Minutes of the General Assembly on 2ⁿᵈ January, 2026

Minute taker: Colin Finck

The General Assembly of the Association "ReactOS Deutschland e.V." took place in the internet (TLS-secured IRC server) on 2ⁿᵈ January, 2026 at 20:35 (local German time).

Attendant members

- Matthias Kupfer (President of the Association)
- Daniel Reimer (Vice President of the Association)
- Colin Finck (Treasurer)
- Mark Jansen
- Amine Khaldi
- Timo Kreuzer

Summary of the decisions

- The Board has been discharged of its responsibilities with 3 "Yes" votes, 0 "No" votes and 0 abstentions. Board members were excluded from voting.
- Daniel Reimer is going to register a booth for ReactOS at Chemnitzer Linux-Tage 2026. A subsequent Hackfest may happen again.
- The next General Assembly is already going to take place 2-3 months from now. This happens to bring the General Assemblies and Annual Reports presented there closer together again in terms of timing.
- Colin Finck is going to proactively ask Carl Bialorucki if there is any interest in continuing his contract for up to 6 more months. The Association finances allow for that and the attending members agreed to that idea.

The original wordings of all attendant members can be read in the attached IRC Log.

Rheda-Wiedenbrück, 2ⁿᵈ January, 2026

For the correctness of the minutes

(signed Colin Finck)   (signed Matthias Kupfer)

(Minute taker)   (President)

Attachments

- Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly
- Annual Report 2024

Automatically created IRC Log of the General Assembly

Notice: The time is given in UTC. For getting the German time on that day, add one hour.

