

Valorising digital commons through an IP license



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Where does Coopcycle come from?

Starting point



- Delivery riders: day-to-day embodiment of gig economy reality
 - O Work-on-demand via a capitalist platform
 - No social protection (paid leave, minimum wage, etc.)
 - No voice, isolation
 - Global impact on the welfare system



- Bankruptcy of Take it Easy in 2016
- Withdrawal of Foodora from France, Australia and the Netherlands, summer 2018

Context of the project

- Summer 2017, Europe: all the ingredients are there
 - growing discontent from the riders
 - collective actions of **riders** (strikes, demonstrations)
 - o creation of a new union

- And us: a small group of activists
 - About twenty benevolents
 - Coming from diverse backgrounds
 - O Gathered around one idea:

Create an alternative model where riders are the cornerstone of the bike delivery activity









What is CoopCycle exactly?

Our Idea



A network of local, worker-owned, bike delivery cooperatives

Strengthened by **pooling** their resources **together**



What are we working on



- Build the network
 - 22 local coops
 - across Europe
 - ~60 riders
 - 1,2 millions € turnover
- Develop the pooled services
 - software (platform)
 - bulk purchases
 - marketing
 - answer global-scaled requests for tender
 - promote our values



Les coopératives et associations membres du réseau CoopCycle

Angleterre

- Canterbury
- York

Belgique

- Bruxelles
 - · Dioxyde de gambette
 - Molénbike
 - Mission locale Saint gilles
 Le Clou
- · Liège
- Rayon 9
- Mons/Namur
- Les Coursiers wallons

Allemagne

- · Hambourg
 - Tricargo
- Berlin
 - CCCC
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Espagne

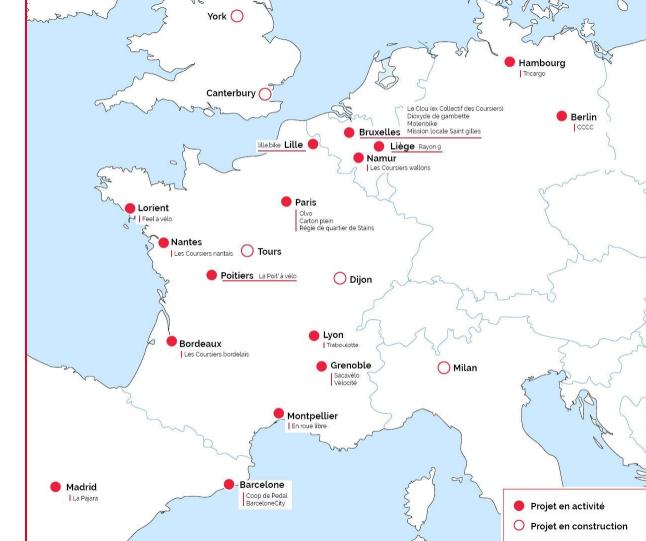
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- La Pajara
- · Barcelone
- Coop de Pedal
- BarceloneCity

Italie

• Milan

France

- · Bordeaux
 - Les Coursiers bordelais
- Dijon
- · Lille
 - · lille.bike
- Lorient
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- Lvon
- Traboulotte
 Grenoble
 - **Grenoble** • Sacavélo
- Vélocité
 Montpellier
 - Tempo
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- Montauban
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 Nantes
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- Paris
 - · Olvo
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- · Poitiers
 - Poitiers • La Poit' à vélo



Platform coops? More than a digital interfac













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What are the challenges?

Challenges



- Economical: how to build a sustainable activity around bike delivery?
 - pooling resources
 - diversification of the activity
 - public financing
 - setting up a membership fees' system
- Legal: how to protect the digital common and the commoner's work against capitalist companies?

Legal challenges



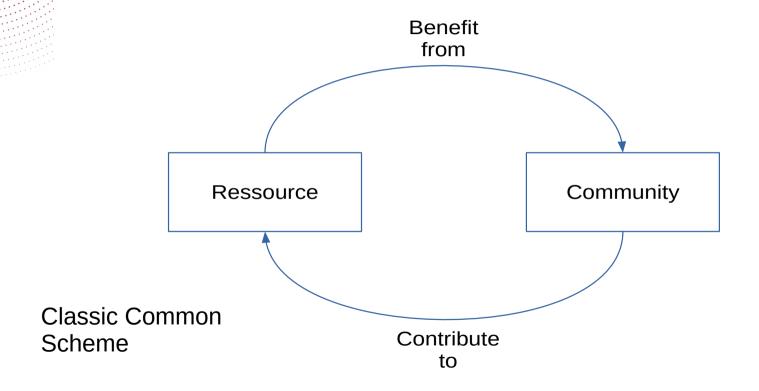
 Pros and Cons of making CoopCycle a Free and Open-Source Software

Broader question about the protection of digital commons



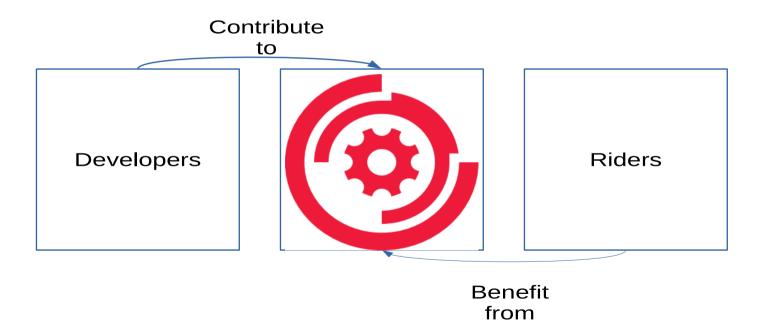
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Coopyleft License: how does it work?

- AGPL v3 basis
- Commercial use of the code only allowed to cooperatives
- Commercial use's definition based on the SACEM Creative
 Commons agreement



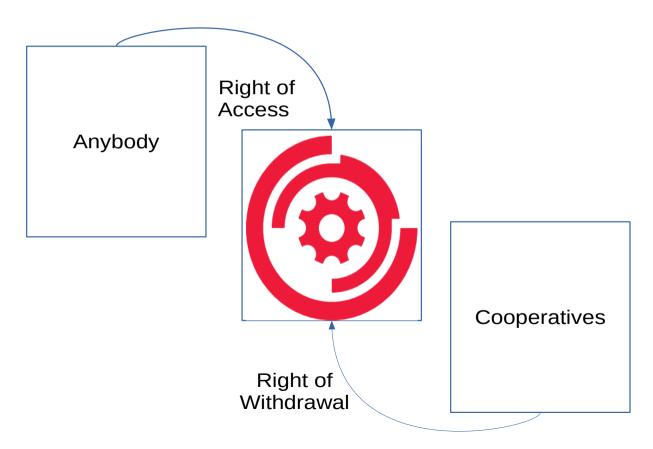






A transposition of E. Ostrom's "bundle of rights"









What are the next steps?

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- Development of the Federation as a way to value work inside of the digital commons
 - Setting up a membership fee's system
 - Making the platform's development a salaried employment
 - Making every work riders benefit from a paid activity



Next Steps



- Generalizing Coopyleft to all the cooperatives- produced digital commons and join the membership fee's system to it
- Further work: thinking about other legal tools to protect digital commons and ensure retribution at a bigger scale: cooperatives, mutual companies, trademark policies, etc.





Thanks!



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