| Issue / Question | Category | Risk | Status | Question from @ltfschoen |
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| Number 1 | Other | Low | Unanswered | Why doesn't Amforc create a DeLAW Initial Paranet Offering (IPO) on OriginTrail / NeuroWeb for the Legal Resource Hub / Knowledge Base so the legal knowledge is free and openly accessible across multiple jurisdictions, similar to the DeSci IPO https://originTrail/dkg-paranets/free/main/DeSCI? |
| 2 | Web3 Legal Resource Hub (Knowledge | High | Unanswered | In the proposal it says you "aim to create a 'knowledge hub/wiki', which will cover various legal topics such as considerations for choosing a legal jurisdiction, copyright infringement, staking, or licensing". If development of the proposed "knowledge base of common legal questions and documents" is going to be funded by the Polkadot treasury, then shouldn't it be free and open-source to align with the Web3 vision, and included in the Polkadot Wiki, not behind a web portal. |
| 3 | Base) Web3 Legal Resource | High | Unanswered | Doesn't a free and open-source Web3 legal resource hub (knowledge base) already exist that provides a "highway with a vehicle ready to go" (as mentioned in the Opportunity section of your full proposal) that allows dynamic generation of legal |
| | Hub (Knowledge Base) | | | templates that are able to handle any choice of multiple jurisdictions and are easily configured after a brief initial legal consultation or online standardised questionnaire, and where then support is provided to configure the templates by legal interns necessary to adjust the templates to cater to their specific needs and relevant local laws, or to update the templates if necessary to support the latest local laws (which may also be repeated across localities and should be included in the standardization), and that aren't inaccessible and unaffordable to most Web3 startups behind a web portal with a paywall? |
| 4 | Web3 Standard Legal Contract Templates | High | Unanswered | In relation to the section "Product Offering: Legal Services for the Polkadot Ecosystem > 2. Contract Template Preparation", are the standard contract templates that are developed going to be free and open-source so the community may make the compatible with all jurisdictions? |
| | · | | | If so, what licensing will apply to the standard contract templates? |
| 5 | Web3 Standard Legal Contract Templates | | Unanswered | Who will have access to audit and update the standard contract templates for vulnerabilities and compliance with the latest laws? Is only Amforc and developers that sign an NDA going to have access to the source code of the standard contract templates to update them? |
| | | | | Are updates only going to be made when required by paying clients and only in response to project feedback and requirements, as mentioned in your proposal, at the exclusion of open-source developers? |
| 6 | Web3 Standard Legal | High | Unanswered | Why doesn't it say that the standard contract templates and "additional templates" will also be updated to reflect all the latest relevant laws that apply, and how frequently? It says that some "additional templates" based on some specific cases may be made available for "broader ecosystem use". Does "broader ecosystem use" mean that those ones will be free and open-source? |
| | Contract Templates | riigii | Onanswered | If so, what licensing will apply to these "additional templates"? |
| 7 | Web3 Standard Legal Contract Templates | Medium | Unanswered | If Amforc is going to require a fee to be paid to access any of the standard contract templates or "additional templates" similar to Lawpath https://lawpath.com.au/pricing, and Polkadot Treasury is going to be effectively funding Amforc exclusively if they are the single point of contact between the Polkadot Legal Bounty and Outsourced Legal Support, what proportion of those fees will be given back to the Polkadot Treasury as royalties? |
| 8 | Web3 Legal Support | | Unanswered | Why aren't retroactive payments only covering "simple" Web3 Legal Support? Why isn't a Child Bounty Change Request necessary, that must be published for brief public scrutiny after the initial legal consultation with a project client, if it determined that their request for legal support satisfies one or more of the following and needs to be "flagged", highlighting the heightened unnecessary risks: *Complicated, ineffective, or prohibitive process required to provide support (e.g. avoid wasting time accumulating a debt for the Polkadot Treasury or the Polkadot Legal Bounty that will be paid retroactively when you already know it is not possible help the client! *Unique support *Comprehensive support *Comprehensive support *Single client or project that requires >40 hours approx. support per month. *Fast turn-around support |
| | | | | * Excess spending forecast (similar to the "excessive expenses" were recently incurred by FTX bankruptcy professionals — funded at the expense of FTX creditors https://x.com/historian_ftx/status/18768376189204279027 t=iFifBIYjqtkcedLz4ealifg&s=19 *Uncertain or lack of legal and regulatory clarity |
| | | | | * Excessing hours searching for the "right contact" (that may lead to low-cost staff being unavailable to do anything else) |
| | | | | Noting that in the above cases a "fast turn-around" may not be necessary, but if it is funded by the Polkadot Treasury and curators pretend that it is without adequate justification then curators, Amforc or "Outsourced Legal Support" could demand highest rate to unnecessarily prioritise the work and work on it on weekends and public holidays. |
