



The KohaLa story

how an association can encourage and sustain the use of
Koha



Koha in France

A long story:

2003: first Koha
libraries

2010: first university
go live

2007: KohaLa
Association

2023: more than 100 libraries
including 41 academic ones





KohaLa creation

- Give a legal existence
- Early adopters, providers, curious
- Create a collaborative space
- Promote Koha



KohaLa organization

- 8 people in the board
- Around 55 institutions and 5 institutions
- Membership fees
- Training and newsletters only for members
- Free events for all people



KohaLa communication

- Mailing list
- website
- Newsletter
- Flyer
- Booth in congresses



KohaLa events

- Symposium
- A one day conference
- Hackathon
- Training



KohaLa actions

- Specific workgroups
- Development fundings
- Representation

KohaLa challenges

- Keep people involved in the board
- Less people during the events
- Less providers in France
- Have a role for bibliographic change
- Koha and the electronic resources management

Keys of success?

- positive environment during the creation
- 3 providers et one french speaking developers
- A massive Koha adoption in academic libraries
- Motivated people (Koha lovers!)

Thank you

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