6th plenum meeting of NewPipe e.V.

People present: Stypox, TheAssassin, Fynn, Profpatsch, Schabi

Agenda items:

1. Appointment of the protocol writer
2. Determining the quorum
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Adoption of the protocol of 08.02.2025
5. Reiterate budget plan
6. Miscellaneous
    1. Supporting initiatives to counter Google blocking sideloading
    2. Supporting Overte
    3. People responding to our freelance job applications
    4. Simplifying signups

The meeting is started at 19:50 German time, 06.09.2025, by the chairman of the meeting, Fynn.

Item 1: Appointment of the protocol writer

Stypox agrees to take the protocol notes.

Item 2: Determining the quorum

The people present acknowledge that a timely invite happened and that the meeting has quorum according to §7.6 of the statute. The agenda was attached as part of the invitation. In addition, a tentative budget report until end of August 2025 was provided on the Matrix e.V. members channel before the start of the meeting, to ease discussions.

Item 3: Adoption of the agenda

Fynn decides to hold a public vote to accept the agenda. The agenda is adopted unchanged unanimously.

Item 4: Adoption of the protocol of 08.02.2025

The protocol of the previous plenum meeting of 08.02.2025 is adopted unchanged unanimously.

Item 5: Reiterate budget plan

Spending review for January-August 2025

Fynn goes over the budget report he prepared.

Donations and banking fees   Fynn explains that in the first 8 months of 2025 we got donations for ~3500€/month, and for the whole of 2025 we expected to receive 27000€ of donations but instead we now forecast to reach 44000€.

TheAssassin asks about the ~450€ PayPal fees, and Fynn explains that they are very high but there's no way around it (we get a lot of e.g. 2€ transactions that incur 0.4€ of fees). Moreover, Fynn explains that there are no Stripe fees in the report because they are deducted by LiberaPay already. Fynn shows how the NewPipe website prominently shows the PayPal donation button, and although there is a "(higher fees)" label, people might still use it without knowing how much we pay in fees. So the assembly concludes that there might be some potential to reduce the PayPal fees by making people more aware of the incurred fees.

TheAssassin proposes having a single Donate page shared between NewPipe and NewPipe e.V.. Schabi suggests using the current NewPipe page instead of the NewPipe e.V. page, and also argues that it

should be frictionless to redirect between the pages. In particular, people might feel like they are getting scammed if they see a redirect.

TheAssassin suggests that, for future budgeting meetings, the income distribution among the different donation channels should be provided [1].

Conferences   Fynn shows the spendings to send e.V. and TeamNewPipe members to FrOSCon: we spent ~1000€ for travelling and attending (including a 400€ donation we made to them), and we spent ~800€ for marketing equipment (most of which will last us for a long time). This fits well within the 2000€ of FrOSCon budget agreed in the 2025 budget plan.

On the TeamNewPipe meetup, we are going to spend much less than the originally budgeted 1500€.

The board still needs to make a 600€ donation to FOSDEM, but was stuck figuring out whether this would count as a sponsorship.

Taxes   Fynn explains that, based on calculations, the e.V. would have had to pay taxes for 2023 and 2024, and also pay advance taxes for 2025. So the board obtained a tax number and then started the process to pay taxes, however the tax office determined that, based on the documentation that was sent to them, the e.V. does not really need to file taxes (but we can if we want). This came as a surprise and it's unclear how their calculations differ from ours, therefore Schabi argues that just in case they change their mind, we should keep budgeting taxes (even retroactively for previous years).

Infrastructure   We have not yet spent money on a sysadmin contract, but we have an application form open until 08/09.

Legal   Since we are obliged to be on the transparency registry, we had to pay the corresponding fee. Moreover, we had to spend money to update the registry because they incorrectly assumed the nationality of board members to be German. Side note: updating the registry is actually free of charge, but obtaining information from it isn't.

After Fynn has joined the board, we paid legal fees to update the list of board members in the Handelsregister twice, because there was an error in the first filing.

In the budget plan for 2025 we had 1000€ allocated for tax consultancy just in case there would be something we can't figure out, and the assembly agrees to maintain this money allocated.

Merch   We spent ~150€ on shipping, most of which is due to sending out NewPipe Christmas gifts.

