

Request for changes to text in the document RULES OF PROCEDURES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OPERATIONAL BODIES AND MECHANISMS

The rules of procedures and terms of reference for operational bodies and mechanisms of ECPGR for the current Phase XI were revised and approved by the Steering Committee in 2023, available from the ECPGR website here:

<https://www.ecpgr.org/resources/ecpgr-publications/publication/ecpgr-rules-of-procedures-and-terms-of-reference-for-operational-bodies-and-mechanisms-phase-xi-2023>.

The requests for changes regard:

- Rule of procedure 2 about ECPGR membership
- Composition of the Executive Committee

These are explained in the following and submitted to the ECPGR Steering Committee (SC) for consideration and approval.

Rule of procedure 2 about ECPGR membership

Rule 2, point 6 of the rules of procedures reads as follows:

In case of non-payment of (the) outstanding membership fee(s) for two calendar years, the member country will lose the right to use any ECPGR funds and the right to vote as long as the contributions have not been paid. A 3-month advance notice of this occurrence will be sent to the national authority having signed the LoA (NC in copy).

The suggested change is, to reduce the number of years of outstanding membership fee to one calendar year, before the described consequences take effect.

This will allow ECPGR to get earlier on in contact with the respective governmental authority to understand reasons for non-payment and solicitation of missed payments and to more quickly make necessary adjustments and changes to the budget and budget allocations.

Composition of the Executive Committee

The text on the internet (<https://www.ecpgr.org/about/executive-committee>) about the ExCo summarizes very well its composition and replacement rules for members:

“The Executive Committee consists of a Chair, appointed by the Steering Committee (SC) on his/her personal capacity, four members of the Steering Committee, elected by

the SC for a 4 year term of office and representing the European sub-regions (North, West, East and South, in a broad sense), and ex officio the ECPGR Secretary who will be without voting rights. To ensure continuity, one member of the Executive Committee is replaced by a new member on an annual basis. A re-election is possible only after a break-period of 5 years.”

The text explicitly states the common understanding, that the ExCo members need to be Steering Committee members. This is not made explicit in the rules of procedures and terms of reference of the operational bodies and mechanisms of ECPGR.

The relevant text parts read as follows in the rules of procedures and the terms of reference of the operational bodies of ECPGR:

Rules of Procedure:

Rule 5. Election of the Executive Committee (ExCo)

1. The ExCo Chair is elected by the SC for the current phase, with the possibility of extension for subsequent phases.
2. The other ExCo members are elected for a 4-year term of office and represent the European subregions (North, West, East and South, in a broad sense).
3. To ensure continuity, except for the ExCo Chair, one member of the ExCo is replaced annually by a new member from the same subregion on a rotational basis. This member will be elected by the SC upon ExCo's proposition. Re-election is possible only after a break period of five years.

Terms of reference of the operational bodies of ECPGR:

Executive Committee (page 7)

The Executive Committee (ExCo) consists of a Chair, four other members elected by the SC and ex officio the ECPGR Secretary who has no voting rights. The procedure for the election of the ExCo Chair and members is explained in Rules of Procedure 5.

The following changes, shown in track changes are suggested:

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