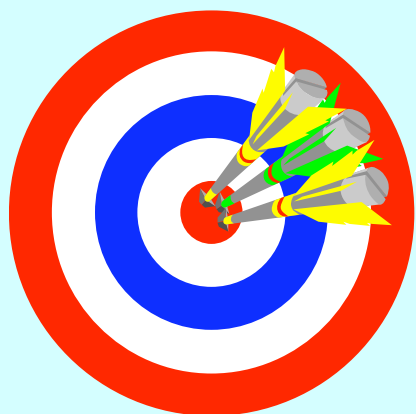


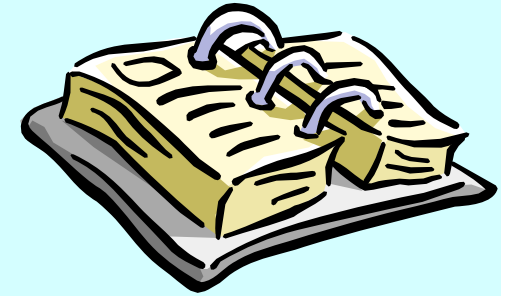
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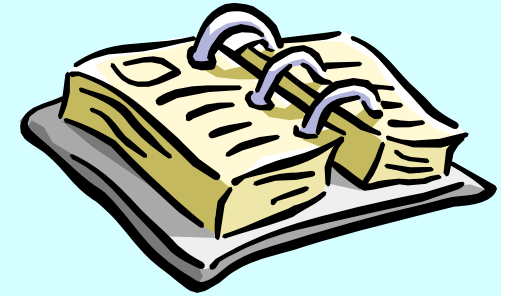
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Article 5. Membership Criteria



- Membership of ecopa is open to all national consensus platforms in Europe (NCP).
- Such platforms shall be legal entities, fully able to participate in the purposes and activities of ecopa, and to undertake the responsibilities of membership.
- Such platforms may operate at the national level within any nation within the continent of Europe.
- The criteria for membership of ecopa may be adapted to the different legal and administrative frameworks for associations across Europe.
- These criteria will be set out in Internal Regulations.

Associate Members



- Individuals
- Academic institutions
- Professional associations
- Commercial organisations
- European or International Networks
- Any other organisation related to the 3-R-principle that fails to qualify for membership of ecopa under the above criteria

A National Consensus Platform shall qualify for membership by complying with the following five *essential* criteria...

- 1. Four party principle and 3R-concept*
- 2. Recognized, legal organisation*
- 3. Activities in the 3R's area*
- 4. Consensus established*
- 5. Financial information*

1. *Four party principle and 3R-concept:*

- Acceptance by the national consensus platform the 3R's concept and the *four party* principle.
- Representation of academia, animal welfare, industry and government.
- Acceptance of the 3-R-concept as a working basis.
- Only one national consensus platform can represent an individual country and become a voting member on behalf of this country.

2. Recognized, legal organisation:

- A national consensus platform needs to have a basic organisational structure.
- This should include by-laws, statutes, legal status, address etc.

3. Activities in the 3-R-area

- A national consensus platform shall have a scope of 3-R-activities.
- This includes e.g. sponsoring of programmes, activities in the field of 3-R-education, dissemination of information etc.

4. Consensus established

- The selection of representatives (Voting Member) from national consensus platforms and the delegation to ecopa must take place in an open and democratic way.
- This should be regulated by statutes (see 2A).

5. Financial register

- National consensus platforms must provide information on their financial background with respect to the budget and its contributors.
- This does not mean detailed figures and names of sponsors but overall figures giving information on the genuine sources of financing.
- To promote transparency and mutual trust this data shall also be published on the ecopa website.

Additional criteria shall be considered provided that the five above-mentioned *essential* criteria do not suffice to determine whether a national consensus platform qualifies for membership.

1. *Members of national consensus platforms are representatives of the 4 parties in that country:*

- The election of members of the four parties in the national consensus platforms must take place by defined rules.
- The members should go through a selection/election process.

2. Established structures:

- Organizational structures are defined and presented (e.g. by a brochure or on a website).
- E-mail address, information office, secretary, available
- Programme, priorities for financial support etc. available.

3. Promotion of the 3-R-principle:

- The national consensus platform promotes 3R-related activities, at least in their own country.
- The scope of activities are defined, organized and initiated.
- The programme includes sponsored 3-R-activities, lectures, discussion forums, lobbying for 3-R-issues, etc.

4. Consensus established:

- Regular platform meetings, long-term programme.
- No second national consensus platform claims the representation of the country.

5. Financial matter:

- Financial support of the national platform by the four parties should be diversified as much as possible
- Provided directly or indirectly by at least two parties.



How to start with the establishment of a National Platform...?

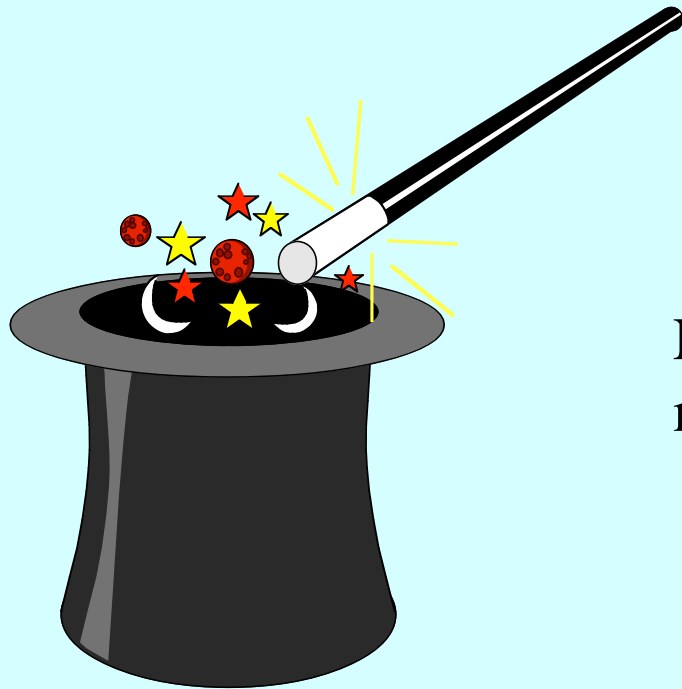


How much effort has to be put on...?



Who takes the lead...?

Problems that may arise...



No magic solutions, but some hints that may help you to achieve the goal...!



ecopa is willing to coach you....

...and to celebrate your success !



ecopa Membership

Voting NCP Members

- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- Germany
- Italy
- The Netherlands
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK

Associated Members

- Denmark
- Norway
- Poland

New EU-Members

- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Estonia
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia

Structure of ECOPA

