

EPISODE II

Tying up the ends —
Where do we go from here?

PART I

Summary

Points of consensus –
Ingredients for moving forward

Clearer decision-making processes

“We need a clear definition of roles and associated powers around DebConf” – madduck

“Define clear roles, powers of those roles and procedures on how teams should work” – Norman

“Silence was assumed as a consensus. The ‘silent approval’ is a problem” – Ana

Better-defined subteam membership

“Bikeshedding coming from people not so involved in the team” – azeem

“Before the conference started, it was not clear who was in charge of making decisions” – Tiago

Better-defined subteam responsibilities

“It was not always clear where decisions are to be made, there are many different bodies” – Didier

“Clearly define roles and associated powers around DebConf” – madduck

feedback

Subteam membership should
continue from year to year

*“Most of the people on those teams should serve for
many DebConfs” – Cate*

*“Global team as a supervising instance seemed to
disappear” – Judit*

Clearer timeline for the DebConf year

“Communicate deadlines clearly” – Patty

*“Things start too late, so there is not enough time for
them to work properly” – faw*

Starting point: the timeline in madduck’s proposal

Clearer documentation on agreed processes

“It seems that everyone in the team makes subjective decisions based on their own preferences” – faw

“Document not only decisions but also reasons, so that people can understand how things are what they are” – Sledge

feedback

Subteam leaders

“We need clear responsible persons” – Cate

“Sometimes individuals made uncoordinated decisions” – Didier

Subteam shadows

*“I did more than I was able to, and that made me sick.
Somehow we need to protect each other” – edrz*

“People feel too guilty to back away” – Sledge

“The last two weeks before the conference is a full-time job” – Patty

Subteam wizards

“I asked people and it helped me a lot in how to understand how DC works and not to reinvent the wheel” – Norman

“The DC15 team had a lot of DC-experienced people ... however, I’ve often asked myself what it would have been like if we weren’t as experienced” – madduck

Local team liasons in subteams

“Communicating upstream is a challenge, especially under time pressure” – vorlon

Open questions

What subteams should we
have?

What level of detail should we
fix in our processes, from year
to year?