Open Regulatory Compliance Working Group Steering Committee Meeting

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16 April, 2026

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AOB	Juan	5

Quorum - 50% of Representatives / >50% of Quorum Present for simple majority vote Quorum is 4 with 3 votes affirmative for simple majority

ATTENDEES

Steering Committee Members

- No Nokia: Timo Perala (Primary)
- No Huawei: Adrian O'Sullivan (Primary)
- No Red Hat: Roman Zhukov (Primary), Dave Russo (Alternate)
- No Victor Roland, OBEO (Elected Participant)
- No Dirk-Willem van Gulik, Apache Software Foundation (Elected Foundation)
- No Olle E. Johansson, OWASP Foundation (Elected Foundation)

Eclipse Foundation Staff

- [ ] Sharon Corbett

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- No Juan Rico
- No Shanda Giacomoni
- No Ciarán O'Riordan

MINUTES

Meeting Chair: Timo Perälä

Quorum:

Quorum reached at 16:03

Notes:

Approval of the minutes of the previous ORC Steering Committee call

- Mark them as approved and upload to the public repository after accepting the .

Election of chair and co-chair of the Steering Committee

- Timo and Dirk-Willem continue serving as chair and co-chair of the Steering Committee.
- Noted to call the election of the chair and co-chair after the WG elections (January 2027).

ORC Q1 summary

- The report of Q1 activities is based on the actions and priorities listed in the 2026 Program Plan defined for the ORC Working Group. It is assessed the progress against the four pillars, and each of the objectives established for 2026 are marked in **green,** if they are progressing according to the expectations, **yellow**, there is some progress but not as much as we would like at this point of the year, **red**, for those in which there is no progress.
- Awareness, education and thought leadership - The group is progressing quite well in this area and there are two specific objectives in which we are not progressing as expected:
    - Campaigns to promote the FAQ - with the last guidance package release, the finalization of the first complete version has been slightly delayed, and the launching of the campaigns will happen in Q2. It was also highlighted that the FAQ work remains as a living asset to which the community

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is open to contribute and that we will sustain.

- Ambassador program - we are supporting speakers who participate in conference when we are aware, but we haven't formalise yet a program to support ambassadors. Some of the main challenges we are seeing is its implementation without adding unnecesary bureaucracy.

- Technical development - We are progressing well in attestations and due diligence work streams, and we remain active and committed to the open consultations in which the Woking Group can have a voice. Our effort on coordinating standardization activities is not at the same level as it was in the past.Clarifications done to the different points:

- In the last Specification Committee it was agreed to level up the deliverables format and moving from white papers to Technical reports or Specifications. The Eclipse Foundation Specification Process support us in achieving this objective.

- It was clarified the scope of the work that the Eclipse Foundation is implementing as part of the Tender won with the European Commission. The final report is due by end of June, but it includes recommendations, we have decoupled the development of the reports from the EC from the work in ORC. The connection is clear, but the reports are conclusions based on the work we are developing as a community.

- We don't have deadlines committed for delivering ORC work, but given the positive impact the white paper on stewards had for the guidance package, it could be wise to have something about due diligence released before the next CRA EG in June.

- The lack of development in the standardisation space could make sense based on the current development status of those standards. It was also mentioned that the possibility of contributing to AI Act harmonised standards could make this objective move towards significant progress.

- It was also mentioned that there are CRA standardisation events in which the European Commission is participating without any mention to open source, which represent a significant risk for the successful implementation of the CRA.

- The contribution to open consultations process worked very well for the CRA guidance package, and we are trying to replicate it for other regulations like CSA2, but in case the community doesn't proactively contribute the EF is analising the text to make some proposals.

- Institutional Engagment - The relationship with the European Commission in tht context of the CRA Expert Group is very active and works very well. However, establishing the relationship with member states is not easy, ADCO group was built in March and we are trying to strengthen the links with them. We currently have fluent conversations with Belgium, and Spain, and we have invited Cyprus to rely on us for any conversation about the role of open source, but they are still figuring out the internal structure to progress. We have also started communication with ENISA to support it with topics like SBOMs or the Single Reporting Platform, we are partnering with ECSO, ECMA and OWASP in this work. We haven't progress in the Public Policy Engagement Forum, and we haven't structure the registry of regulatory initiatives. Comments in the discussion:

  - We should consider the CSIRTs to support them on how to interact with the open source

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community. We discuss the possibility of proposing the European Commission and entity in which open source is consulted and involved that meets regularly (yearly) to address the risk of dilute the relationship built based on specific cases.

