

Proposal to change the ENPSIT Constitution for Articles 5.3 and 5.4

5.3. The following may be admitted as full members of ENPSIT during the time for which dues are paid, provided that they support the objectives set out in Article 3 ~~and that they are established in EU member states:~~

1° organisations of PSIT interpreters and translators from countries within the EU belonging to the Council of Europe or the European Economic Area, and whose members are admitted on the basis of attested, or certified, or accredited training and who abide by a code of ethics and guidelines of professional practice. Attestation, certification, or accreditation should be procured on the basis of extensive specialist training in interpreting and/or translation. This training will be subject to national certification and/or accreditation and reflect existing codes of ethics and guidelines of professional practice. In the case of translators and interpreters who have not undergone such training, attested and extensive professional experience might satisfy conditions for admission;

2° organisations of PSIT providers or agencies from countries belonging to the Council of Europe or the European Economic Area, within the EU, whose members are admitted on the basis of maintaining explicit and appropriate quality care and assurance protocols and working with or evolving towards working with attested, or certified, or accredited PSIT interpreters and translators which answer to the criteria for ENPSIT membership as outlined in paragraph 1 above, as well as PSIT providers or agencies within the EU who conform to these criteria; 4 Constitution of the European Network for Public Service Interpreting and Translation - ENPSIT

3° organisations of PSIT trainers, testers, and researchers, as well as PSIT training, testing, accreditation and/or research institutes from countries belonging to the Council of Europe or the European Economic Area, within the EU, provided they maintain explicit and appropriate quality care and assurance protocols. Applications for full membership are made in writing or by electronic mail addressed to the President, and will be examined and decided on by the Board. Full members having paid their dues can be represented on the Board, have voting rights, and are entitled to full access to the website and all materials posted on it and to all ENPSIT events and activities;

5.4. **Associate members** share the interests and objectives of ENPSIT.

Associate members can be from within or outside ~~the EU~~ the Council of Europe and the European Economic Area.

5.4.1. They can be organisations of PSIT interpreters, translators, providers or agencies, trainers, testers and researchers or training, testing, accreditation and/or research institutes from countries belonging to within the EU Council of Europe or the European Economic Area and which as yet do not meet the criteria for full membership as described above in § 5.3.

5.4.2. They can be ~~non-EU~~ organisations of PSIT interpreters, translators, providers or agencies, trainers, testers and researchers or training, testing, accreditation and/or research institutes from outside the countries belonging to the Council of Europe or the European Economic Area.

5.4.3. They can be individual ~~EU and non-EU~~ PSIT interpreters, translators, trainers, testers and researchers or training, testing, accreditation and/or research institutes.

5.4.4. They can be third parties with an interest in ENPSIT and PSIT, such as individuals, students, other language interpreting and/or translation associations, associations of or individual social or public services in the broad sense and policy makers.

The above list is not exhaustive.

All associate members must demonstrate that they support the objectives of ENPSIT and are willing to share in the exchange of best practices.

Applications for associate membership are submitted in writing or by electronic mail to the President, and will be examined and decided on by the Board.

Associate members, having paid their dues, are entitled to the information resources on the website and to participate in all the events and activities organized by ENPSIT. They have no voting rights.

Further rights and categories of membership can be developed by the Board and submitted to the General Assembly for approval.