The Colmena Consortium
makes its introduction

Colmena is an open-source software application, co-created with and for journalists, content creators and other collaborative civil society initiatives.

Colmena brings together digital tools for the work of media and organizations working in networks and with communities: (audio recorder and editor, conference rooms and virtual editorial spaces, publishing support, and more). It is an inclusive software committed to the principles of "mobile first" and "offline first".

To ensure the future development and broad use of the software, the organizations that promoted Colmena in 2021 (DW Akademie, REDES A.C., Tanda. net) are now inviting new partners to join the Colmena Consortium, which from 2024 will be the governance body that contributes to the sustainability of Colmena and improve the collective management of the project.
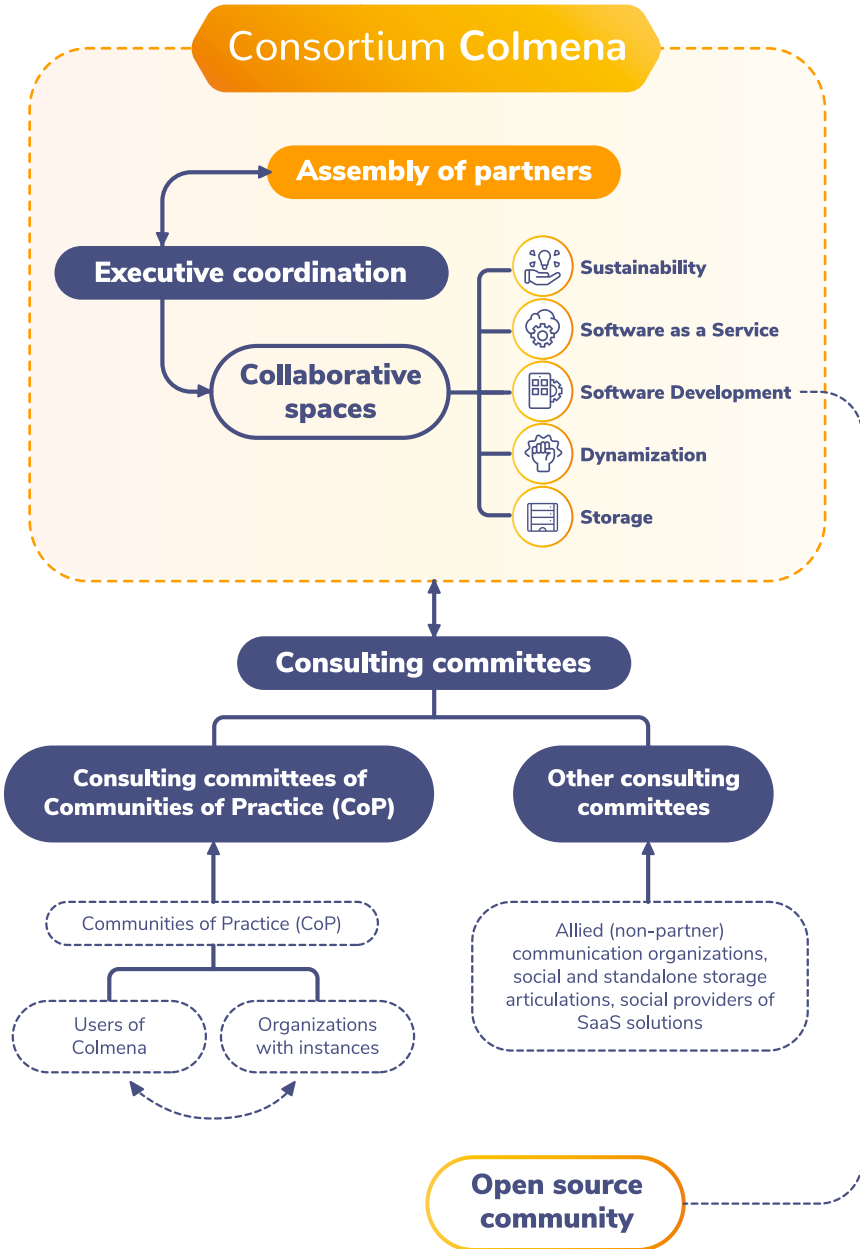
Colmena is a decentralized and federated software. This means that it will not be the Consortium that offers accounts, but that any media or organization will be able to install its own instance using the Colmena Software and manage it under its own terms and conditions. The Consortium will oversee maintaining an active list of allied instances so that they can federate and collaborate with each other.

Vision

To provide safe and inclusive digital tools for the communication, creation and sharing of human rights-based content, to defend and extend freedom of expression to all parts of the world.

Mission

The Colmena Consortium ensures the sustainable development and maintenance of the open-source software Colmena as a commons, based on the visions and needs of community centered communication, networking and media practices of the global majority.

Consortium **Colmena**

Assembly of partners

Executive coordination

Collaborative spaces

Sustainability

Software as a Service

Software Development

Dynamization

Storage

Consulting committees

Consulting committees of Communities of Practice (CoP)

Other consulting committees

Communities of Practice (CoP)

Users of Colmena

Organizations with instances

Allied (non-partner) communication organizations, social and standalone storage articulations, social providers of SaaS solutions

Open source community

Who is the Colmena Consortium?

The Colmena Consortium is a coalition of institutions dedicated to the support and development of independent media, community-centered communication and connectivity, software development and infrastructure provision.

In a complementary way, this coalition of partners contribute human, technical and financial resources to ensure the development, maintenance and servicing of Colmena.

How does the Consortium work?

Consortium partners are (1) organizations or groups that contribute resources to a jointly designed annual action plan, and (2) other organizations, individuals or groups that participate in the execution of planned activities and tasks.

Operations are carried out in different collaborative circles, convened and facilitated by the Executive Coordination, the body in charge of the administration and direction of the Colmena consortium, appointed by the partners' assembly.

What are our values?

The following principles are put in practice:

- Human Rights
- Freedom of expression
- Diversity
- Sustainability
- Community work
- Open and free knowledge
- Co-creation
- Collective decision making
- Non-profit
- Transparency

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Join the hive!

Would you like to know more about our work or contribute to the emerging partner Consortium of Colmena?

Then let us have a talk:

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