



# Meeting Minutes

Face to Face Steering committee @ Vector

**Stuttgart**

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# Program Plan Update 2025 – Q3-Q4

- **Metrics/Events**
  - Stable download numbers (but for last ~4 releases updates were not counted properly)
  - Five global community meetups this years
  - Bunch of metrics for contributions available, shows slight decrease in contribution numbers in 2025 compared to 2024
- **Membership Pipeline**
  - More than 30 companies in pipeline, many still in discussions or on hold
  - Massive CRM campaigns had very low response rate
- **Sponsorship**
  - Target will be reached (same as last year)
  - Sponsorship view in IDE perceived positively (also increasing sponsorship from June)
  - Multi-currency sponsorship option added in October
- **Program Plan**
  - Focus on sustainability and industry support
  - Approved for 2026

# Financial Plan 2026

- Decrease of around 150k€, primarily because of missing carry forward (compared to 2025 financial plan)
- Proposal made by EF based on program plan
  - Primarily decrease in engineering & development initiatives
  - Concerns raised that this kind of decrease might risk sustainability and releases
  - Concerns raised that the proposal does not reflect what SC wants / what the program plan indicates
  - SC can clarify priorities / program plan, such that EF can make new proposal based on it, but unclear how program plan would need to be written for that
- Several points in the financial plan are rather fixed costs
  - Flexibility based on program plan is only given for program management and engineering initiatives

# Focus 2026 - Financial Plan

- Insufficient for properly fulfilling program plan goal, so decision on priorities necessary
- Concerns raised that financial plan does not fit to the actual priorities SC has
- Concerns raised about explaining the indirection from program plan to financial plan inside member companies
- Program management financial plan covers more than work inside working group and more than reaching out to companies
- Necessity to focus on the essential/crucial needs
- Perceived inability to influence how money is spent by program plan is an argument for companies not to join the working group
- Comprehensibility of what goes into the individually funded points (in particular program management and engineering) is completely missing to many SC members

# Financial Plan 2026 - Flexible Parts

- Program Management
  - Sponsorship
  - Membership (increase revenue)
  - New funding model
  - Improving outreach (conferences, meetings)
  - Running/administrating working group
    - Organization of meetings
    - Organization of dev efforts initiative
- Engineering
  - Release engineering
  - Risk mitigation (hand over release engineering competence)
  - Community mentoring
  - IT Optimization proposals
- More in [2026 Program Plan](#)

# Focus 2026

- We need release engineering and inside support at Eclipse Foundation
- The continuation of membership generation work beyond 2026 depends on successfully identifying new funding for the working group in 2026; otherwise it will face a high level of risk.
- Risk management
  - Enable another funded person to take over release engineering tasks
  - Take into account risk of lower financial plan
- Program Plan
  - Are goals defined correctly?
  - E.g., is having release engineer a goal or isn't it rather to have 4 releases of specific quality?

# Prospect Member Interests

- People with same problems in same boat
- Doing risk mitigation together
- New funding models
- Make product / platform more attractive again

# What's Next for the Community?

- Patch releases
  - Emergency patches for latest release
  - Technically feasible, IBM does maintenance builds
  - Requires existing and improved release engineering
  - Does not necessarily need further funding, we should just collaborate in WG
  - Could be monetized
- Active maintenance
  - UX
    - Icon set
    - Enhance code minings
    - High performance rendering (Skia Canvas - Initiative 31)
  - Enabling technologies (SDK, Platform, ...)
    - GTK 4 / Wayland
    - Support collector
    - Keychain
    - MCP / ACP (agent client protocol)

# Initiative 31

- Final report draft proposed
  - <https://github.com/swt-initiative31/documents/pull/13>
- Follow-up tasks
  - Update SWT readme
  - Update information in Initiative 31 GitHub organization
  - Present at OCX; alternatively present in Webinar
  - Write an article (e.g., JavaPro)?
  - Eclipse Blog post

# F2F Meetings

- April 2026: OCX
- July 2026: SAP
- November 2026: tbd (possibly Vector)



## Eclipse IDE Working Group

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