



## Application form for registered organisations

Statutory membership is restricted to not-for-profit, non-governmental organisations whose goals include the defence and promotion of civil rights in the field of information and communication technology. However, an applicant can also, at his own initiative, apply first for observership rather than asking to be considered for full membership.

The **annual fee** for a member is 1% of its turnover in the last completed annual accounting period. The application for admission as a Member implies the **endorsement of the Articles of Association**, any amendments thereto, as well as any internal regulations according to Article 4.A.3. of [EDRi's statutes](#).

In order to allow the members of EDRi to form an opinion on your application, please fill in the following document and send the document back in PDF format. Supplementary documents should be sent as an annex.

### Application procedure

The application procedure is as follows:

- **An applicant** fills in the form as required by EDRi and submits it to the **Brussels office** ([brussels@edri.org](mailto:brussels@edri.org)), which ensures that the application is complete and forwards the complete application to the board. Only complete applications, including required documentation, are taken into consideration.
- If the application is complete, **the board forwards the application to the members** list, together with a recommendation. The board can recommend that the applicant becomes a member, an observer or that the application should be rejected.
- If the board recommended that the applicant becomes a member or an observer, the applicant automatically is considered for temporary observer status. **Members will have ten working days to vote** via the mailing list about the application for temporary observer status of the applicant.
- The members will discuss the application for full membership or observership and vote on it at the next **General Assembly**.
- If the members at the General Assembly voted against the application for membership or observer status, the temporary observer status of the applicant will be terminated.
- Regarding applications for full membership: If, from the discussions before or during the General Assembly, it appears that a majority of members would vote against membership of the applicant, for example because a majority of EDRi members is not able to determine whether the applicant in question does indeed meet all membership criteria, the board may suggest to the applicant to apply for observer status instead.



## Criteria for eligibility for membership and application form

In order to be eligible for membership of EDRi, applicants must:

1. be registered as a non-profit non-governmental organisation, or legal equivalent:

Please provide details and support this with appropriate documentation:

- Indicate your legal name, status and registration number.

2. have internal statutes/bylaws/policies which assure independence from industry or government interest groups:

Please provide details and support this with appropriate documentation:

- Attach your organisation's statutes or operating principles in the annex.

3. based on the general experience of the executive director, the board or the members not have taken a position in the past three years which is fundamentally inconsistent with the positions EDRi has taken, which will not include tactical choices:

Please confirm that you believe that you meet this criterion, providing as much background information as possible.



4. be active in promoting digital rights in the whole or part of Europe (at least one country) before its candidacy and during membership:

Please provide information and documentation indicating you meet this criterion

5. use methods that are compatible with EDRi's mission and value proposition:

Please provide information and documentation indicating you meet this criterion

6. have a history of active engagement in EDRi working groups, discussions, and related activities:

Please provide information and documentation indicating you meet this criterion

7. be recommended for observer- or membership by an existing EDRi member:

Please indicate which member recommends the organisation to become a member of EDRi