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Privacy notice

Membership applications and membership register | 20 October 2026

Controller and contact

Finland International Cooperation ry, Helsinki, Finland. Membership enquiries and privacy requests: info@finlandorg.com.

Data, sources and purposes

We receive data from the applicant or their authorised representative: name, place and country of residence, email, membership type, preferred language, phone and necessary organisation details. We also record application, decision, membership and payment tracking data and, where needed, the date, result and handler of an identity check. This application does not collect passport copies. Data is used to review applications, administer membership and fees, and communicate about these matters. Supporting membership does not mean board membership; membership types and rights follow the association's rules.

Legal grounds

The statutory membership register is based on section 11 of the Finnish Associations Act and GDPR Article 6(1)(c). Application handling, contact details and membership administration rely on the association's legitimate interest in managing applications and membership (6(1)(f)). Payment records are also processed to meet accounting duties (6(1)(c)).

Providing data and decisions

Review requires the applicant's name, place and country of residence, email, phone and requested membership type; organisation membership also requires the organisation's name and representative. Without necessary data we cannot decide the application or contact the applicant. A phone number is required for application-related contact and checking details. Decisions are made by people; no automated membership decisions or profiling are used.

Retention

Data is kept only as long as needed. Unsuccessful or withdrawn applications are deleted no later than 2 years after the final decision or withdrawal. Member data is kept during membership; necessary follow-up data is kept for up to 2 years after it ends. Unnecessary data is deleted earlier. Accounting vouchers are kept separately for at least 6 years from the end of the calendar year in which the financial year ended. Other longer retention applies only to records required by law.

Access and service providers

Access is restricted to named association staff or volunteers and partners working on the relevant application. Partners receive only the data needed for their task, not the entire membership register. Hostinger provides email; necessary register and IT providers are also used. Processors act under written instructions and agreements. Data is also disclosed where legally required, including statutory membership-register inspection rights. The register is not published openly.

International processing

Partner countries include Finland, Germany, Spain, Iraq (including the Kurdistan Region), the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Türkiye and Qatar. Partner access outside the EEA is permitted only after checking transfer lawfulness, relying on an applicable European Commission adequacy decision or EU Standard Contractual Clauses, a transfer assessment and any additional safeguards needed. Provider transfers are checked on the same basis. Transfers are not made if adequate protection cannot be ensured. Ask by email for recipient details and copies of safeguards.

Security and your rights

Data remains under the association's control, access is limited, and data is protected against unauthorised use and loss. You may request access, correction, erasure or restriction, and object to processing based on legitimate interests. Rights apply under the law; legally required records cannot always be deleted. Requests are normally answered within one month. You may complain to the Finnish Data Protection Ombudsman: tietosuoja.fi. Requests: info@finlandorg.com.