| | | | | Instead of doing "retroactive" payments for "flagged" risky work, after listening to the initial project brief, and finding the right contact, a standardised quote should be provided by the curator that highlights any risks, options, assumptions, constraints and exclusions, and how their legal services will mitigate those risks, and it should be made publicly available for brief potential external DOT stakeholder scrutiny, and would then be reviewed and approved/rejected by parent curators. |
| | | | | Examples of DOT stakeholder or parent curator feedback could be: * Questioning why a QC is assigned to finding the right contact for a project client instead of an intern, incase they don't have enough interns available because they are all already finding the right contact for other project clients, or why they used |
| | | | | professional at CHF 120 plus 8 DOT per hour to find the right contact instead of an intern. * Questioning why "Outsourcing Legal Support" is required when there had already been a similar previous case with similar metadata that should have already been converted into a standardised response that is available in the knowledge base. * Questioning other "excessive spending" similar to FTX Bankrupcy professionals that charged FTX creditors with a \$134 Uber ride where the destination was only a 5-minute walk away, or a \$120 meal charged to a single hotel room, or \$\$71.74 cannot be a single hotel room, or \$\$71.7 |
| 9 | Web3 Legal Support | High | Unanswered | one night's hotel accommodation. In the section "2. End-of-Month Retroactive Payments:", how will the "Outsourced" curators and Amforc demonstrate the "value-add" associated with work delivered, and justify the expenses incurred, prior to end-of-month retroactive payments, to |
| 10 | Web3 Legal Support | Medium | Unanswered | ensure that the initiative isn't paid for "excessive" spending and expenses? In the section "2. End-of-Month Retroactive Payments:", will Amforc and the curators and any "Outsourcing Legal Support" legal firm contacts that have been found for use by any projects that have approached the bounty, be providing a forecastin schedule of their daily availability for the next month that includes names of legal representatives, along with the detailed breakdown of services at hourly levels, along with clear, predefined rates? |
| | | | | For context, given that this proposal says the Polkadot Legal Bounty and Amforc "will serve as a single point of contact together with Gianni's law firm, then if Amforc doesn't hire enough junior professionals or there aren't any Amforc junior |
| | | | | professionals (available who demand a significantly lower rate), then the Polkadot Legal Bounty might be forced to unnecessarily approve retroactive payments for services by the most senior lawyers that demand equivalent approx. CHF 500 ho rate for junior work related to "Direct Legal Support", "Generation of Reusable Templates" and "Administrative Costs"). |
| | | | | Note that it says the "services provided by Gianni's law firm are charged on a time-spent basis. The applicable hourly rates depend on the experience and seniority of the involved professionals and start at CHF 120 plus 8 DOT up to CHF 290 p 28 DOT (DOT locked for 6 months).". |
| | | | | The hourly rate of a lawyer in Switzerland is between CHF 200 and CHF 500, with a large mid-range of between CHF 250 and CHF 350 per hour according to this article https://www.getyourlawyer.ch/en/lawyer/fees/. |
| | | | | That means that if the most senior representatives from Amforc work on a project and their actual hourly rate corresponded to the upper value in that scale of CHF 500, then if we calculate 500 - 290 = 210, where CHF 210 correponds to approx DOT * ~US\$8 (EMA30 price of DOT) = ~US\$224. So at the current DOT/USD price the hourly rate they are charging the Polkadot Treasury is approx. CHF 500 |
| | | | | Noting that the lowest DOT/USD price is ~US3.5 since late 2020 https://www.tradingview.com/chart/?symbol=KRAKEN%3ADOTUSD, so unless a black swan event occured, it might be fair to assume that the most senior Amforc professionals may received at least 290 + ~100 (locked DOT) = CHF ~390 in total after the locked DOT tokens unlock if they unlock in a bear market. |
| 11 | Web3 Legal Support | | Unanswered | In section "3. Pricing" it says there will be "Outsourced Legal Support". How will parent curators in the Polkadot Legal Bounty scrutinise legal firms that they are intending to outsource to, to check they are Web3 aligned (e.g. using Web3 storage, backing up and securing their client data), and beware of any history of "excessive spending"? |
| | | | | For example, if they have a history of deliberately losing sensitive documents that, or deliberately shutting down legal practices and migrating their staff to new legal firms to cause delays or as a reason for sensitive documents being lost, or billing clients when they only staying at 5-star hotels (e.g. https://x.com/historian_ftx/status/1876837618920427902?t=iFjfBlY/qtk.cedl.z4ealfg&s=19) |
