



‘The Metaverse’ is the latest talking point of Big Corp and self-aggrandizing VCs. In order to decisively counter Meta’s claim to the throne, the abundance of narratives making up **the Pluriverse must coalesce in experimental constellations in the here and now** to highlight exactly how limited, how empty and uninspired Silicon Valley monoculture has become. In this light, **the Crypto Commons Association offers its Crypto Commons Hub in the Austrian Alps as a pilot for the exploration of liberating applications of VR, social coordination technology and IoT** that expand instead of replace our physical world. Conceived as a hybrid playground to assemble and experiment with non-commercial, post-capitalist takes on the Metaverse, the Hub already has a virtual dimension - a professionally produced 3D model of the house - that will serve as a platform for a wide range of applications.

We invite hackers, builders and governauts, but also philosophers, artists and social utopians (and whoever else heeds the call) to **get involved in ideating and creating a hybrid living, working and event environment as a showcase of the transformative potential of the Pluriverse**, starting from a tangible pilot that others can experience and build upon. The Hackathon is but a first step - to build things and perspectives, but also to come together as an emerging sociotechnical movement reclaiming our vision of the future from capitalist realism trying to encroach on our dreams. **Let’s do this, together!**

Main Challenges

Beyond pondering philosophical and strategic questions on what virtual worlds we want to see emerge and how we go about getting there, we want to actually build plenty of stuff in the physical and virtual, mainly around these challenges:

set up social and technical protocols that aid the Hub-as-a-Commons

From short-term task rotation for tenants to long-term reputation systems for association members and reputation-weighted decision making systems, we want to engage with the state of the art in social coordination technologies

build audio-visual and other bridges between the physical and virtual realm

We want to explore technical bridges that enhance interaction between physical and virtual guests of the hub, both during events and in everyday life. On the physical side, we have a plethora of sensors, microcontrollers, displays and other hardware to deploy, while the virtual space invites dynamic 3D objects and protocols reacting to received sensory data. Examples are:

- a bi-directional ‘mirror’ giving a geometrically correct view of the ‘other side’
- a physical message board allowing virtual participants to comment on debates
- hybrid mini-games that require action in both spheres

Beyond these main challenges, we also want to:

- explore (limits to the) tokenization of the Association and the Hub
- conceptualize (codified) collaboration with other Hubs in the region
- have Fun on hikes and by the fire

Find a growing list of already planned projects [here](#).

Core Values

Web3 largely agrees on rejecting Zuckerberg’s vision of Meta as an omnipotent digital shopping mall surveilling users’ each and every move to manipulate them ever more profitably. However, not all of your enemy’s enemies are your friend. See if you roughly match our core values to know if we’re your crew:

1. **Pluralist Interdependence > Monolithic Walled Gardens** I sincerely hope we can all agree on [this!](#)
2. **Self-Sovereign Identity > Surveillance Platform Overlords** An easy one, who wouldn’t want SSI? Well, opportunity makes greed, they say - or so.
3. **Expanding > replacing the physical world** Building virtual worlds to escape the ‘real’ for some time is OK, just not our cup of tea. We rather extend reality by virtual means to enrich and reflect upon it.
4. **Use Value > Exchange Value** We want to build environments to live in, not to speculate on, and conceive of agents populating them as users, not consumers.
5. **Natural abundance > artificial scarcity** Natural abundance is a defining characteristic of digital artifacts. Why would any sane person reintroduce scarcity? In other words - digital land vendors, IP leeches and other parasites, this is not for you! (We are not against NFTs, they can be useful and interesting in many contexts)

Applications

Please fill in [this typeform](#) to let us know why you want to participate, what of the project(s) outlined above you want to contribute to, and what skills you bring to realize them. In case you want to propose your own project, please submit a description, a list of hardware we should order, what skills are needed, and if possible a reasonable estimate of the work required to make it happen. Our Hub can host up to ~20 people in beds, and an almost unlimited number in tents, caravans and an inflatable mattress camp. We will try to cover (parts of) the daily contribution of 25€ covering accommodation, food and drinks with sponsorships.

Sponsorship

In case you represent an entity that likes what we do and has the resources to support it, we are happy to talk about sponsorship of various kinds - this would foremost go into hardware such as additional VR glasses as well as screens, sensors, and other materials we are going to use in the projects outlined above.

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