General Assembly of Free Software Foundation Europe e.V.

11 October 2025, Revaler Straße 19, 10245 Berlin, Germany

Opening by the Chair

By invitation sent on 9 July 2025 we have come together for this year's General Assembly.

Members attending the assembly:

1. André Ockers
2. Bernhard Reiter
3. Björn Schießle
4. Carsten Agger
5. Heiki Lõhmus
6. Henrik Sandklef
7. Matthias Kirschner
8. Nico Rikken
9. Nicole Faerber
10. Patrick Ohnewein
11. Vincent Lequertier

Members not attending but who delegated their vote:

1. Carmen Bianca Bakker (assigned vote to Nico Rikken)
2. Polina Malaja (assigned vote to Matthias Kirschner)
3. Florian Snow (assigned vote to Matthias Kirschner)

Guests attending:

1. Antje Kazimiers
2. Henning Fehr

Agenda

1. Greeting
2. Determination of quorum
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the General Assembly of 2024
5. Report of the Executive Council
6. Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer
7. Information about departing membership

8. Confirmation of new members

9. Election of President, Vice President, Financial Officer

10. Miscellaneous

11. Closing

Greetings

- The assembly is officially opened at 11:56 CEST.

- The Chair welcomes all present to the General Assembly.

Determination of the quorum

11 of 22 members are present. 3 members are absent, but represented by a members present.

The Chair notes that the invitation has been sent on time on 9 July 2025.

Of the current members 14 members are either present or represented which is more than one third of the members. Thereby the Chair declares the General Assembly to be quorate.

Adoption of the agenda

The chair asks if there are further additions to the agenda.

No further additions to the agenda requested.

The Chair puts the agenda to a vote.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

The agenda is adopted.

Approval of minutes of the General Assembly 2024

The Members read the minutes of the General Assembly from 28 September 2024 before the meeting.

The Chair asks the members to approve the minutes through vote.

Result: 10 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions

The Chair determines that the minutes of the last year's General Assembly are approved.

Report of the Executive Council

In the course of the preparation for this General Assembly, the Executive and the Financial Officer presented the members with a report about the FSFE's activities since the last General Assembly and held Q&A sessions about it.

The Chair asks whether there are further questions.

There are no further questions.

Exoneration of President, Vice President, and Financial Officer

The Chair asks whether the General Assembly would like to exonerate Matthias Kirschner (2024-2025), Heiki Lõhmus (2024-2025), and Patrick Ohnewein (2024-2025) in a single vote.

No secret vote is requested.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

The Chair notes that all executives of the FSFE – Matthias Kirschner, Heiki Lõhmus, and Patrick Ohnewein – have been duly exonerated.

Information about departing membership

- In the beginning of October Karsten Gerloff informed the other members that after 20 years he is stepping down as member of the FSFE. The Chair read his good-bye message and thanked Karsten Gerloff for two decades of involvement as a member of the FSFE and for his work for software freedom. Especially he would like to thank him for his tireless work as the FSFE's president from 2009 to 2015, in which the organisation grow into a solid organisation. The Chair also highlights Karsten's previous excellent musical contributions for the FSFE's membership meetings. The present members did a standing ovation.

Confirmation of new members

There are no new members to be confirmed.

Election of President, Vice President, Financial Officer

Chair announces that all elections will be done by secret votes.

Patrick Ohnewein nominates Matthias Kirschner for the office of President of the FSFE. No other nominations are proposed and the candidate is put to the vote.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Matthias Kirschner accepts the vote and is thereby elected as President.

Bernhard Reiter nominates Heiki Lõhmus for the office of Vice President. No other nominations are proposed and the candidate is put to the vote.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Heiki Lõhmus accepts the vote and is thereby elected as Vice President

Heiki Lõhmus nominates Patrick Ohnewein for the position of Financial Officer. No other nominations are proposed.

Result: 14 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Patrick Ohnewein accepts the vote and is thereby elected as Financial Officer.

Miscellaneous

Earlier 2025 the FSFE members accepted a large donation by Vodafone Germany. The donation was a general donation for the support of the FSFE's work. As the FSFE is working for router freedom since 2013, and several telecommunication providers had a problematic position on this, the Executive will ensure that FSFE staff and volunteers have the budget to continue the work for router freedom for the next five years as well. Furthermore the Executive will ensure that a large part of the donation is used as a financial reserve to safeguard the FSFE's independent work in the long run.

The Council informs about the plan to ensure that the software freedom flat, which was donated to the FSFE by Reinhard Wiesemann, cannot be sold without consultation and vote by the members.

Closing

The chair closes the GA officially at **12:21 CEST.**

Signatures

Patrick Ohnewein (Minutes)   Matthias Kirschner (Chair)