1 OLPC Europe

We recognize, that under certain situations an european platform can make life easier for local OLPC grassroots, also for the newly starting ones, and for the people at the MIT. This platform shall under no circumstances be meddling with the local grassroots but instead help them to grow and flourish.

We propose the following very simple and basic common guidelines which shall help in forming this platform:

1.1 OLPC Europe IS

1. ... a Forum / Platform for exchange between local groups, towards MIT and back, European institutions and with other groups worldwide

2. ... helping in organizing XOs for the local groups

3. ... supporting and cherishing the autonomy of local groups

4. ... focusing on rough consensus and running code

1.2 OLPC Europe IS NOT

1. ... going to do a local pilot in your country

2. ... going to tell you what you are allowed to do

1.3 Structure

For being successful we propose the following minimalistic structure:

- a yearly rotating chair (> one person?)
- a secretary (employed)
- members
- once per year a voting (at or after a to be defined open source conference)

1.4 Benefits for members

- Better information
- Being part of a European contributor / developer network
- Calendar of events
- Help in getting XOs

1.5 Obligations of members

- Send out a regular newsletter of your achievements and your activities

- Companies shall pay for membership

1.6 About

We do hope that this minimalistic structure combines best of both worlds: a little bit of structure for being effective and the highest degree of autonomy of local groups.