

Valid Rules (Bylaws)

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1. Name and Domicile of the Association

The name of the association is AI Finland ry and its domicile is Helsinki, Finland.

2. Purpose and Nature of Activities

AI Finland ry is a non-profit association whose purpose is to improve the competitive advantage of companies and other actors by accelerating the adoption and development of artificial intelligence.

To achieve its purpose, the association:

- brings together and coordinates a network of companies;
- organizes, together with partners and stakeholders, various events and activities such as meetings, seminars, and courses;
- conducts publishing and communications activities;
- makes proposals and provides statements on matters related to its field; and
- cooperates with domestic and international associations.

3. Membership Fees and Participation Fees

Members shall pay a joining fee and an annual membership fee, the amounts of which are determined by the meeting of the association.

Members may also be charged participation fees, the amount of which is decided by the meeting of the association.

In addition, the association may obtain funding from public and private sector sources. The association may receive grants, subsidies, donations, and bequests, and may own real and movable property.

4. Members

Legal entities with legal capacity that utilize artificial intelligence in their operations or seek to utilize or promote the use of artificial intelligence may be admitted as full members of the association.

An individual person, legally registered entity, foundation, municipal authority, or governmental organization that wishes to support the purpose and activities of the association may be admitted as a supporting member or partner member.

Supporting and partner members do not have voting rights.

Members and their key personnel must, with regard to:

- financial standing,
- compliance with societal obligations,
- independence,
- Finland's comprehensive security,
- information security, and
- quality of operations,

be lawful, trustworthy, reputable, and consistent with the purposes of the association.

To demonstrate this, the member must provide sufficient and accurate financial and corporate background information to the association. The association also has the right to verify background information of individuals designated as responsible persons within the association.

Full members and supporting or partner members are admitted by the Board of the Association based on membership applications.

5. Resignation and Expulsion of a Member

A member has the right to resign from the association at any time by notifying the Board in writing.

The Board may deny access to working groups, committees, and governing bodies, and may expel a member from the association with immediate effect if the member:

- has failed to pay a due membership fee or other fee required under the rules;
- has failed to fulfill obligations undertaken upon joining the association;
- has, through their conduct within or outside the association, significantly harmed the association; or
- no longer fulfills the conditions for membership specified in law or in these rules;
- becomes subject to sanctions imposed by Finland, the European Union, or the United States.

A member remains liable for payment of the membership fee for the current membership period. Payments made to the association by a resigning or expelled member will not be refunded.

6. Board of Directors

The affairs of the association are managed by a Board of Directors consisting of:

- a Chairperson,
- a Vice Chairperson, and
- at least six (6) and at most ten (10) other members.

Each Board member may have a personal deputy member.

The Board must represent the membership of the association broadly.

The Spring Meeting of the Association decides the number of Board members and elects:

- the Chairperson,
- the Vice Chairperson,
- Board members, and
- deputy members.

The term of office of the Board is two years, with approximately half of the members retiring each year.

The term begins at the end of the Spring Meeting and ends at the Spring Meeting two years later.

A person who has served as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson for six consecutive years may not be immediately re-elected.

In addition to duties imposed by the Associations Act, the Board shall:

1. Convene meetings of the association and prepare matters to be addressed.
2. Implement decisions of the association meetings.
3. Manage the association's financial resources and other assets.
4. Process membership applications and resignations.
5. Maintain the register of members.
6. Represent the association toward third parties and members.
7. Enter into commitments on behalf of the association and represent the association as plaintiff or defendant.
8. Prepare the annual report and financial statements.
9. Prepare proposals for the association's action plan and budget.
10. Oversee publishing and communication activities.
11. Safeguard the reputation of the association.
12. Maintain contacts with domestic and international organizations.
13. Appoint and dismiss the Managing Director, define their duties and remuneration within the framework of the approved action plan, budget, and agreements.
14. Otherwise act in all ways to promote the objectives of the association.

The Board shall convene at the invitation of the Chairperson, or if the Chairperson is absent or disqualified, the Vice Chairperson, or when at least half of the Board members request it in writing.

The Board may sell, exchange, or mortgage the association's property.

