

**VHPready: An industry standard for
controlling decentralized energy systems –
standardization, certification and advancement**



Industry Alliance VHPready e.V. Membership Rules

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1 Services

Within the scope of its statutory tasks the Industry Alliance VHPready e.V. provides a range of services to its members, including

- the organization and management of partners and members,
- public relations and marketing,
- the preparation of the work of the committees,
- the establishment and coordination of working groups, and
- the preparation and monitoring of R&D projects.

2 Membership rights

The membership rights at the Industry Alliance VHPready e.V. refer to

- the right to nominate,
- the right to chair,
- the right to vote,
- the right of use,
- the right to participate, and
- other rights.

The membership rights are exercised by natural persons who have been appointed as agents by the respective Industry Alliance members in order to exercise their membership rights. They are hereinafter referred to as “designated agents” or “agents”.

The right to nominate includes

- nominations for a seat on the board of directors: The designated agent may nominate a natural person employed by a member of the Industry Alliance for a position on the board of directors. The general assembly of members elects the board of directors.
- proposals regarding working groups and tasks: The designated agent may propose working groups with objectives, tasks and time schedule as well as additional tasks for existing working groups. The board of directors will decide on the establishment of working groups and on the tasks of the working groups.
- proposals regarding work contents: The designated agent may submit proposals regarding work contents to the head of a working group. The head of the working group will decide on the proposed work content.
- proposals regarding changes to the standard or to testing specifications: The designated agent may submit proposals regarding changes to the standard or to testing specifications. The board of directors will decide on the consideration of the proposal and, in the event of acceptance, will present it to the respective working group for processing.
- contributions to the industry standard VHPready or its testing specifications: The designated agent may submit contributions to the industry standard or its testing specifications to a working group. The working group will decide whether and how these contributions may be adequately implemented into the industry standard and its testing specifications.

The right to chair includes

- chairing a working group: The designated agent may nominate a natural person employed by a member to chair a working group. The board of directors will decide on the chairing of a working group and will tap a nominee.

- active involvement in working groups: The designated agent may nominate one or more natural persons employed by a member of the Industry Alliance to be involved in a working group. They will prepare contributions within the working groups and may participate in (physical or virtual) meetings, plans, discussions and votings of the working groups.

The right to vote includes

- confirming and accepting finalized specifications: Agents may grant final confirmations for finalized technology and testing specifications regarding the industry standard VHPready and thereby vote on a new version of the industry standard and its testing specifications. A simple majority of votes cast is required for approval.
- coordinating finalized specifications: In the relevant working groups agents may coordinate the content of finalized technology and testing specifications for the industry standard VHPready and thereby recommend finalized technology or testing specifications for confirmation. A simple majority of votes cast is required for approval.
- the right to vote in all working groups: Agents may exercise their voting rights in all of the Industry Alliance's working groups.

The right to vote in working groups with active involvement: Agents may exercise their voting rights within the Industry Alliance's working groups in which they are involved.

The right of use includes

- first access to technology and testing specifications still under development: The designated agent has access to the current state of work of all of the Industry Alliance's working groups.
- access to finalized technology specifications: The agents have access to the Industry Alliance's finalized technology specifications.
- access to finalized testing specifications: The agents have access to the Industry Alliance's finalized testing specifications.
- the use of the VHPready certification logo: After successful passing the certification procedure the member may use the VHPready certification logo for his market communication.
- the use of the Industry Alliance VHPready logo: The member may use the Industry Alliance's logo for his market communication.
- access to the marketing materials of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The member may use the Industry Alliance's marketing materials for his market communication.
- access to information materials of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The member may use the Industry Alliance's information materials for his market communication.
- access to the member area of the Industry Alliance VHPready online: The representatives have access to the member area of the Industry Alliance.

