

The Matrix Governing Board

What the GB did it get up to in 2025?

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Governing Board members at The Matrix Conference 2024

(composition not up to date)

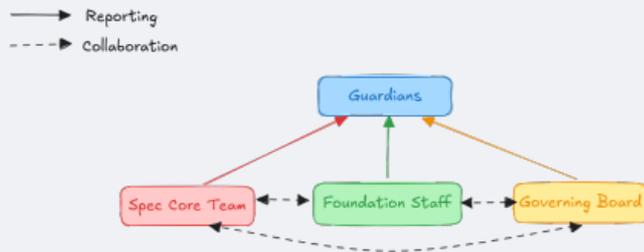
Abbreviations

GB: Governing Board

Ctte: Committee

WG: Working Group

What role does the GB have in the Foundation?



Advisory board -> Decides on recommendations to make to the Foundation

Some tasks are delegated to the GB (e.g. managing Working Groups)

Not to confuse with Foundation staff

Representatives you can elect to influence the Foundation

Governing Board Elections

In April/May, elect half the representatives

-> 2 year terms

Members are volunteers

- Community Representatives
- Funder Representatives
- Foundation Representatives

Register here --->>>

<https://matrix.org/membership/>



What does the GB do?

Meets 2 times a year "officially"

Forward suggestions to the Guardians/Foundation

Discusses proposals in several Committees

- Trust & Safety
- Governance
- Finance & Fundraising
- Community

What do Committees do?

Just focus groups for certain topics

- Splits up conversation from 24 people to 4-8

An important function of Committees is to host Working Groups which enable broader community participation in the Foundation.

What do Working Groups work & group?

Open to everyone

THE way for the Foundation to enable **community participation**

Each group focuses on a specific subject -> Something interests you? Just join!

A WG might have special access or permissions in their area

<https://matrix.org/Foundation/working-groups/>

What DID the GB do in 2024-2025?

- Version 1.0 of the GB policies & norms
- Creation of WG process and first WGs formed
- Updates about the WGs and Cttes

<https://matrix.org/blog/2025/2025-governing-board-report-may-25/>

Highlights from the Working Groups

matrix conference 2025 opening
by Yan Minagawa

Today we are here in Strasbourg

the matrix conference

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Before: no conference

After: conference



- Conference Website Rewrite
- Contributing guide:
<https://github.com/matrix-org/matrix.org/blob/main/CONTRIBUTING.md#review--publishing-policy>
- <https://matrix.org/docs/communities/administration/#room-upgrades>
- <https://matrix.org/twim-guide/>
- ... and much more not visible changes

■ Room Directory WG

Processed over 40 room directory change requests in the last few weeks.

(The group is only actionable since a few weeks ago!)



Helped with creating the room upgrade guide for V12

(This group really could benefit from some motivated members! <3)

What challenges does the GB face?

Active participation

Grab 24 people, who already have a lot to do and tell them to do stuff with unclear goals and outcomes together without seeing each other.

Dependencies on Foundation staff, where the GB is very external and not integrated in existing processes.

How can you get involved?

Talk to parts of the Governing Board:

- office of the Governing Board
- Working Group rooms

Become a "Foundation member"

Join a Working Group

Make your own Working Group

Participate in WG without being member

Contribute to your favourite Matrix project!