

# **Contribution and credits policy for open-source projects**

# What is contributions and credits policy

- How we handle contributions
- How we assign credits
- How we handle edge cases

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Goal: explicitly set expectations.

# How you can get a policy for your project

- look at our github repository, there's a guide
- walk through the template and choose what fits your project

[https://github.com/contribution-credit/policy/blob/main/policy\\_guide.md](https://github.com/contribution-credit/policy/blob/main/policy_guide.md)

# **No policy fits all**



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- you may need to create internal policy rules
- policy should help you, not impede you

# **We expect contributions**

# **Read our contributions and credits meta-policy**

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# BCP Suggestion (draft)

Open-source projects SHOULD publish their contribution and credits policy and be open about how (and if) people can contribute. Open-source project maintainers SHOULD adhere to the published policy and update it when circumstances change.

To create such a policy, maintainers can use a policy guide as a starting point. Maintainers are advised to be as open and friendly as they can.

# Remarks

- This is a continuation of Valerie's and Maria's talks at RIPE 87.
- Thanks to everybody contributing notably Martin Winter and Marcos Sanz.

**Does your project already have  
contribution and credits policy?**