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## Managing a distributed company

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This talk will discuss the experiences with implementing agile and distributed work methods in a small company that is involved in various international projects.

The vision of working collaboratively, distributed and with shared responsibilities somehow contradicts contractual commitments and customer relations. Lene Wagner, manager of the distributed open source company merlinux, describes experiences and methods how to combine this within the commercial context of a small enterprise.

The talk discusses shared decision models and peer-review strategies and how to manage outer and inner commitments. It deals with how to implement formal structures serving both agile processes and legal requirements. The talk will also describe problems, methods and findings of handling a reliable distributed communication via virtual channels.

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