| 12 | Web3 Legal Support Web3 Legal Support | High Low | Unanswered | What are the transparent detailed assessment criteria that you will use for selecting eligible teams? (e.g. are you going to prioritise helping a Founder that has a five (5) separate parachain projects that are each different variations of pump.fun-like meme coins with 96 hours each funded by the Polkadot Treasury over funding five (5) independent parachain projects that are known to be run by independent Founders) In section "Time Allocation Rules Among Eligible Projects" it save that "in general, a maximum of 96 hours per project per year, with potential for adjustments based on specific needs and priorities and depending on curator approval. All work |
| 15 | webs Legal Support | Low | Onanswered | performed will be documented. The number of hours is set gradually, usually in steps of 8-16 hours packages. The number of hours is at the discretion of the bounty and its curators. This means that the number of hours for small projects can be significantly lower than 96 hours." |
| | | | | Could you please share a prioritised list of known Polkadot and Kusama ecosystem projects that you have you already contacted to ask if they will use the service so we can estimate how many projects you will be able to fund with the given budge and when? |
| 14 | Web3 Legal Support | Low | Unanswered | In section "Time Allocation for Ecosystem Projects", what relay chains do the parachains need to be connected to in order for services to be exclusively available to them (e.g. does it include Paseo, or Kusama)? What if they are a Substrate-based chains with a parachain ID allocated but they are not able to assign to it a coretime core to run it because all the cores were sold out. or if they forgot to renew their core, will they be prioritised lower? |
| 15 16 | Web3 Legal Support Polkadot Treasury | Medium Low | Unanswered | In the section "9. Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution" of the full proposal, to clarify, are litigation services provided if at least one company is in the Polkadot ecosystem? In the section "9. Pricing", why is Amforc specifically requesting locked DOT in addition to CHF? |
| 17 | Financing Other | High | Unanswered | Where is a link with information about Coinstudio, and details about each of their team members, their skills matrix and hourly rates? |
| | | | | Is Coinstudio a registered DAO? |
| 18 | Web3 Legal Support | Low | Unanswered | Who are the team members of Amforc other than Co-Founder Gianni? Where is their skills matrix and hourly rates? I can't find that information at https://amforc.com/about/ Is Amforc a registered DAO? |
| 19 | Polkadot Treasury Financing | High | Unanswered | Why isn't the Polkadot Legal Bounty team, Amforc, and any "Outsourced Legal Support" only paid in cryptocurrency (e.g. USDT and DOT or similar from Polkadot Asset Hub) rather than in CHF (Swiss Franc)? |
| | | | | Alternatively, why doesn't the Polkadot Legal Bounty use a stablecoin like CryptoFranc (XCHF) on Ethereum, which is a stable coin bound to the Swiss Franc and classifies as a payment token in accordance with the FINMA ICO guidelines, or Frankencoin (ZCHF) on Ethereum, or Swiss Franc stablecoin (VNX) on Stellar? If either of those options were used, then couldn't payments be made in DOT on Polkadot, then transferred via the Snowbridge or Hyperbridge to Ethereum and then swapped for XCHF or ZCHF, or transferred using the Pendulum bridge from Polkadot to Stellar https://www.pendulumchain.org/spacewalk, and then swapped for VNX. |
| 20 | Polkadot Treasury | Medium | Unanswered | That way all payments would be recorded on-chain transparently and it would only be necessary to export it to a .csv file, spreadsheet, or similar, for accounting reporting purposes, at minimal cost. Shouldn't the accounting services that are said to be to "ensure that all payments are documented transparently and correctly" be no more than the curator hourly rate of CHF 65., which corresponds to about US\$70 per hour, similar to the rate |
| 21 | Other Other | Low | Unanswered | distributed to professionals in previous Polkadot bounties in 2024. Increasing that to CHF 80, which corresponds to US\$87.79, is an increase of over 25% in Polkadot Bounty hourly rates for professionals in less than 1 year. What hourly rate will Coinstudio charge to prepare multisig calls, and will the cost associated with each multisig call be explicitly specified in the timesheet they submit for retroactive payment? |
| 22 | Web3 Legal Support Web3 Legal Support | Medium Medium | Unanswered Unanswered | Is there any legal topics that legal support, even through outsourcing will exclude? Why should Polkadot Treasury "retroactively" fund connecting projects with at "top tier*" law firms (the most expensive), when in hindsight after the services are rendered stakeholders could argue that a much lower could have been sufficient, or if the legal advice and support was an unnecessary duplicate response that should have already been standardised and available in the knowledge base. Note that the proposal says: "projects with specialized experts." |
| 24 | Other | High | Unanswered | from a vast network of **top tier** law firms, we can ensure that they receive tailored, expert advice and support". In the "Product Offering" section it says the Polkadot Legal Bounty "will serve as a single point of contact together with Gianni's law firm. Involving a regulated Swiss law firm brings a multitude of benefits and legal protections, such as confidentialli |
| | | | | assurances of correspondence through attorney-client privilege.". As a single point of contact, isn't there a risk of the Polkadot Legal Bounty and Gianni's law firm Amforc being overloaded with a backlog of unresolved requests, where it may be necessary for expensive barristers potentially commanding upwards |