The Board constitutes a quorum when the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson and at least half of the other Board members are present.

A decision of the Board shall be the opinion supported by more than half of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson's opinion prevails, except in elections where the decision is made by lot.

Board decisions may also be made via telecommunications, telephone meetings, email, or other communication methods enabling real-time communication among members during decision-making.

7. Managing Director

The association has a Managing Director, whose duties and authority are determined by the Board.

The Managing Director shall:

1. Lead the work of the association's office.
2. Ensure collection of membership and other fees, oversee accurate accounting of income and expenditure, and manage the association's funds jointly responsible with the Board.
3. Prepare matters for Board meetings and implement Board decisions.
4. Ensure the development of the association and direct its activities in accordance with its purpose.
5. Perform other duties arising within the scope of the association's field.

The Managing Director has the right to participate in discussions at meetings of the association and the Board, but does not have decision-making authority.

8. Signing the Name of the Association

The association's name may be signed by:

- the Chairperson,
- the Vice Chairperson, or
- the Managing Director, acting individually,

or by two Board members jointly.

The Board may also authorize an employee of the association to sign the association's name individually if necessary.

9. Auditors

The association shall have an Auditor and a Deputy Auditor elected by the Autumn Meeting.

The Auditor and Deputy Auditor must be a KHT or HTM certified auditor, or an auditing firm authorized as a KHT or HTM entity.

The term of the auditor is one year.

10. Financial Year and Audit

The financial year of the association is the calendar year.

The financial statements and annual report of the Board must be submitted to the auditor by the end of April.

11. Convening Association Meetings

The Board shall convene meetings of the association by post or email at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

The invitation shall be sent to each member at the address registered in the membership register.

12. Association Meetings

The association holds two regular meetings annually:

- Spring Meeting between April and June
- Autumn Meeting between October and December

on a date determined by the Board.

An extraordinary meeting shall be held if:

- the association meeting decides so,
- the Board deems it necessary, or
- at least one tenth (1/10) of voting members request it in writing for a specified matter.

Each full member has one vote at association meetings.

A full member may not authorize another full member to represent them.

Unless otherwise stated in these rules, a decision shall be the opinion supported by more than half of the votes cast.

In case of a tie, the meeting chair decides, except in elections where the result is determined by lot.

Amendments to the rules or dissolution of the association require a three-fourths (3/4) majority of votes cast.

Participation in association meetings may also take place via telecommunications or other technical means during or before the meeting.

13. Ordinary Meetings

Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting shall address the following matters:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Establishing legality and quorum.
3. Election of the meeting chair and other meeting officials.
4. Presentation of the Board's annual report and financial statements.
5. Presentation of the auditor's report and confirmation of financial statements.
6. Decision on granting discharge from liability to the Board and other responsible persons.
7. Decision on the use of surplus or covering of deficit.
8. Decision on the number of Board members if necessary.
9. Election of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Board members and deputy members if necessary.
10. Other matters stated in the meeting invitation.

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn Meeting shall address the following matters:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Establishing legality and quorum.
3. Election of the meeting chair and other meeting officials.
4. Confirmation of the action plan and budget for the following calendar year.
5. Confirmation of the joining and membership fees.
6. Decision on participation fees.
7. Election of the auditor and deputy auditor.
8. Decision on remuneration of Board members and the auditor.
9. Other matters stated in the meeting invitation.

If a member wishes to have a matter addressed at the Spring or Autumn Meeting, the member must notify the Board in writing at least one month before the meeting.

14. Amendment of Rules and Dissolution of the Association

A decision to amend the rules or dissolve the association must be made at an association meeting by at least a three-fourths (3/4) majority of the votes cast.

The meeting invitation must state that the matter concerns amendment of the rules or dissolution.

Upon dissolution, the assets of the association shall be used to promote the purpose of the association as decided by the meeting resolving the dissolution.

If the association is terminated, its assets shall be used in accordance with the purpose defined in these rules.

A decision concerning amendment of these rules, dissolution of the association, or transfer of the majority of its assets must be made at two consecutive association meetings held at least three months apart.

15. Other Provisions

In all other matters, the provisions of the Finnish Associations Act in force shall apply.