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An Infrastructure for Creating OS/2 Events

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History

The past situation:

- Nobody who tries to ensure that a Warpstock Europe happens
- No public status reports
- Nobody steps forward at first, then last-minute effort
- No organisation infrastructure
  - No information resources
  - No communication infrastructure
  - No presentation infrastructure

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Each year, organisers have to start from scratch:

- Find out how to do things themselves
- Search for knowledge bearers
- Communication facilities have to be set up
- Web site has to be set up
- Info and PR material has to be written

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Corollary

- *Knowledge gets lost*
- *Much time is spent on re-inventing the wheel*
- *High stress level for organisers*

D'oh!

- Suboptimal experience for organisers and visitors
- Reluctance to organise (another) event

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Theorem (Solution)

- *Create lasting infrastructure*
- *Reduce workload*
- *Create awareness*

Provide:

- Library with information about organising an event
- Communication facilities
- Presentation facilities
- Public status report

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We use:

- TYPO3 web application server
- Professional hosting on Linux/Unix
- Several extensions
- E-mail IMAP accounts

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Presentation Facilities

Feature:

- Extensible CMS
- Design templates
- User administration
- Rich text editing
- Localisation facilities
- News system
- Event management system
- Workflow

Corollary

- *Work can be distributed (roles)*
- *No in-depth skills required for most roles*

Information Library

Contains:

- Wiki to collect information and develop documents
- Download area for documents and sheets
- Database of
    - knowledge bearers
    - speakers
    - companies
    - locations

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Organisation and Communication Facilities

Feature:

- IMAP e-mail accounts
- Concept wiki
- Forum
- To-do list / project management
- Calendar

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So far:

- Watch feature for wiki
- Presentation downloads after the event
- Fill library with content
- Umbrella site warpevents.eu with public information
- Collect information from previous events
- Your suggestion?

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Contributions required!

We provide the infrastructure. Somebody else has to put it to use!

Sponsoring very welcome!

Ensures:

- Hosting
- Ongoing development

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Open discussion

An open discussion about the future of Warpstock Europe will take place on Saturday evening starting at 17:30. Please take the time to participate. Your input is needed!

Thank you for your attention.