

December 2024 Circle Collective Reports

Focus Group

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1) [KYC \(Know Your Customer\)](#), [ZKP \(zero-knowledge proof\)](#) and identity issues

Label: Challenge ▾

Notes: We've been discussing the likely need for KYC procedures for payments in DeepFunding, both for funded proposers and for Circle members. It raises challenges for privacy, and barriers for people from countries that are widely blacklisted by KYC providers. In the absence of a full SSID solution - which would require adoption by banks, national governments, etc, so we're not there yet and might never be - we've recommended that a ZKP protocol is at least used internally, so people needn't share unnecessary ID information with others in DF, but only what is required. Jan and Rafael are now looking into this.

2) A Statement of Ethics?

Label: New Insight ▾

Notes: We've also been discussing whether DF needs some kind of statement of ethics, code of conduct, or similar. This could, for example, be useful when working with partners, to help define how we'd expect them to act in relation to DF; but it could be problematic if it overdetermines things, or disallows diversity of thought. These issues were addressed to some extent back in February, at our [Listening Session](#) on partnerships; so we're revisiting those thoughts and extending them. It's early days on this, but the conversations we've had are illuminating, and we'll have more to share in future.

3) Tommy's back!

Label: Event ▾

Notes: We're really chuffed to have Tommy back with us again 🥳

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Review Circle

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Point Title One: Categorization of Previous Rounds Projects in different categories

Label: New Initiative ▾ Event ▾ Challenge ▾ Decision ▾ Milestone ▾ New Insight ▾

Notes: From this due to the updates on the websites ,review circle carried out the categorization of the previous rounds projects into different categories, doing this would make it easier for the viewers to find out the projects from a certain niche through their categories rather than its name

Point Title Two: Technical Categorization of Ongoing Projects for Round 5 Topic Lead Reviewers

Label: Event ▾ Decision ▾ Event ▾ New Initiative ▾ New Insight ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: With the initiative of expert reviewers for round 5, we have categorize the current ongoing projects into different technical categories from which they belong, so the topic lead reviewers can train on previous projects milestone reviews / deliverables before going to actual projects in round 5

Point Title Three: Milestone Deliverables being Upto date

Label: Milestone ▾ New Insight ▾ Decision ▾ Challenge ▾ Decision ▾ Decision ▾

Notes: All submitted milestone deliverables have been audited and paid out. As at the time of writing this report, 6 milestone deliverables have been submitted in the month of December.

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Operations Circle

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Point Title One: Remake of the Operations System

Label: New Initiative ▾

Notes: We worked on a requirement file to remake the operations circle system for a better UI/UX experience and more extensive features.

Point Title Two: New task Sheet System

Label: New Initiative ▾

Notes: We are aggregating all the previous task sheets for each person into individual sheets that will be used very soon once we finalize the process and the documentation.

Point Title Three: New automations in the work

Label: Milestone ▾

Notes: We have been working on new initiatives to improve the auditing and accuracy of the operation system, like auditing payments, milestones auditing and others.

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Events Circle

Name of Reporter/Coordinator: Rafael Cardoso

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Point Title One: Refinements to Community Hub Framework and RFP

Label: New Initiative ▾ Challenge ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: We've been reuniting with the DF Team and with the whole Events Circle team in order to find improvements and refine the current RFP document and Community Hub Framework. The goal is to guarantee that what we are building is as bullet proof as possible.

Point Title Two: Survey and Improvements

Label: Event ▾ Decision ▾ Event ▾ New Initiative ▾ New Insight ▾ Milestone ▾

Notes: As the year comes to an end, we've created and sent out a survey to the Community asking people what they feel like about the events managed by this Circle and seeking for ways and feedback on how to improve events.

Point Title Three: Continue Events

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Notes: We kept delivering our regular Townhalls as well as the Open all Hands Events,

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Dev Outreach Circle

Name of Reporter/Coordinator: Andrea Reyes

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Point Title One:

Label: Event ▾

Notes: The team successfully hosted the first Deep Funding Hackathon, awarding a total of \$10,000 in prize allocations to the top three winners. The event attracted seven teams from diverse regions across the globe. It concluded with a well-organized and memorable winners' announcement event, celebrating the participants' achievements.

Point Title Two:

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Notes: The landing page for both past and future hackathons has been reviewed and finalized with all the necessary features. This page is expected to play a crucial role in engaging stakeholders and promoting future events, such as upcoming hackathons.

Point Title Three:

Label: New Initiative ▾

Notes: The team is exploring a new approach to streamline tasks for future hackathons by developing a dedicated portal to manage participant information and simplify processes. Additionally, they are holding discussions with developers from the hackathon and community members to gather insights on improving the onboarding experience for the marketplace.

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