Master studies on libre software
History and goals of this proposal

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Background: the European Higher Education Space

- After the "Bologna declaration" European countries are adapting to some common rules in higher education studies

- The process requires legislative changes

- Each country has its own calendar: Spain is right now adapting legislation

- Common framework: graduate, postgraduate, PhD

- This is meant to be a postgraduate study

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The call for proposals

- December 2002: Open call for proposals by the Regional Government of Madrid (Spain)

- Framework: design of postgraduate studies for the European Higher Education Space.

- Constraints: very little (two Universities in the Madrid area, two in other EU countries)

- Open to experimentation

- No formal commitment to implement the final design

- Deadline for having a design: January 2004

The proposal: partners

- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain, coordinator)

- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain)

- Universidade do Porto (Portugal)

- École Nationale Supérieure Électronique, Informatique et Radiocommunications de Bordeaux (France)

- Université Paris Dauphine (France)

- Open to others, some have already expressed intention to join

The proposal: base ideas

- Libre software is more and more important, but almost no specific studies deal with it

- Knowledge about libre software is maturing

- Industry and society are showing interest in professionals with this profile

- Mainly targeted to IT engineers (informatics, telecom, etc.), but open to other backgrounds

- Provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary education on the matter

- "To reach, as a result of the master, the level of a person with good knowledge of the libre software world"

- Taught in English, by several collaborating European Universities.

The procedure for working on the design

- Based on the proposal

- Open to participation (in several stages)

- Intended to be suitable for implementation by non-partners

- A continuous process

- Could lead to several implementations (hopefully coordinated)