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We have had a busy month of event outreach, improving our quick start and FAQ material, and building out internationalization. The key focus was preparing for expansion in 2018.

OpenChain @ Events

This was a significant month for outreach at the OpenChain Project.

1. [The OpenChain Project was featured at the SFLC Fall Conference](#) on the 3rd of November. The talk, entitled 'Update on OpenChain', is [available as a video under CC licensing](#).
2. [The OpenChain Project was highlighted at the EOLE conference in Paris](#) on the 5th of November in a talk by [Malcolm Bain of ID Law Partners](#).
3. [The OpenChain Project was featured at the Linux Foundation Legal Summit](#) on the 5th of December. The talk provided an overview and context for how the OpenChain Project will position itself entering 2018.
4. [The OpenChain Project was featured at the Legal Network Roundtable held at the Amadeus offices in France](#) on the 12th of December. Malcolm Bain, Partner from ID Law Partners delivered a talk entitled 'Introduction to Open Chain and the Role of Compliance into the Supply Chain as part of a Strong Governance Program'

Keep track of all our events here:

<https://www.openchainproject.org/events>

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OpenChain Quick Start and FAQs

In preparation for increased outreach via our community, our members and our partners in 2018 the [OpenChain Project released a new one page Quick Start guide](#).

The OpenChain Project also announced [updated FAQs to help make the project quicker and easier to understand](#) for both new and existing participants. These included:

1. [A shorter general FAQ](#)
2. [An expanded Specification FAQ](#)
3. [A single page Conformance FAQ](#)
4. [A single page Curriculum FAQ](#)

This activity is a progression of our [Quick Start landing page](#) and related activities from the OpenChain Onboarding Work Team.



OpenChain Releases Slides

The OpenChain Project released [additional slides](#) via SlideShare to support new and existing participants in contextualizing and explaining our work.

1. '[OpenChain: Giving everyone access to open source best practices](#)' provides a clear overview of why the project was formed, how it works, and where it is going.
2. '[Update on OpenChain: now we really begin](#)' provides a snapshot of our current status.
3. '[Standardising Compliance Processes](#)' from Malcolm Bain of ID Law Partners helps to frame OpenChain Conformance as a standard.

OpenChain Internationalization

The OpenChain Project has moved from translations to dedicated local activities with [the formation of a Japanese Study Group](#). The first meeting will take place on the 27th of December at the Sony Headquarters in Tokyo. [Registration for the event is now open](#) and over 20 participants from multiple companies are already confirmed.

What is coming next

The OpenChain Project has had a significant year of growth in membership, growth in the community of conformance and expansion of our onboarding, curriculum and translated material. The last six months have seen a substantial focus on internationalization and positioning for member-driven growth in 2018. Our Japanese Study Group meeting on the 27th of December will provide guidance on measured, effective growth strategies moving forward.