NewPipe development   Out of the budgeted 1000€, no money was spent to buy hardware for contributors. This was not surprising, considering that we are not advertising this opportunity publicly on our website.

Far less money than expected was spent for Profpatsch's contract, but now we are going to hire someone else again

Making changes to the budget

If we want to end up with the same money in our bank at the end of 2025 as we had at the end of 2024, we need to increase the budget plan by ~4500€. If we want to end up with 10000€ less, like we planned in the original budget plan for 2025, then we need to increase the budget plan by ~14500€.

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[1]The income distribution by payment method for the first 8 months of 2025 is: ~7000€ from bank transfers, ~8000€ from PayPal, ~15000€ from Stripe. This information was not provided during the meeting and is included here just for the reader's information.

Money for hardware

Schabi suggests removing this point, to have the possibility to allocate these 1000€ on something else. TheAssassin and Stypox argue that it's not so bad to keep the money budgeted. The reason why no money was spent yet was that we still didn't have an announcement on our website. The assembly expresses that we want to avoid getting storms of people asking for hardware.

Hosting providers

TheAssassin explains that we are facing issues with the current hardware (RAM is fully used), and it would be good to migrate to dedicated hardware. A dedicated server from Hetzner is 600€/year, so we need to increase the budget by at least 200€ for this. We would require even more infrastructure (e.g. storage) for Fediverse instances.

Profpatsch suggests that TeamNewPipe could switch to Codeberg, and doing so would require us to run our own CI runner, and that would increase cost even more.

When moving APK downloads from TheAssassin's servers to the e.V. ones, it would be good to add redundancy in TheAssassin's opinion, which would cost more.

Schabi and Stypox are not worried much about the budget, but more about the human cost of keeping all of the (complex) infrastructure running.

In the end, TheAssassin suggests increasing the yearly budget by 400€, to reach a total of 1200€.

Conferences

CCC Fynn argues that for CCC the e.V. should not pay for tickets (which are 180€/person) but just accommodation (which would be at least ~130€/person). This is because participating to CCC would not allow spreading the word much about NewPipe and about the e.V..

Still, Schabi argues that at CCC there is a good athmosphere to have long and direct discussions, which could benefit NewPipe e.V. and TeamNewPipe members. Therefore it makes sense to partially sponsor participation.

Stypox and TheAssassin suggest at most ~125€/person (not a very strict limit, but still somewhat strict) for 5 people, which makes for a 600€ budget entry, to be used only for accommodation and travel costs.

FOSDEM 2026 Opinions about going to FOSDEM 2026 differ among the people present, and there are proposals to have a booth there (which would require transporting the gear), to hold a talk there (which would still give us some visibility) or to just roam around (which gives participants from the e.V. the ability to interact with other developers).

For now, the assembly proposes reallocating 2000€ like for FOSDEM 2025.

Another TeamNewPipe meetup Fynn suggests allocating a budget for TeamNewPipe members to meet independently, instead of putting the burden on the e.V. to organize an event, especially if the organization only involves a few people. Stypox suggests postponing this discussion to the 2026 budget planning, because no other meetup is probably going to happen in 2025 anyway.

Profpatsch also suggests making a policy on paying for food at conferences and meetups.

Merch

TheAssassin proposes selling merch at FOSDEM. Stypox and Fynn argue that this might be complicated and not profitable for the e.V., although some people would consider it nice to have NewPipe merch. Stypox suggests dismissing this point for now, because it would add a lot of organizational effort on e.V. members, and that time could be spent in better ways.

So the budget remains unchanged (with ~180€ still unspent), to leave space for possibly buying some stickers.

Development contracts

Stypox argues that it would be good to allocate any remaining money on NewPipe development contracts, as we are possibly going to hire one or more people through the ongoing application process. But since there is already a lot of unspent money on this point, the assembly agrees not to increase the budget.

TheAssassin explains that keeping a 2500€ budget for a sysadmin role for this year is fine.

Logo

Fynn suggests allocating 230€ to buy copyright over NewPipe's logo from the original designer who made it, 30€ of which would be used to send over merch to them.

F-Droid mirror

TheAssassin says that setting up the F-Droid mirror would cost ~50€/month, however he also suggests talking about this in the 2026 budget planning.