- The role of ENISA was also discussed, we agreed that given their responsibilities under the CRA, and the attributions the CSA makes it is a good actor to cooperate with. It was also mentioned that the relationship built around ORC involves all members of the WG and not the Eclipse Foundation only in this particular context.

We didn't finish the rest of the presentation, but it will be send by email and the members of the SC will decide whether we find a new slot to continue the conversation, postpone it until the next meeting or keep it offline by email.

ORC Training Status and next steps

Not covered.

OCX plan

- We have Open Community for Compliance with talks the three days
- The Cyber Resilience Act in Practice: One Regulation, Many Ecosystems - Thursday 23rd 9:40
- We have booked a meeting room for the steering committee to gather and discuss on Tuesday 21st from 16:00 to 17:30. The room details will be shared at the venue.

AOB

No time for them

Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 17:03

Resolutions

- Timo Perälä and Dirk-Willem van Gulik will continue as co-chairs of the Steering Committee

Supporting materials

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2026-04-16-orcwg-sc-presentation.pdf (attached below)

Next Meeting

Next meeting will happen on May 21th - 16.00 CEST - 14.00 UTC

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ORC Steering Committee meeting

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Chair and co-chair election

- We continued with the same structure we developed activities in 2025.
- We should formalise this situation.

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2026 Q1 report

ORC Pillars - Recap

Awareness, education and thought leadership	Technical development	Institutional engagement	ORC community representation

- Close the knowledge gap and demonstrate **ORC WG as the reference source of information** in all the subjects related to regulatory compliance and open source worldwide.
- Develop the **technical assets that will be shared with the open source community and the relevant stakeholders** to support the compliance journey with the existing and emerging regulation.
- **Strengthen the cooperation and relationship with the public administrations and regulatory bodies** to build a bidirectional communication enabling a continuous exchange.
- **Build legitimacy through broad stakeholder representation,** growing ORC WG membership base.

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Awareness, Education and Thought Leadership

Program Objective	Corresponding Strategies and Tactics	2026 Objectives
Close the knowledge gap and demonstrate ORC WG as the reference actor in all the subjects related to regulatory compliance and open source worldwide.	• Develop training materials to cover the gaps in educational resources and training materials to support open source community in understanding and implementing the CRA. • Promote the CRA FAQ as the reference space to get accurate information of all aspects that involve open source and the CRA. • Analyzing emerging regulation in the digital space, their impact to the Open Source Community and how they can be integrated into WG activities. • Allocate relevant regulatory frameworks under the scope of the different projects and SIGs inside the WG and in case there is no specific activity to cover them, propose the creation of a new workstream dedicated to it. • Funnel WG members questions and concerns towards the institution targeting the creation of assets that can help other actors in similar situations.	• Develop campaigns around the CRA FAQ Content to make it the reference space to get answers to questions related to the CRA. **- Planned for Q2** • Deliver training courses in the space of open source and the CRA to complement the other deliverables the working group has developed. - **Training at OCX and platform launching after OCX** • Maintain an active collaborative role in the promotion of the CRA and how it impacts to the different industries through the participation in relevant events. - **Webinar planned with SDV, cooperation with UNIFE** • Organize Code and compliance community days twice a year to promote the discussions the working group is involved in, and achieve a 25% increase in the participation. - **70% increase in the FOSDEM event** • Continue the development of the CRA Mondays with the objective of extending the understanding of the CRA and understand the full picture. - **Ongoing and planned sessions until June.** • Increase the number of ORC ambassadors to distribute the WG message in at least 50 events through the year. - **We havent progressed here yet**

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Technical Development

Program Objective	Corresponding Strategies and Tactics	2026 Objectives
Develop the technical assets that will be shared with the open source community and the relevant stakeholders to support the compliance journey with the existing and emerging regulation.	• Focus on the specific needs of the open source community and proactively develop assets to assist them in the compliance journey. • Maintain an active participation in the open consultations from the European Commission. • Actively participate in the standardization process, contributing to standards in the development phase when relevant and monitoring the drafts to assure that open source is well covered. • Share the technical assets developed with all the relevant stakeholders, including institutions.	• Define a proposal for attestations and due diligence processes in the Working Group that fits CRA requirement. - **Good progress here, more to come and still to demonstrate our ability to create this technical assets.** • Maintain the visibility and participation in the standardiztion working groups from both ETSI and CEN/CENELEC. - **Not prioritize today** • Keep contributing to the open consultations aligned with the regulations covered by the working group, or consultations whose areas are tightly linked to the process the implementation of the regulations addressed by the Working Group follow. - **Submitted or ongoing responses to Open Digital Ecosystems, CRA Guidance Package, Cyber Security Act**

