

Becoming a Certified Company, what does it mean?

The CONSUL DEMOCRACY Foundation wants to recognize the contribution to the project of the **Certified Companies** that are improving the open source code of CONSUL, helping public institutions to use it all over the world, as well as donating part of the resources obtained by their work to the maintenance of the Foundation. We celebrate that these companies work in a committed way with the project, together with public institutions and volunteers from all over the world.

We would like to invite any other company to join them, and therefore we are publishing below the commitments that have been established with these companies, in order to homogenize both the commitments to the project and the quality of the work of these companies, and to openly allow new entities to join in the same way:

1. The Certified Companies have contributed to the code of CONSUL DEMOCRACY. They have developed code of sufficient relevance and quality that has been merged into the official CONSUL DEMOCRACY repository.

2. The Certified Companies have carried out the installation of CONSUL DEMOCRACY for at least one public institution.

3. The Certified Companies dedicate to the maintenance of the CONSUL DEMOCRACY project at least 5% of the resources obtained in installation/maintenance/development contracts of CONSUL DEMOCRACY.

4. The Certified Companies are listed on the CONSUL DEMOCRACY project website (consuldemocracy.org) in order to make it easier for interested public institutions to find out about their work.

The reference as a **Certified Company** does not represent in any case a legal agreement with any of the companies nor does imply any legal or other type of obligation for the companies or the Foundation.

The technical aspects referred to previously are assessed by the core group of Consul developers and/or by other **Certified Companies** with the project, in collaboration with the CONSUL DEMOCRACY Foundation.

In order to evaluate the technical quality of the contributions to the code, the Foundation's Board of Trustees may propose a specific open issue in the official CONSUL repository. The decision on the reference as a **Certified Company** corresponds to the Board of the CONSUL DEMOCRACY Foundation, which reserves the option to cancel the reference if it considers that the commitments are not adequately met or additional issues are in conflict with the mission of the Foundation, the objective of the project or with decisions approved by the board. The above commitments will be reviewed annually and may be modified by the board, and all **Certified Companies** will be informed accordingly.