



Open Regulatory Compliance Working Group Specification Committee Meeting

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9 April 2026

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Quorum - 50% of Representatives / >50% of Quorum Present for simple majority vote

ATTENDEES

Specification Committee Members

- No Nokia: Timo Perälä
- No Huawei: Adrian O'Sullivan
- No Red Hat: Dave Baker, Pavel Hruza
- [] Victor Roland, OBEO (Elected Participant)
- No Brian Fox, Apache Software Foundation (Elected Foundation)
- No Jeremy Stanley, Open Infrastructure Foundation (Elected Foundation)
- No Simon Phipps, Software Heritage (Elected Foundation)

Eclipse Foundation Staff

- [] Sharon Corbett

- No Juan Rico
- [] Ciarán O'Riordan

MINUTES

Quorum:

Quorum reached and meeting started at 14:07 UTC

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chair of the Specification Committee election

- Simon Phipps continues as Specification Committee Chair with unanimous support.

Summary of the program plan

- It was presented an overview of the ORC WG program plan for 2026 - available [here](#).
- The pillars remain the same as in 2025, but the focus of the activities and the needs are slightly different.
 - The training program brings a significant opportunity to communicate the technical activities we are developing.
 - Due to the first CRA texts different member states are launching there is a need to further develop the local connections to help them to better understand the role of open source and the impact of a misinterpretation of the legal text.
 - White papers are good, but they doesn't provide the grounds to be referenced by official documents.

Process specification under the EFSP and its alignment to create a broader impact as part of ORC activities

- It was presented the opportunity to launch process specifications under the Eclipse Foundation Specification Process ([EFSP](#))

- This possibility offers the ORC WG the possibility of relying on an already approved process by some SDOs (PAS), facilitating the maximization of the impact of the work.
- The ideal case consist on ORC hosting the development of the work and through a cooperation with an Official EU Agency or an ESO, create official documents that can be referenced by the Commission.
- In this context the question raised to the Committee was whether White papers are enough, we should target Process Specifications or we can use other cooperation formats.
 - Technical reports preferred over Eclipse Foundation specification process for CRA work, we need to evaluate with whom we are going to cooperate and in which way we can benefit from agility vs established process.
 - The key consideration is the expected use of the deliverable. The form and content need to target expected use cases.
 - When the AI Act work starts in the ORC working group, process specification following EFSP can be helpful.
- During the meeting it was also covered the role of attestations and due diligence activities. The most relevant aspects of the discussion:
 - Attestations are voluntary, and there are cases that can work pretty well with them and others in which they are not as interesting.
 - It is necessary to work on defining a sustainable business model, the risk for manufacturers relying on big amount of components is to have a severe financial impact and therefore incentivize the involvement in upstream projects.
 - It is necessary to understand how and funds generated will actually reach developers as many Stewards have no existing process allowing for that.
 - It is necessary to establish a shared forum for attestation and due diligence to discuss together since both concepts are interlinked.
- The following aspects will be worked for the next Specification Committee:
 - **Eclipse process applicability:** Juan to verify whether Eclipse Foundation governance supports technical reports or if ORC needs independent process definition.
 - **Agency partnerships:** Exploration needed with ENISA, ETSI, or other European standardization organizations for formal technical report adoption pathways.
 - **Collaboration model:** Clarification required on whether agency work would be collaborative throughout or ORC-led with final formalization step.

AOB

- None

Resolutions

- Simon Phipps is elected as Specification Committee Chair for the 2026 Period

Supporting materials

- EFSP operations guide - <https://www.eclipse.org/projects/efsp/operations.php>

Next Meeting

May 7th - 16.00 CEST - 14.00 UTC

Meeting Adjournment 16:58 CET - 14:58 UTC
