



## **NUGENIA HONORARY MEMBERS – membership conditions**

### **Specifications on the Honorary member`s role within NUGENIA**

Groupings (consortia, associations, networks, clusters, platforms, federations, organisations with particular status...) act as representative of a number of different organizations which are not at all, or only some of them, members of the NUGENIA Association.

The status of a NUGENIA Honorary member shall allow having access to the flow of information within NUGENIA as a full member, especially regarding the roadmapping, setting up of priorities and monitoring the project creation process within the open innovation platform. The Honorary member can express on behalf of its members its opinion and interest on activities within NUGENIA and report to them.

If any member of the Honorary member would be interested to propose a new project within the NUGENIA open innovation platform or actively participate on a concrete project preparation with the NUGENIA label, such organization has to become a full NUGENIA member.

To become officially a NUGENIA Honorary member, the organisation has to be invited by the Executive Committee and ratified by the NUGENIA General Assembly.

### **Extract from NUGENIA Statutes and Internal rules**

*4.2 Consortia or Associations of several independent legal entities are excluded as Organisation Members. Nevertheless each of their constitutive legal entities may become a Member.*

Consortia or Associations of several independent legal entities may be nominated as Honorary Members.

*The Affiliates of a Member may represent such Member and take part in the activities of NUGENIA. An Affiliate may also join NUGENIA as a Member, in case it wishes to have full membership rights.*

*Affiliate shall mean:*

*Any legal entity that is under the direct or indirect control of a Member, or under the same direct or indirect control as the Member, control taking any of the following forms:*

- a) The direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital in the legal entity concerned, or of a majority of the voting rights of the shareholders or associates of that entity;*
- b) The direct or indirect holding in fact or in law, of decision-making powers in the legal entity concerned.*

*4.3 All applications for membership need to be previously approved by a Deliberation of the Executive Committee. The decision does not need to be justified. Each applicant shall have the right to appeal a decision refusing the applicant`s membership to the next General Assembly.*



The Executive Committee shall examine each application within three months. It shall within these three months take a Deliberation, either at a physical meeting or at a teleconference or by exchange of e-mails organised by the Secretariat, and inform the Applicant of the result.

4.4 *There are two different categories of Members as follows:*

- *Organisation Members: Utility, Vendor, supplier, other industrial organisation, Safety authority, Public body (ministry, national funding agency, etc.) R&D organisation (technical centre, research institute, university, technical safety organisation etc.),*
- *Honorary Member: Honorary Members are individuals or organisations having accomplished distinguished work in the field of nuclear power. The Executive Committee may nominate as Honorary Member any such individual or organisation by a Deliberation.*

4.5 *In accordance with statutory law, the Association shall be liable for its contractual undertakings solely on the basis of its assets. None of its Members shall be personally liable with its own assets.*

In contrast to organisations aiming for organisational membership in NUGENIA, which can apply for membership anytime at own initiative, Honorary Members have to undergo a nomination procedure:

1. There must be communication between the organisation/individual seeking for honorary membership and the NUGENIA Executive Committee from which it should be apparent that the organisation seeks honorary membership in NUGENIA.
2. The Executive Committee sends an invitation letter to the organisation/individual asking the latter for participation as an Honorary Member. Since Honorary Members are not committed to payment of membership fees, in-kind contribution to NUGENIA is expected from the concerned organisation instead in the form of active participation in the technical areas and/or organisational work in the NUGENIA Secretariat. Anyhow, the concerned organisation/individual has to state clearly its benefit for NUGENIA in its reply to the Executive Committee and has to agree to the Statutes and Internal Rules of NUGENIA.
3. The Executive Committee evaluates the official answer of the concerned organisation/individual and if deemed positively prepares the nomination for honorary membership and forwards it to the General Assembly for ratification.
4. The General Assembly approves the nomination during its annual meeting and after acceptance of the nomination by the concerned organisation it is an Honorary Member of NUGENIA.

#### *ARTICLE 5 – Rights and obligations of the Members*

5.1 *Members shall have the rights attributed to them in these Statutes, in internal rules and decisions taken by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee in accordance with these Statutes and the internal rules.*

*Subject to the provisions of article 8.2, each Organisation Member may participate in and vote at the General Assemblies.*

*Each Honorary Member may participate in General Assemblies, as observer, without the right to vote.*

8.1.2 *The General Assembly possesses the specific powers to take the following Deliberations or Resolutions:*



...  
- *ratify the membership of the Honorary Members.*

*ARTICLE 9 – The Executive Committee and the Secretariat*

...  
- *nominate Honorary Members for General Assembly's ratification*

*9.2.4 The Executive Committee elects its Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for two (2) years...*

The Chair of the Executive Committee also has the right to invite non-members of the Executive Committee to physical meetings and telephone conferences of the Executive Committee (Power of the Chair) if their input is required to cover specific points of the meeting agenda. Possible invitees are the leaders of the NUGENIA Technical Areas, representatives of Honorary Members, additional members of the Secretariat, leaders of planned or on-going NUGENIA projects and any other person whose input is required for the meeting.

*9.3.5 The Secretariat is made of four (4) members appointed for a period of four (4) years by the General Assembly, ...*

In addition the Article 9.3.5 of the Statutes, Honorary Member cannot be an official member of the Secretariat. Anyhow there can be invited case-by-case and contribute on a volunteer basis.