

Feedback for strategy

Based on the interviews and the feedback from the online poll, here are some notes for developing an open-source strategy for Intersect:

Community Engagement and Collaboration

- **Foster Active Community Participation:** Encourage diverse viewpoints and create a welcoming environment for new contributors.
- **Effective Communication Channels:** Establish robust community interaction, idea-sharing, and collaboration platforms. Community choice.
- **Empower Community Leadership:** Develop leadership roles within the community to guide project directions while respecting community inputs.

Governance and Decision-Making

- **Transparent Governance Structure:** Implement clear and transparent governance structures to balance openness with intellectual property protection.
- **Community-Driven Decision Making:** Decisions should be transparent, involving community feedback and participation.
- **Ownership and Support Balance:** Ensure that creators retain ownership of projects with supportive roles played by Intersect.

Technical Development and Innovation

- **Robust and Secure Technology:** Focus on building scalable, secure, innovative technology solutions.
- **Improve Developer and User Experience:** Address user and developer experience challenges to make development and usage more accessible and efficient.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Adapt to new technologies and methodologies to stay relevant and efficient.

Sustainability and Funding Models

- **Long-Term Viability:** Ensure projects have a dedicated team and a sustainable funding model.
- **Criteria for Project Onboarding:** Define clear criteria for onboard projects, focusing on compatibility with organizational goals and open source values, declare any conflict of interest upfront, and set up success and quality metrics.
- **License Compatibility:** Adopt business-friendly and open-source compatible licenses.

Strategic Alignment with Goals

- **Alignment with Broader Goals:** Ensure open source initiatives align with Intersect's broader goals.
- **Focus on Quality:** Maintain project quality through openness, build on open standards, and ensure proper tests.
- **Encourage Practical Utility Projects:** Support projects that offer practical solutions to real-world problems.

Challenges and Opportunities in Open Source

- **Addressing Technical Complexities:** Work towards simplifying the complexities inherent in the ecosystem.
- **Capitalizing on Open Source Opportunities:** Leverage the open source model to innovate and build utilities that serve broader community needs.
- **Community-Driven Innovation:** Encourage community-driven projects that align with the strategic goals and address existing pain points.

Additional Strategic Considerations

- **Feedback and Continuous Learning:** Regularly gather and incorporate feedback from community polls, interviews, and discussions.
- **Promoting Awareness and Inclusivity:** Actively promote awareness about the projects and ensure inclusivity in all community and project development aspects.

In Summary:

Lack of Community Engagement: One critique could be that Cardano lacks active

community involvement in its development process, which is crucial for open-source projects to thrive. Limited community engagement might lead to less diverse perspectives and slower innovation.

1. **Complexity of Codebase:** Some developers might find Cardano's codebase overly complex or difficult to navigate. This complexity could hinder contributions from developers who are new to the project or those who prefer more straightforward codebases.
2. **Slow Development Pace:** Critics might argue that Cardano's development process is slow compared to other open-source projects. This slow pace could be due to various factors such as rigorous peer reviews, extensive testing, or decision-making processes within the development team.
3. **Limited Documentation:** Inadequate documentation can pose a barrier for developers looking to contribute to Cardano. Insufficient or outdated documentation can make it challenging for new developers to understand the project's architecture, protocols, and best practices.
4. **Centralization Concerns:** Despite being open-source, some critics may argue that Cardano's development is centralized around a core team or a small group of contributors. This centralization could potentially stifle community-driven innovation and decision-making.
5. **Accessibility Issues:** Accessibility issues, such as difficulty in setting up development environments or lack of support for multiple programming languages, might deter potential contributors from participating in Cardano's open-source development.
6. **Lack of Transparency:** Critics might perceive a lack of transparency in Cardano's development process, such as unclear decision-making mechanisms or limited visibility into future development plans. This lack of transparency could lead to mistrust within the community and hinder collaboration.

It's important to note that these criticisms are not unique to Cardano and can apply to many open-source projects. Addressing these concerns could help Cardano foster a more vibrant and inclusive open-source community.

The goals of this strategy are those stated in the Open Source Committee Charter. Briefly re-stated, those are:

1. **Legitimacy:** maintaining the legitimacy of the Intersect projects

2. Quality: maintaining the quality of the software produced by Intersect
3. Sustainability: ensuring that the Intersect projects continue in a healthy fashion
4. Citizenship: being good open-source citizens