The Commons Approach

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What is the Commons Approach?
Models of Projects and Communities

• Open Source software projects
• Community Source projects
• Membership initiatives
• Consortial Partnerships
• National Initiatives
• Community projects with Corporate sponsorship
  • For profit
  • Not for profit
Benefits and Challenges
Open Source
Consortial Partnerships

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Community Projects with Corporate Sponsors
Economies of Scale

- Buy in Bulk
- Efficient Production
- Spread Risk
- Reduction in Logistics Costs
- Cheaper Capital
- Reduction in Promotion Costs

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