

OpenViBE Consortium status - Community update

As previously announced, we are shaping a nonprofit organization (the '*consortium*') to further develop OpenViBE. Interested parties from all over the world can join the consortium by contributing at least a minimum annual membership fee. The fees will be used to employ a dedicated expert engineer to work towards development goals set by the consortium.

By April 2018, we have gathered feedback from many interested parties. This feedback indicates that there is sufficient interest to continue shaping the consortium further.

We have extracted several patterns from the obtained feedback that we can summarize. In terms of profiles, the consortium would consist of both academic and industrial members. The consortium should be forward looking. It should especially focus on implementing new and advanced functionality in OpenViBE, while not forgetting quality assurance, stability and good EEG hardware compatibility. Whereas networking via the consortium is considered important, consulting-type services appear to be less interesting to the majority of the responders. One point of divergence concerns medical applications: the majority were not interested in making a medically certified product based on OpenViBE. As the few parties interested in medical products did not propose membership contributions that could meet the expenses of the certification process and the high costs of the related documentation, aiming for medical certifiability may not be a feasible track for the consortium at the present time.

We are currently drafting a working proposal for the consortium based on the feedback received so far. At the moment we are primarily communicating with the potential members that have already indicated their interest. Nevertheless, it is not too late for additional parties to contact us by email.

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We expect to send the working proposal to the potential members by 14th April 2018.

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