Vote

The chairman asks the assembly to vote on this formulation: "Do you approve the budget plan devised during the meeting?". The assembly unanimously votes "yes".

Note: the budget plan devised during the meeting is attached below.

Item 6: Miscellaneous

Supporting initiatives to counter Google blocking sideloading

Stypox sums up a discussion between e.V. members (Stypox, Schabi, Profpatsch and Fynn) that happened over the days of the TeamNewPipe meetup. Google recently announced that all APKs installed on Android will soon have to be verified through a centralized developer identification service set up by Google. Not enough details are available at this time to understand whether this will actually prevent NewPipe from being verified (and thus from being installed on most Android devices), but there are chances this might happen because the NewPipe app violates Google's Terms of Service.

The assembly agrees that, if this change will be confirmed to impact NewPipe, the e.V. should strive to support (even financially) initiatives and political campaigns that try to fight back.

Supporting Overte

Fynn explains that somebody from Overte (an open source Virtual Reality software) reached out to us during FrOSCon, and informally asked whether we could support them in some way. Since they already have a solid organization backing the software, it was unclear how we could support them, and in any case we have not received any followup email from them yet.

Stypox argues that supporting VR software is probably out of scope for NewPipe e.V..

This point was brought up mainly to inform the assembly of this possibility, but no immediate action will be taken.

People responding to our freelance job applications

Stypox explains that we got a considerable amount of applicants after posting freelance job offerings for a NewPipe developer and for a sysadmin developer on our website. The assembly discusses how to structure the hiring process.

TheAssassin suggests first pre-selecting 3-4 people and only interviewing them.

Stypox suggests that next time we open job applications, we should include the hourly wage in the job description, so people will be able to decide whether to apply or not based on it.

Simplifying signups

Schabi asks if there is any nice progress on signing up as a new member in the e.V.. Fynn replies that there has not been any progress on this. Stypox argues that it might not be so important/urgent to make e.V. signups easier, as long as it's clear how to make them (currently it's a matter of sending an email to the board). TheAssassin explains that it would not be so difficult to implement a signup form from a technical point of view.

End of the meeting

After acknowledging that nobody has any other miscellaneous topic, Fynn closes the meeting at 22:34 German time, 06.09.2025.

NewPipe e.V. Budget Income Statement for Budget NewPipe e.V. yearly budget 2025

Revenues

Income

Donations	€43,500.00	
Membership fees	€260.00	
Total Income	——————	€43,760.00

Expenses

Expenses

Banking & Transaction fees

GLS fees	€300.00	
PayPal fees	€675.00	
Stripe fees	€0.00	
Total Banking & Transaction fees	——————	€975.00

Conferences

Chaos Communication Congress	€600.00	
Equipment	€800.00	
FOSDEM 2025	€176.98	
FOSDEM 2026	€2,000.00	
FrOSCon	€1,007.22	
TeamNewPipe Meetup	€1,500.00	
TeamNewPipe Self-organized Sessions Travel Budget	€0.00	
Total Conferences	——————	€6,084.20

Corporate taxes

2023	€469.00	
2024	€1,466.00	
2025 (advance payment)	€1,466.00	
Total Corporate taxes	——————	€3,401.00

Digital infrastructure

Development contracts	€2,500.00	
Hosting providers	€1,200.00	
Total Digital infrastructure	——————	€3,700.00

Donations

FOSDEM	€600.00	
Liberapay	€300.00	

Weblate	€600.00	
Total Donations	———————	€1,500.00
Legal		
Bundesanzeiger	€0.00	
Court	€150.00	
Notary	€150.00	
Tax consultancy	€1,000.00	
Total Legal	———————	€1,300.00
Merchandise		
Products	€700.00	
Shipping	€150.84	
Total Merchandise	———————	€850.84
NewPipe		
Contibutor hardware	€1,000.00	
Development contracts	€23,040.00	
Financial gifts	€150.00	
Logo	€230.00	
UX / CI consulting	€500.00	
Total NewPipe	———————	€24,920.00
Postage	€10.00	
Total Expenses	———————	€42,741.04
Net income for Budget NewPipe e.V. yearly budget 2025		€1,018.96