



EUPATI CH – Business rules addendum 1 – Membership categories

This governance document (version v1.0, English, dated 10. December 2023) provides information and clarification on the membership categories of EUPATI CH. The current version of this document becomes valid with an approval by the Executive Board. The members of EUPATI CH are informed about the implementation of this addendum to the business rules and about any new and/or revised version of this document at the regular annual General Assembly meeting (or by other informational means). This addendum will be integrated to the EUPATI CH business rules the next revised version of the business rules.

1. Ordinary members: Individual persons representing themselves

These are individual persons who represent themselves. They use private address and cover the membership fee privately. Their professional, educational etc background is irrelevant and EUPATI has a strict non-discrimination policy when deciding on membership applications. However, if an individual member is acting contrary to the principles of EUPATI CH, the individual member can be excluded from EUPATI CH (or a membership can be denied).

As described in the statutes, ordinary members (individual) have regular voting rights.

2. Ordinary members: Individual persons representing a non-profit organization

These are individual persons who represent non-profit organization. The person representing the non-profit organization has regular voting rights as per the statutes. The membership application must come from an individual person and it must be clearly indicated with organization the individual is representing. The membership fee should be covered by the institution.

Individuals have regular voting rights but should ensure to bring in the opinion of the organization they represent rather than the personal opinion.

Any Swiss not-for profit institution may apply for ordinary membership executed by its representant – but if not obvious (e.g. patient organizations, etc), the motivation to become EUPATI CH member should be given.

No ordinary member organization has a secured claim on any seat or activity within the EUPATI governing bodies. However, it may be beneficial to have representations of certain not-for profit organizations taking a seat in a EUPATI CH governing body.

3. Supporters with no voting rights

These are the so-called Supporting Members. These are organisations or individuals who want to support EUPATI CH with a donation. In addition to an ordinary donation, the Supporting Membership donation may express a motivation for recurring (e.g. annual) support and it can be used as a label by the Supporting Member. Such use of the label should be proposed to EUPATI CH for consideration. Supporting Members (or its delegate(s)) do not have any voting rights and do not influence the activities of EUPATI CH.

Employees of Supporting Members (if it is an organization) can become ordinary member of EUPATI CH – but these ordinary individual members are NOT representing the organization they are working for.

Supporting Members (or its delegate(s)) do not have any voting rights and do not influence the activities of EUPATI CH.

4. Other considerations

None.



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