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Institutional Engagement

Program Objective	Corresponding Strategies and Tactics	2026 Objectives
Strengthening the cooperation and relationship with the public administrations and regulatory bodies to build a bidirectional communication enabling a continuous exchange.	• Establish the Public Policy Engagement Forum to set a common space for regulatory authorities exchange, and collect institutional feedback for the community. • Engage and cooperate with standardization bodies (NSBs, ESOs, ISO, etc.) to contribute to the discussions around the final form of the standards and their transpositions based on WG work.. • Coordinate WG member activities in standardization bodies (NSBs, ESOs, ISO, etc.). • Monitoring regulatory initiatives affecting open source and digital products worldwide to fit those who are relevant within the scope of this WG.	• Establish a continuous conversation with the different national institutions to complement the relationship already established at European level. - **We are in contact with the ADCO Co-Chair, Belgium and Spain** • Stay active, specially in the Open Source workstrand, from the CRA Expert Group. - **Active in the group and the EC recognising the value of ORC assets.** • Leverage the interactions with the institutions both at national and European level to prepare the launching of the Public Policy Engagement Forum in 2027. - **No progress here** • Build and maintain the registry of regulatory initiatives that may affect open source communities. - **No progress communicated here** • Engage with ENISA in activities related to the CRA like SBOM and the single reporting platform. - **Planning a meeting with ECSO, OWASP, ECMA and ENISA to discuss potential collaboration.**

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ORC Community Representation

Program Objective	Corresponding Strategies and Tactics	2026 Objectives
Building legitimacy through broad stakeholder representation, growing ORC WG membership base.	• Address internal stakeholders groups to promote WG results and engage new entities in the ORC WG activities. • Development of events to promote WG activities focusing on raising awareness within the Open Source Community of the impact of the regulation. • Stakeholder surveys and feedback mechanisms to engage deeper with the WG members and relevant stakeholders. • Broaden diversity of membership. • Build cooperation with relevant stakeholder organizations.	• Engage with new members in the Working Group targeting 120 in total and double the membership revenue of the WG. - **Behind the plan** • Establish active cooperation with other business associations that are focused on industry verticals to support them in understanding the impact of the regulation when consuming open source. - **Working with automotive and Rail road, starting to cooperated with home appliances.** • Cooperate closely with other Open Source groups working on similar topics to maximize the impact of our activities and avoid overlaps (OpenSSF, FSFE....) - **FSFE in attestations**

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Key activities and expected roles

	Eclipse Foundation	WG Members	Open Source Community
Awareness, education and thought leadership	Coordination and leadership of the FAQ development and training materials. Organization of the WG events (in person and virtual). Coordinate marketing and promotion around the events the members are participating.	Actively contribute to the FAQ, share concerns and questions and review content to consolidate community consensus. Review training materials and contribute to them. Be active participants in the ORC events Contribute speaker ideas for ORC events Promote ORC work at events	Contribute to the FAQs Benefiting from the speaking opportunities at ORC events
Technical development	Coordination and leadership of the attestation work. Support of the due diligence activities in parallel to the attestation. Support specification work and eventually lead some streams. Coordinate WG channels as an space for communicating standardization activities and opportunities for the open source community. Coordinate the responses to public consultations	Contribute to the attestation work providing inputs and feedback. Lead the technical work on due diligence with the continuous support from the EF Coordination Actively contribute to the specifications planned by the WG. Share and support the internal coordination with regards to the standardisation activities	Engage in those technical activities that match their interests.
Institutional engagement	Lead the interactions as a group with the different institutions (EC, ENISA, National bodies)	Support the WG activities and require support when connecting with the National Authorities in responsibilities and powers in market surveillance	
Community representation	Lead active recruitment of new members Develop relationship with industrial associations	Lead relationship with other stakeholder groups like openSSF Help the EF to recruit new members for the WG Engage as WG ambassadors	Propose links to associations or groups with similar interests Engage as WG ambassadors

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Highlights and lowlights

Highlights

- Code and compliance - Content and participation
- Open Source Steward white paper - EC Commission acknowledging its importance for the guidance
- CRA Guidance package feedback - great commitment from the community
- Attestations and due diligence - Populated and active discussions

