internet access to report this on their profile. They can also record a video explaining what happened. We can then block the card to ensure no additional charges are made until it gets recovered. And in the meantime we can get them a new card.

Projects that inspire us

Blockstack|Keybase|uPort for applying the web-of-trust model through social networks.

Bounties Network for showing us a better way to reward people for their work.

Give Directly for trusting in people to make the best decisions with their money.

Gitcoin for implementing quadratic-funding[*] to empower open source builders.

Monolith for building an easy way to finally spend crypto in the real world.

Pool Together for transforming money saving into a game where nobody loses.

rDAI for giving us a glimpse of the magical things that are possible with decentralized finance.

Glossary

ATM (Automatic Teller Machine)

A machine that dispenses cash or performs other services when an account holder inserts a bank card.

Bounty

A payment incentive for the accomplishment of a task. Used by emergent internet communities so that anyone can be remunerated for contributing to their projects.

DAO (Decentralized Autonomous Organization)

An organization represented by rules encoded as a computer program that is transparent, controlled by shareholders, and not influenced by a central government. Commonly implemented through smart contracts on a blockchain.

KPI (Key Performance Indicator)

A quantifiable measure used to evaluate the success of an organization in meeting performance goals.

Glossary

Quadratic Funding

A way to determine the distribution of funds through a collective decision-making procedure where individuals allocate votes to express the degree of their preferences, rather than just the direction of their preference. This enables optimal production of public goods without need for centralized planning.

rDAI (Redeemable DAI)

A stablecoin that's pegged to the value of USD which allows you to invest in an interest generating pool, used for collateralized loans. You can either keep the accrued interest or program your rDAI to automatically transfer it to anyone else with an Ethereum address. You still hold on to the exact amount you invested, and can spend and transfer it at will.

Web-Of-Trust

A decentralized security model in which participants authenticate the identities of other users. (i.e., I trust my friend and he says that another person is trustable, therefore, I will also trust this other person.)

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