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[19:28] LogBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:28] VoteBot has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:28] Mark_Jansen has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:29] Colin_Finck has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:29] Matthias_Kupfer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:30] Amine_Khaldi has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:31] <Matthias_Kupfer> Hello again
[19:31] <Mark_Jansen> Hello there
[19:33] <Colin_Finck> Thank you for making it. We still hope for 2 more people to eventually make it, but we're already 30 minutes past the
announced time, so let's begin and not waste any more time
[19:33] <Matthias_Kupfer> So, with some delay we'll start now
[19:33] <Colin_Finck> Fortunately, there are no elections or votings that require a minimum attendance this time
[19:34] <Matthias_Kupfer> I hope everyone has read the annual report i sent today
[19:34] <Matthias_Kupfer> Sorry
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> first of all, I would like to welcome you to our General Assembly today
[19:35] <Matthias_Kupfer> And I wish you all a happy new year
[19:35] Timo_Kreuzer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:35] <Timo_Kreuzer> Test?
[19:35] <Mark_Jansen> Yes
[19:36] <Matthias_Kupfer> According to the invitation I would like to start with the official agenda
[19:36] <Matthias_Kupfer> I hope everyone has received and read the Annual Report
[19:37] <Mark_Jansen> Yes
[19:37] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any questions or remarks?
[19:37] <Mark_Jansen> Not from me
[19:37] <Amine_Khaldi> None from me
[19:37] <Timo_Kreuzer> none from me
[19:39] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any other remarks, questions regarding past activities?
[19:39] Daniel_Reimer has joined #generalassembly with voice status
[19:39] <Daniel_Reimer> PHEW
[19:39] <Mark_Jansen> No remarks or anything from me
[19:40] <Matthias_Kupfer> Okay, so we can proceed with discharging the board members
[19:40] <Colin_Finck> Ok, I'll set up the voting
[19:40] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin please prepare the VoteBot
[19:41] <VoteBot> Colin_Finck has set up a vote and I'm asking all participating members in private messages now.
[19:41] <VoteBot> Excluded from voting:
[19:41] <VoteBot>     Colin_Finck
[19:41] <VoteBot>     Daniel_Reimer
[19:41] <VoteBot>     Matthias_Kupfer
[19:42] <VoteBot> The vote is over. Here are the results!
[19:42] <VoteBot> Question: Do you agree with discharging the responsibilities of the Board? (in German: "Sprechen Sie dem Vorstand Entlastung
aus?")
[19:42] <VoteBot> Answers:
[19:42] <VoteBot>     Abstention - 0 votes
[19:42] <VoteBot>     Yes (in German: Ja) - 3 votes
[19:42] <VoteBot>     No (in German: Nein) - 0 votes
[19:42] <VoteBot> Total number of votes: 3
[19:43] <Colin_Finck> Thank you very much! This was the most important part :)
[19:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> I thank you for your votes
[19:43] <Matthias_Kupfer> Now we move on to the next topic
[19:44] <Matthias_Kupfer> Planned activities: I guess we will attend the CLT once more?
[19:44] <Mark_Jansen> Daniel was checking who wanted
[19:44] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah its planned
[19:45] <Daniel_Reimer> If ppl attend with me
[19:45] <Mark_Jansen> And if this can be combined with a hackfest i would like to attend
[19:45] <Daniel_Reimer> If we are enough, sure why not?
[19:45] <Daniel_Reimer> Was a nice one last time.
[19:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> I will attend and can soem time at the booth, but at certain times only
[19:46] <Matthias_Kupfer> Colin can you attend this year, last weekend in March?
[19:46] <Colin_Finck> Yeah, given that we want to use our foundation money wisely, I'm all in favor of combining CLT with a Hackfest to only pay
travel expenses once :)
[19:47] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: I don't think so, sorry
[19:47] <Mark_Jansen> :(
[19:47] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: please register the booth as always
[19:48] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are there any further events for the upcoming year?
[19:48] <Daniel_Reimer> I'm keeping an eye on the date.
[19:49] <Matthias_Kupfer> deadline is 12th of january
[19:49] <Daniel_Reimer> Justin thought about another Hackfestr in USA... But thjis is more difficult
[19:49] <Daniel_Reimer> exactly
[19:49] <Mark_Jansen> The idea was the end of the year somewhere
[19:50] <Colin_Finck> In any case, we plan to have the next General Assembly in 2-3 months. We finally want to get the General Assemblies resynced
with the Annual Reports.
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> Means we would then be discussing the Annual Report 2025 just a few months after the end of 2025
[19:51] <Colin_Finck> instead of discussing 2024 now when it's already 2026..
[19:51] <Matthias_Kupfer> Please note the part in my email today
[19:51] <Mark_Jansen> That makes more sense
[19:51] <Mark_Jansen> There is a date picker in the email
[19:51] <Matthias_Kupfer> https://nuudel.digitalcourage.de/GQoDevHpuB5zEri1
[19:51] <Mark_Jansen> We should try to enter a few dates this week
[19:53] <Matthias_Kupfer> Please make your entries to find the best matching date
[19:53] <Mark_Jansen> Do you want us to do that now?
[19:53] <Mark_Jansen> Or is tomorrow fine
[19:53] <Matthias_Kupfer> No, but in the near future
[19:53] <Daniel_Reimer>   Positive aspect of the earlier time... I can plan outside of my work emergency service weeks... Then things like today
wont happen anymore...
[19:54] <Colin_Finck> Let's try to get all opinions in within the next week
[19:54] <Colin_Finck> I think that's reasonable
[19:55] <Colin_Finck> But coming back to the original topic: Registering a booth for CLT is imminent, but everything else can wait till the next
General Assembly in March/April, right?
[19:55] <Matthias_Kupfer> Yes, that's right
[19:56] <Daniel_Reimer> yes
[19:56] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: you can invite all people from last year and do it the same way to make sure enough people attend the
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[19:57] <Matthias_Kupfer> Daniel_Reimer: if you need a separate room for some time please let me know in advance
[19:58] <Daniel_Reimer> Alright.
[19:58] <Daniel_Reimer> Most likely we wont have much time for a separate room, but I will think about it
[19:59] <Daniel_Reimer> Problem is that we can not forsee when we have spare time at CLT
[19:59] <Matthias_Kupfer> Are the any further events planned for this year, we have to discuss today?
[19:59] <Daniel_Reimer> Nothing I know of, especially not before the next assembly
[20:00] <Mark_Jansen> Same from me
[20:00] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so then we can move on to the next point
[20:01] <Matthias_Kupfer> How about paid development acitivities?
[20:01] <Colin_Finck> I think I can report on that one
[20:02] <Colin_Finck> Carl Bialorucki sent a proposal to ros-priv in May 2025, and after we all accepted it, he started working for us in June 2025
