

Oppla session on governance



Consortium Meeting 5

28th-30th October 2015

Aix-en-Provence, France

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Brief sentence on session: To discuss the Oppla governance structure and business models. Rotating groups 0f 20 mins each.

List of attendees: everyone at the OPERAs meeting



Developments & Progress

# Group and discussion points

Generally considered that it’s better to restrict ownership (membership) to maintain control, but this might limit broader contributions to Oppla, so more inclusive could be better

Need to set out the obligations of membership

Need to define criteria for membership

Members could be individuals or institutions

Members could pay fees (as institutional members)

Or, a contribution-based membership criterion

Probably best to create a separate entity otherwise an organization gets a competitive advantage.

This also establishes independence

Be aware of the risk that a legal entity takes on

Need to develop a business charter/statement for involvement of Oppla in competing proposals

Social Enterprise (James’ other half works for Social Enterprise Academy, Scotland)

Perception is important for the legal entity – SME sounds more innovative than a foundation (which sounds old)

Could do a stakeholder analysis to establish a trustee/member group

SME’s subcontracting experts – need an experts directory, as well as a SME (services) directory

Referral approach to service provision seems to be a good approach

The problem of embedding Oppla in an existing institution is there direction may change through time

Geographic location for registered company (not so important, perhaps UK OK)

How long would you be a Trustee/Member for? Good to have a rotation

What are the roles of the trustees?

# Going forward