Lowlights

- **Recruitment of new members**
- **Engagement with National Bodies.**
- **Disconnection from standardization work.**

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ORC WG Key Metrics

Metric	As of 25-11-2025	31-3-2026	Targets by 31-12-2026
Close the knowledge gap in regulatory related issues			
% questions asked about the CRA that are answered by linking to WG content	%		95 %
FAQ v1.0 available (Q1) and % of the FAQ questions are in the Final/Confirmed status		60%	85 %
Number of followers/subscribers to ORC WG communication channels	900	1200	2500
Participants in the CRA training courses	-	-	1500
Technical leadership in specification development			
Release of attestations and due diligence deliverables	-		2
Increase the diversity in the contribution to the attestation and due diligence deliverables by engaging with multiple stakeholders represented in the WG	-	14 - Stewards	20 different per deliverable
Deliver the specifications required to cover the topics included in the horizontal standards that are not addressed in the standards text.	-	-	Complete the deliverables listed as 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 in the deliverables plan
Institutional engagement			
Number of working relationships with Institutions (NSB, SDOs, …)	8	9	15
Growing ORC community representation			
Total number of members	60	62	120

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ORC Learning Hub

Onsite training: Next week

ARE YOU READY FOR THE CRA? LEARN HOW THE EU REGULATION WILL AFFECT OPEN SOURCE

The EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) establishes cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements, with important implications for open source software projects, maintainers, foundations, and commercial manufacturers. This in-person workshop provides a structured, practical introduction to the CRA through the lens of the open source ecosystem.

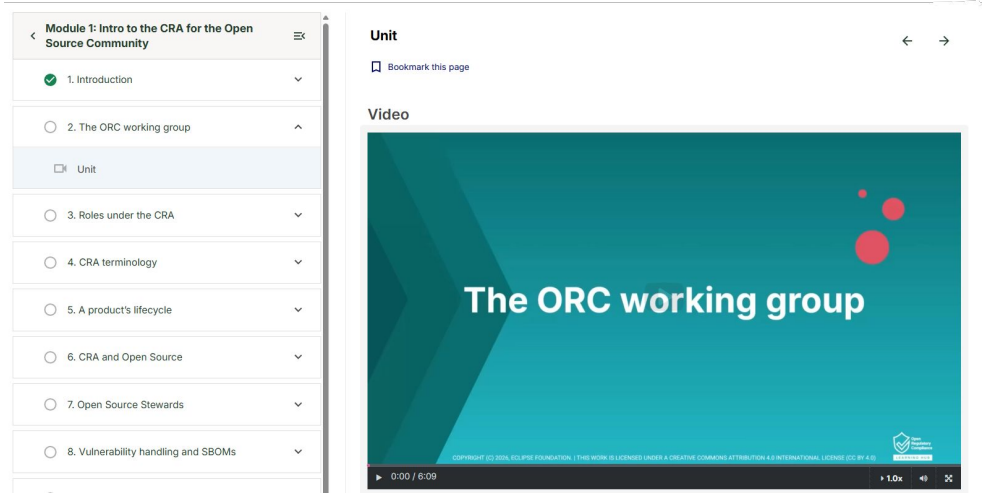
Participants will gain a clear understanding of the CRA's scope, objectives, and timeline, including how the regulation defines economic operators (manufacturers, importers, distributors) and where open source projects and foundations may fit within that framework. The session will explore essential cybersecurity requirements, conformity assessments, CE marking, technical documentation obligations, vulnerability handling processes, coordinated disclosure, and the role of Software Bills of Materials (SBOMs).

We will also address key questions for open source communities:

- When does open source fall within scope?
- What is the role of an Open Source Steward?
- How do commercial and non-commercial activities differ under the regulation?
- What practical steps can projects take today to prepare?

Olle E Johansson - Eclipse Foundation, Member of the ORC Steering Committee

Online training: Next month



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Plans

Talks:

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Meeting room for ORC Steering Committee:

- Tuesday 21st - 16:00 - 17:30

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Code & Compliance - Fall 2026

Comply.Land
Date TBC
Malta

Community over Code
October 11-14
Glasgow

Standalone
Sept or October
Brussels

NSSS
November 4-5
Stockholm

Considerations:

- Date - planning timeline, conflicting events, FOSDEM in 2027
- Ease of travel
- Cost of venue and accommodations

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