[20:02] <Colin_Finck> The contract with him has been extended once more starting October 2025
[20:02] <Colin_Finck> but it's nearing its end. I expect the last invoice and subsequently, the last paid work from him, this month (January 2026)
[20:03] <Daniel_Reimer> Erdem Ersoy asked about paid work a while ago btw. But I am not sure if that is a good idea...
[20:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> Any other candidates?
[20:04] <Colin_Finck> I would like to continue our practice of only enabling paid development activities for people that have proven to be valuable ReactOS developers beforehand
[20:04] <Mark_Jansen> I second that
[20:04] <Matthias_Kupfer> I absolutely aggree
[20:04] <Daniel_Reimer> At least no one who contacted me or asked about it when I was watching it
[20:04] <Colin_Finck> I think we've been very happy with the past few contracts. But let's keep our standards high
[20:05] <Matthias_Kupfer> Of course, I think with our financial backroom we can afford some paid development
[20:05] <Daniel_Reimer> That's why I am no fan of Erdem in that matter. He is with us fort ages now, but valuable... well....
[20:05] <Mark_Jansen> I would vote against Erdem
[20:06] <Daniel_Reimer> We all would I think ^^
[20:06] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay
[20:06] <Colin_Finck> At the same time, it's also an economic decision: While still way below the salary of a professional developer, we paid much more to Carl Bialorucki than what we originally intended with the scholarship idea
[20:06] <Colin_Finck> Sure, you can't directly compare the two. But it's reaching a point where we need to seriously look at the money on our bank accounts
[20:07] <Mark_Jansen> That solves the issue of us having too much money for the IRS
[20:07] <Colin_Finck> We started 2025 with 48601 EUR on the bank. We ended with 38.373 EUR
[20:07] <Daniel_Reimer> Yeah, but in his case we paid for a devlopment service and not for some student
[20:08] <Mark_Jansen> And I think it is money well spent.
[20:08] <Daniel_Reimer> Indeed it is
[20:08] <Mark_Jansen> He worked on stuff that noone wanted to work on
[20:08] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: Fortunately, that's not an issue anymore since ~2022. But yes, on the one hand it's good to actually put the money to good use and not just hoard it. On the other hand, we need to draw the line on the chart and realize how long we can continue this way..
[20:08] <Timo_Kreuzer> So we are done here, right? I need to go to my gate :)
[20:08] <Daniel_Reimer> We need a few more of such contracts...
[20:08] <Colin_Finck> Timo_Kreuzer: Yes, the official most important part is gone. Have a good flight!
[20:08] <Colin_Finck> *done
[20:09] <Timo_Kreuzer> Alright see you next Assembly
[20:09] <Daniel_Reimer> @timo_kreuzer: Cya
[20:09] <Mark_Jansen> Safe flight
[20:09] Timo_Kreuzer has quit the server (Connection reset by peer)
[20:10] <Colin_Finck> What I want to say: We need publicity on all channels. We need releases. We need presence on open-source events. People need to see that ReactOS is alive and only this brings in donations
[20:10] <Mark_Jansen> There are plans for a new release soonish
[20:11] <Daniel_Reimer> Ah and sorry for being so late. As always things go down if you dont need it at all. I have emergency service 24/7 this week at work and of course at ~18:50 the network in my beloved hospital went haywire....
[20:11] <Mark_Jansen> This was also something that Carl was going to work on
[20:11] <Colin_Finck> Looking at the annual statistics, this seemed to work very well in 2020 and 2022 (donation income of 12000 - 13000 EUR in both years)
[20:11] <Daniel_Reimer> @Colin. There were plans for some PR after the MSVCRT sync is done now
[20:11] <Colin_Finck> For 2025, the donation income is down to 9117 EUR
[20:12] <Daniel_Reimer> One commit that kills about 20% of our failing tests at once sounds like good PR
[20:12] <Colin_Finck> @Daniel_Reimer: That's good to know! Make the most out of that :)
[20:13] <Daniel_Reimer> Other signs of life are of course X which is very active as always
[20:14] <Colin_Finck> Half of the tech bubble switched to Mastodon and Bluesky if they were on Twitter before
[20:14] <Mark_Jansen> I'd say 1/4th at most
[20:14] <Mark_Jansen> But that are details
[20:15] <Mark_Jansen> Are there any other things we need to discuss?
[20:15] <Daniel_Reimer> It's a good sign when you wear your ReactOS shirt on a work meeting with a health tech company working with us and everyone looks at you or better the shirt and ask questions about the current staus ^^^
[20:15] <Colin_Finck> Mark_Jansen: well, some also gave up on those short messengers entirely and switched to platforms like LinkedIn
[20:15] <Colin_Finck> in any case, I'd say you're missing out on many tech-savvy people if you're only on X these days
[20:15] <Daniel_Reimer> Or... that chinese short video crap
[20:16] <Colin_Finck> Don't know about that one, or whether tech people are there
[20:16] <Mark_Jansen> TikTok
[20:16] <Mark_Jansen> It's mostly 12 year olds
[20:16] <Colin_Finck> Anyway, one more thought experiment: Carl hasn't asked, but let's assume he would want to continue for 6 more months
[20:17] <Colin_Finck> That would be around 18000 EUR in total if we consider everything including fees and taxes
[20:17] <Daniel_Reimer> I would vote for it of course
[20:17] <Colin_Finck> bringing down our total sum on the bank account from currently ~
[20:17] <Colin_Finck> ~38000 EUR to ~20000 EUR
[20:17] <Mark_Jansen> I think the work he is doing is good, but how much do we want in reserve ?
[20:17] <Colin_Finck> minus hosting costs and travel expenses of ~5000 EUR
[20:17] <Daniel_Reimer> Still enough for critical stuff that could happen.
[20:18] <Colin_Finck> so it's rather 15000 EUR at the end
[20:18] <Mark_Jansen> Should we set a lower limit or something?
[20:18] <Matthias_Kupfer> I think we can reduce our savings for any useful development
[20:18] <Matthias_Kupfer> I think we should keep at least 20k for unforseen issues
[20:18] <Colin_Finck> I still remember the days of ReactOS Deutschland e.V. when our entire money on the bank was ~5000 EUR. But things have changed. How big should the reserves be these days?
[20:19] <Daniel_Reimer> Before the chance vanishes into thin air... I think we should take the deal
[20:19] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so let's keep at least 15k at least for emergencies
[20:19] <Colin_Finck> Matthias_Kupfer: Well, I didn't account for donations. If they continue to be at around ~9000 EUR this year, we should be good to go
[20:19] <Daniel_Reimer> @colin you mean the times where we did indoor camping at CLT? :D Things I am happy to not have to do anymore ^^^
[20:20] <Mark_Jansen> Considering er also plan to release, that could boost donations again
[20:20] <Colin_Finck> Daniel_Reimer: Exactly these times :)
[20:20] <Matthias_Kupfer> we never know what will happen
[20:20] <Mark_Jansen> Considering *we
[20:20] <Mark_Jansen> I have to go as well
[20:20] <Colin_Finck> Ok. That sounds to me like you're all in favor of a possible 6-month extension of Carl's contract. Shall I proactively approach him after this meeting?

