

Guiding rules for ENLIT – European Network for Literary Translation

1. Aims of the network

ENLIT is an international non-profit network. The members of the ENLIT network invest in translation support programmes to give our literatures increased visibility internationally and in our respective countries or areas. Members without any translation support programs should work with other grant programmes and tools to enhance the circulation of translated literature.

The members of the ENLIT network strive for a dynamic, diverse and easily accessible literary landscape across Europe and beyond. We primarily focus on translators, authors, publishers, book sellers and readers (in the entire value chain of the book), while also supporting other stakeholders.

To achieve our goals we share information, invest in research/data collection, engage in mutual advocacy and communication and set up collaboration projects.

2. Membership

The membership is composed of signatory members and members that are subsequently admitted.

The network's members are entitled to vote at the annual meeting, with one vote per organization.

3. Admission of members

Applications for membership can be sent to the board accompanied by documentary evidence of the suitability and eligibility of the candidate organisation. Candidates for ENLIT are invited to present their organization at a members' general meeting, which has sole discretion in granting or refusing membership after a vote. It is not required to explain its decision.

4. Members' meetings

The network will normally meet three times annually, including one digital meeting. A meeting in spring will be hosted by one of the member organizations, rotating on a voluntary basis. A general meeting in autumn takes place at the Frankfurter Buchmesse (FBM), hosted by the FBM.

The annual general meeting shall decide the overall policy of the network and shall be fully empowered to achieve the network's objectives.

The annual general meeting shall be composed of all members. Each member shall be represented by an individual appointed as a delegate.

If a member cannot take part, he/she may appoint a substitute –a colleague – to represent their organization, after informing the board.

Decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority of members present or represented.

Voting may only take place in relation to the business on the agenda.

Minutes from the members' meetings should be circulated to the members no longer than one month after the general meeting and must include any resolutions of the annual general meeting. Minutes shall be kept by the board.

Ordinary general meetings shall be called by the Chair. The Chair shall also call extraordinary general meetings at the request of the board or of one fifth of the members. In this case, the general meeting shall be called within a maximum of three months.

The agenda and the invitation to the meeting indicating the venue for the meeting shall be sent to members at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

5. Election of the board

The network shall be governed by a board composed of four to five members, preferably representing different geographical areas.

Elected board members shall be appointed at the annual general meeting for a three-year term. They are eligible for re-election for three more years. No more than 2 of 5 board members should be replaced at the same time to keep continuity.

The board shall elect one of its members as Chair and one as Vice Chair.

The board will announce 6 months in advance if a board member's mandate is running out and s/he must be replaced.

Members are invited to apply for the board once a year within a certain date, informed by the Chair, two months before the annual general meeting, where the election takes place. Proposals should include a letter of motivation.

The candidate will make a brief introduction at the general meeting followed by a vote. The election should take into consideration that the board should reflect geographical diversity in the network.

6. Representation

The board members can meet whenever it may be in the network's interests to do so.

Resolutions of the board and the general meeting shall only be valid if at least half of its members are present or represented. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of members present.

Meetings and decisions shall be recorded and minutes distributed to the members.

7. Membership fee

The amount of the membership fee is voted every year at the general meeting. The fee should be paid by the members in a given calendar year, based on the invoice normally issued by the organization in which the Chair of ENLIT works. The membership fee for 2023 is 250 Euros.

8. Board membership

ENLIT board in October 2023:

Margit Walsø, NORLA (Chair)

Niki Théron, Frankfurter Buchmesse (Vice Chair)

Alexandra Büchler, Literature Across Frontiers

Julià Florit, Institut Ramon Llull

Martin Krafl, Czech Literary Centre