

UK EITI Civil Society Network Membership Principles

EITI definitions of “civil society organisation”

“Non-governmental organisations such as trade unions, issue-based coalitions, faith-based organisations, indigenous peoples movements, the media, think tanks and foundations. The term [civil society organisation](https://eiti.org/glossary#Civil_society_organisation) is abbreviated with ‘CSO’.” – EITI Glossary, https://eiti.org/glossary#Civil_society_organisation

“The Constituency of Civil Society Organisations, which comprise nongovernmental organisations, global action networks or coalitions that support the objective of the EITI Association.” – EITI Articles of Association, art. 5.2.iii, https://eiti.org/files/EITI_ArticlesofAssociation_EN.pdf

- 1. Full Membership of the UK EITI Civil Society Network is open to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) only.** Each CSO will have one nominated official representative, who represents the CSO at Civil Society Network (CSN) meetings.
 - a. Full members must be CSOs that meet the EITI definitions (above) and have a clear and stated interest in the extractive sector and/or public participation.
 - b. The official CSO representative, or another person from the same CSO nominated by the official representative, can stand for election for a seat on the UK EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) as a full representative or alternate.
 - c. The official CSO representative or a nominated proxy can vote in elections of civil society representatives and/or alternates onto the MSG (one vote per CSO).
 - d. Each CSO is entitled to hold at any one time a maximum of one full representative and one alternate position on the MSG, with only one such person of either category (which both have voting rights at MSG meetings) attending an MSG meeting in a voting capacity at any one time.
 - e. Any person affiliated to a Full Member CSO can attend CSN meetings and join the CSN email list for updates and to contribute to the debate.
- 2. Associate Membership is open to individuals who are not affiliated to, or able to represent, a CSO.**
 - a. Associate members are encouraged to attend meetings, to join the CSN email list for regular updates and to contribute to the debate.
 - b. Associate members do not have a vote in elections of CSO representatives and/or alternates onto the MSG.
 - c. Associate members may be co-opted as an MSG representative or alternate if the majority of civil society MSG members agree and with a maximum of 1 co-opted representative and 1 co-opted alternate on the MSG.
 - d. Associate members and other individuals may, with agreement of the majority of civil society MSG members and the Chair of the MSG, attend MSG meetings as non-voting observers.
- 3. Membership of the EITI CSN is not automatic, and prospective members will have to apply.**
 - a. Approval should be straightforward if basic criteria are met (exclusion is by exception and needs to be justifiable) - exact mechanism to be determined.
- 4. The UK EITI CSN will consider developing a more formal governance arrangement to manage its affairs and workings, including:**

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- a. A chair, who will chair CSN meetings and mediate in case of disputes.
 - b. Changes to the current coordination arrangements.
 - c. Other governance structures such as a membership committee if deemed desirable.
- 5. All CSN members are expected to observe high standards of ethics and integrity, in line with the EITI Association Code of Conduct, <https://eiti.org/document/code-of-conduct>.**
- 6. These Principles are open for adoption by a simple majority vote of members of the CSN. Future changes to these Principles will need to be agreed by a majority of Full Members of the CSN (one vote per CSO).**