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[20:20] <Matthias_Kupfer> I would like to address the final point. Has anyone moved recently?
[20:21] <Mark_Jansen> Sounds good colin
[20:21] <Mark_Jansen> I have not moved
[20:21] <Daniel_Reimer> No, still the same address
[20:21] <Colin_Finck> I have moved in 2024, so my address is still up to date too
[20:22] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, I assume Amine_Khaldi your address hasn't change too?
[20:22] <Amine_Khaldi> yep
[20:22] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so we can close the official part
[20:23] <Daniel_Reimer> Hey Amine, show up from time to time over at Mattermost. Did not talk to you for more than a year by now...
[20:23] <Colin_Finck> Everyone fine with me approaching Carl proactively whether to extend his contract for 6 more months? Daniel_Reimer,
Matthias_Kupfer?
[20:23] <Daniel_Reimer> Absolutely
[20:23] <Amine_Khaldi> hey daniel, I hope you're doing great! :)
[20:24] <Matthias_Kupfer> Yes I'm fine with that
[20:24] <Amine_Khaldi> oh, time flies, it's been a year?
[20:24] <Colin_Finck> ok, thank you all for your input. I'll text Carl right away
[20:24] <Matthias_Kupfer> Any further important topics?
[20:25] <Daniel_Reimer> Not from my side
[20:25] <Mark_Jansen> Not from me
[20:25] <Colin_Finck> Don't think so. In any case, we're likely going to meet again in 2-3 months. Don't forget to vote at
https://nuudel.digitalcourage.de/GQoDevHpuB5zEri1
[20:25] <Daniel_Reimer> Amine: I am fine. New job at a hospital since a year. Everything else is fine, too. Except health is a bit mixed these
days. But nothing seriuous. Hospital just means I get everything that exists for free. I hope you are fine, too. :D
[20:25] <Colin_Finck> I'll also post this link in Mattermost
[20:26] <Mark_Jansen> Thanks, hope to speak to you all soon
[20:26] <Daniel_Reimer> Same here. At CLT maybe? ^^^
[20:27] <Matthias_Kupfer> okay, so I wish you all a nice evening
[20:27] <Daniel_Reimer> Thanks, same to you too
[20:28] Mark_Jansen has quit the server (Quit)
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Annual Report 2024