- access to the user area of the Industry Alliance VHPready online: The agents have access to the Industry Alliance's user area.
- access to the mailing list of the members of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The agents have access to a mailing list of email addresses of the members of the Industry Alliance.
- access to the calendar function of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The agents have access to the online calendar function provided on the alliance website and may provide input.

The right to participate includes

- the participation in meetings of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The agents may participate in Industry Alliance meetings.
- the participation in VHPready interop events: The agents may participate in interoperability meetings of the Industry Alliance.
- the participation in workshops and developer conferences of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The agents may participate in workshops and developer conferences of the Industry Alliance.

Other rights include

- contributions for press releases and newsletters of the Industry Alliance VHPready: The designated agents may submit contributions for press releases and newsletters to the Industry Alliance. The Industry Alliance's market communication officers commissioned by the board of directors will decide whether or not to accept these contributions.

3 Membership levels

The Industry Alliance VHPready e.V. distinguishes between full members of the following membership levels:

- Supporting members,
- Contributing members,
- Adopting members,
- Research members, and
- Associated members.

The membership levels and their respective rights are summarized below.

Rights of membership	Regular Membership				public research organization / university	associated member (associations, freelancer)
	supporting member	contributing member	adopting member	see membership fees		
Proposal rights						
Nomination of members to the board of directors	X					
Nomination of members to the technical executive committee	X	X				
Recommendations for working groups and tasks	X	X				
Recommendations for work content	X	X	X		X	X
Recommendation for modification of standard and test specifications	X	X	X		X	X
Contributions to industry standard VHPready and test specifications	X	X			X	
Leadership rights						
Leadership of working groups	X	X			X	
Voting rights						
Confirmation and acceptance of finalized specifications	X					
Voting rights on final specifications	X	X				
Voting rights in all working groups	X					
Voting rights in all working groups with active participation	X	X			X	
Usage rights						
Initial access to technology - and test specifications under development	X	X			X	X
Access to finalized technology specifications	X	X	X		X	X
Access to finalized test specifications	X	X	X		X	X
Use of industry alliance VHPready logo	X	X	X		X	X
Access to marketing material of industry alliance	X	X	X		X	X
Access to information material of industry alliance	X	X	X		X	X
Access to members area of industry alliance Web side	X	X	X		X	X
Access to members and working group mailing lists of alliance	X	X	X		X	X
Access to industry alliance online calendar function	X	X	X		X	X
Participation rights						
Participation in industry alliance general meetings	X	X			X	
Participation in public part of technical executive committee meetings	X	X			X	
Participation in working groups	X	X			X	
Participation in trade fairs on industry alliance booth	X	X			X	X
Participation in alliance workshop and developer meetings	X	X	X		X	X
Other rights						
Contribution to industry alliance press releases and journal/conference contributions	X	X	X		X	X

4 Membership dues

The membership dues vary depending on the membership level and annual revenues of the respective previous year:

Level	Annual revenues before tax (AR) in Mio EUR	Annual Membership fee in KEUR
Supporting member	AR >= 2.000	40,0
	1.000 <= AR < 2.000	25,0
	250 <= AR < 1.000	15,0
	50 <= AR < 250	10,0
	5 <= AR < 50	8,0
Contributing member	AR < 5	4,0
	AR >= 2.000	20,0
	1.000 <= AR < 2.000	13,0
	250 <= AR < 1.000	8,0
	50 <= AR < 250	5,0
Adopting member	5 <= AR < 50	4,0
	AR < 5	2,0
	AR >= 2.000	10,0
	1.000 <= AR < 2.000	7,0
	250 <= AR < 1.000	4,0
Public research organization / universities	50 <= AR < 250	3,0
	5 <= AR < 50	2,0
	AR < 5	1,0
	n/a	2,0
	Associated member	AR >= 2.000
1.000 <= AR < 2.000		5,0
250 <= AR < 1.000		3,0
50 <= AR < 250		2,0
5 <= AR < 50		1,0
	AR < 5	0,5