| | | | | an astonishing US\$5k per hour or more to be forced to step in just to handle basic "Administration" tasks due to the limited amount of resources available? |
| 25 | Dellie det Transcer | 1 | Hennest | Aren't there any other law firms available that could handle clients in parallel to avoid creating a monopoly that have significantly lower hourly rates and that would also provide and maintain a guarantee of attorney-client privilege, rather than the o single point of contact being a Swiss law firm with high hourly rates. |
| 25 | Polkadot Treasury Financing Other | Low | Unanswered | Could you please provide an example of a retroactive payment invoice that you would issue? Could you please provide more examples in the section "Sample User Journey for Projects" that shows costs including "Generation of Reusable Templates", "Administrative Costs", and other expenses, such as travel, food, and accommodation, a |
| 27 | Polkadot Treasury | Low | Unanswered | entertainment? In the example "legal structure assessment and setup", how would the cost compare if the notary public were to draw up the incorporation documents and clarified the legal aspects directly with the project team rather than potentially duplicate wor |
| 28 | Financing Polkadot Treasury | Low | Unanswered | occurring with a legal team like Amforc being the single point of contact for the project team and drawing them up instead and then getting the notary public to independently review them too, even though they are likely standard incorporation documents? What percentage (%) portion of each project budget will cover "Administrative" expenses? |
| 29 | Financing Polkadot Treasury Polkadot Treasury | Low | Unanswered | What Swiss canton is Amforc based in, as I can't find that information here https://amforc.com/about/, and what percentage of the purchase price are the notary public fees? |
| 30 | Financing Polkadot Treasury | Low | Unanswered | Would the Polkadot Treasury funds used in "Outsourced Legal Support" of the bounty include "notary public" and "commercial register entry" legal fees? |
| | Financing | | | Noting that in Switzerland, notary fees as far as I've read are regulated by the relevant cantonal government and vary. As a rule, notary fees represent 5% of the purchase price and cover the costs associated with drawing up and certifying the de Noting that the commercial register entry costs from what I've read depend on the legal structure chosen, and can range from several hundred to thousands of Swiss francs, depending on the amount of share capital and other factors like numbers shareholders and notarized signatures, for example, the minimum share capital for a GmbH (limited liability company) is CHF 20,000, and the minimum share capital required for an AG (Swiss Limited Company) is 100,000 CHF, so it could cost between CHF 600 and CH 10.000 |
| 31 | Other | High | Unanswered | between CHF 600 and CH 10,000 Why is DonDiego and Coinstudio the only parent curators that could scrutinise all the Polkadot Legal Bounty work (since Amforc as a external curator would only be able to scrutinise the work by "Outsourced Legal Support", excluding their own w |
| υI | Otilel | | onalisweled | or where there could be an apparent of actual conflict of interest)? |
| | | | | That does not appear to be adequate oversight for retroactive payments, especially when such high hourly rates are involved. This seems to be like creating a Polkadot Marketing Bounty and having only one top-tier marketing firm from the one of the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive countries that charges the highest hourly rates in the world providing a centralised single point of contact for the most expensive charges the highest hourly rates are charged to the most expensive charges the highest hourly rates are charged to the most expensive charged the highest hourly rates are charged to the most expensive charged the highest hourly rates are charged to the highest hourly rates are charged to the highest hourly rates are charged to t |
| 32 | Polkadot Treasury | High | Unanswered | any other Polkadot-related marketing startup services that Polkadot ecosystem teams need, except its a Polkadot Legal Bounty and it appears as though lawyers demand an higher rates than marketers. If the proposal gets executed, is the Requested DOT: 96'500, Requested USD: 825'500, and DOT 7d EMA: 8.554 USD/DOT going to be used, as shown on the proposal? |
| | Financing | | | If a black swan event occurs and the price drops to ~3.5 DOT/USD by the time it is executed and any bounty payments are made, then Amforc might be able to create multiple subsequent "Top-up of Proposal 1359 due to DOT price change" proposals similar to this one https://polkadot.polkassembly.io/referenda/943, and if those top-ups are approved they could potential even double the amount of DOT tokens they receive that would be locked for 6 months, where they could say they |
| | Financing | | | If a black swan event occurs and the price drops to ~3.5 DOT/USD by the time it is executed and any bounty payments are made, then Am proposals similar to this one https://polkadot.polkassembly.io/referenda/943, and if those top-ups are approved they could potential even dc "did not expect such a level of volatility and our expenses are set in flat" (i.e. CHF and USD), and "while we did allocate a buffer for the exp |