# Contribution and credits policy for open-source projects

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# 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

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

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