As stipulated in the Articles of Assocation of ReactOS Deutschland e.V., the Annual Report gives an overview of the work of the Association in the year 2024. It is divided into Activities, Outlook, and Finances. The primary purpose of the Assocation lies in the support of the ReactOS Project. In 2024, the main tasks were:

- Presenting the project on popular exhibitions/events
- Financing paid development on ReactOS

Activities

The following annual activities, which directly contribute to the Association's purpose, are not presented in detail. These were in particular:

- Continued development on the operating system ReactOS and related components (like RosBE), also by non-members
- Receiving donations and managing the collected funds
- Accounting and managing the members

The freelancer hired in August 2023 continued to work on the setup component of ReactOS until January 2024. At the end of that month, the contract with the freelancer expired. Due to a lack of suitable candidates and realistic project ideas, no further freelancers could be hired in 2024 to continue developing ReactOS.

Participation in the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage was also planned for 2024. Unfortunately, the project could not find enough booth attendants in the remaining planning time. The booth was eventually filled by the organizer with another project. As a result, there were no travel expenses or expenses for advertising material for 2024. However, at the end of the year, planning began for a larger participation in the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage 2025. With sufficient lead time, a presentation of the ReactOS Project at this event is therefore realistic for the upcoming year.

In contrast to previous years, the ReactOS Project was not represented at FOSDEM or Google Summer of Code in 2024 due to time constraints. Instead of presenting the current status of the project or supervising students, the work of the Association and project members focused exclusively on completing the upcoming ReactOS version 0.4.15.

Outlook

After more than three years without a new release, ReactOS version 0.4.15 is scheduled to be released in 2025. This is expected to increase public interest in the project and also boost income from donations. In line with this, the project plans to participate again in the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage to present the new ReactOS version. Since a larger number of booth attendants are expected to arrive in 2025, a ReactOS Hackfest is also planned for the week after the Chemnitzer Linux-Tage. The Association will provide financial and organizational support for both events.

To make effective use of donations, the Association will continue to look for suitable candidates for paid development on the ReactOS Project in 2025. Both the board and project members consider this to be a sensible and promising use of the available financial resources.

Finances

Incomes

Donations	8,842.52 €
Interests	412.21 €

Expenses

Specific Research and Development Activities (aka "Developer Contracts")	6,508.00 €
Infrastructure costs (Servers)	2,353.65 €
Infrastructure costs (Domains)	177.11 €

Totals

Total incomes	9,254.73 €
Total expenses	9,038.76 €
Reserves from 2023	48,385.19 €
Balance on 2024-12-31	48,601.16 €

Matthias Kupfer (President of the Board)
Daniel Reimer (Vice President)
Colin Finck (Board Member/Treasurer)