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Industry Collaborations

Interest Groups

Operations and Governance

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AGENDA

- Interest Group Collaboration Model
- Operating Principles
- Member Participation and Engagement
- Governance and Compliance
- Tools and Resources

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What are Interest Groups?

Interest Groups Are

- Member-led collaborations
- Open and transparent
- Lightweight
- Consensus driven
- Focused on exploration

Interest Groups Are Not

- Standards organisations
- Software development teams
- Formal steering committees
- Formal specification bodies
- Able to create committees or sub-groups

Formal software development happens in Eclipse Projects

What is the formal process?

Foundational Nature

- Open to all Strategic, Contributing, and Associate Members
- Modeled after working groups
- Must operate in an open and transparent manner

Scope & Participation

- Can declare interest in Eclipse projects
- Requires a defined Scope
- Requires at least three members

Leadership & Review

- Requires at least one Interest Group lead (IGL)
- Requires a successful creation review

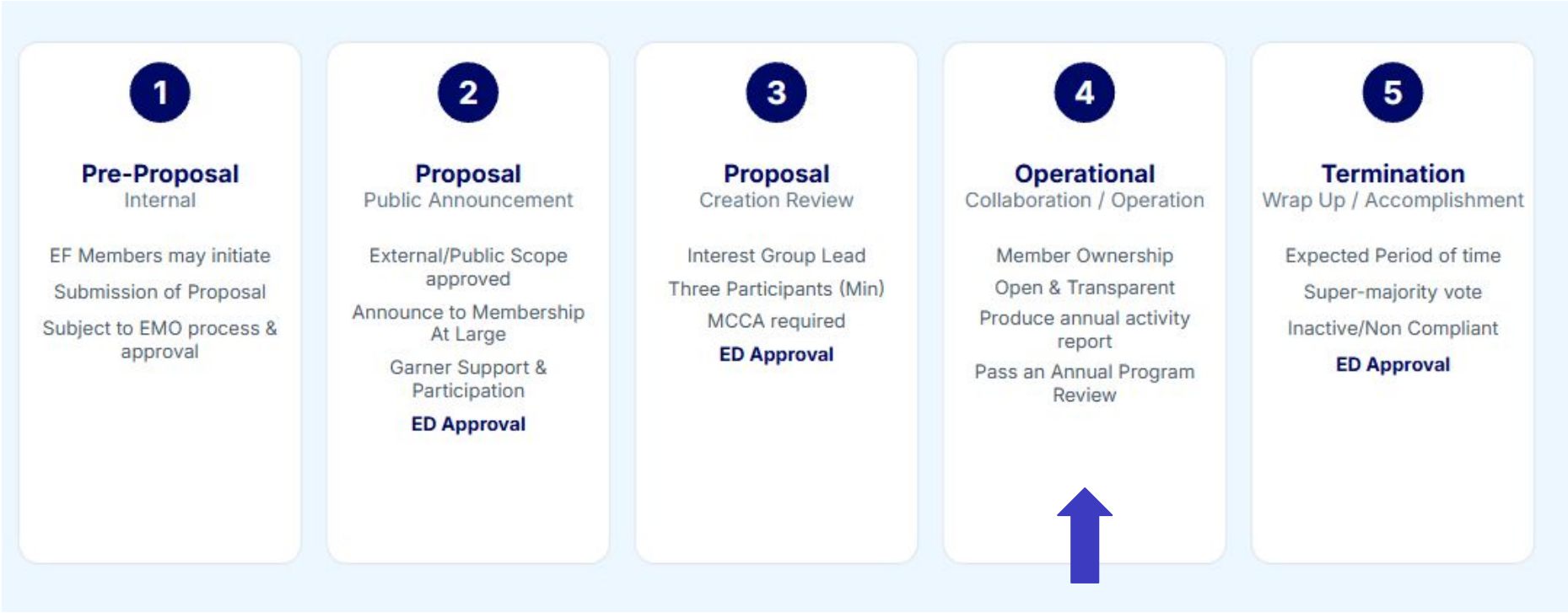
Governance Finalization

- Requires Executive Director approval

[Interest Group Process]

Reminder: Formal software development occurs within Eclipse projects.

Interest Group Lifecycle



https://www.eclipse.org/collaborations/interest-groups/process/

How do Members participate?



Members:

- Lead IG activities
- Shape agendas and recommendations
- Vote on formal decisions (simple majority)
- Create communications and shared materials



Open participation

- Open to all Interest Group Members
- Community are welcome to attend as Guests

Eclipse Foundation Members
[Member Committer and Contributor Agreement]

How are Decisions made?

Most Decisions

01 Discussion

02 Proposal

03 No objections

04 Proceed

Formal Decisions

01 Proposal

02 Member vote*

03 Simple majority

*Associate Members of Eclipse Foundation are non-voting members, as defined in the Bylaws.

Governance and Compliance

Although Interest Groups are intentionally lightweight, they operate within the Eclipse Foundation's governance and legal framework.

- Operates as a non governing collaboration
- Follow Eclipse IP, Antitrust and community policies
- Holds open meetings with published agendas and minutes
- Hold open meetings …
- Produces annual activity report to remain operational

Full governance references available Eclipse Foundation Governance Documents and Eclipse Foundation Legal Resources

Antitrust

Prohibited Activities

- Price fixing
- Market allocation
- Sharing sensitive competitive information

Meetings Compliance

- Publish agendas in advance
- Stay within agenda scope
- Publish accurate/high level minutes

Eclipse Foundation Antitrust Policy: https://www.eclipse.org/org/documents/Eclipse_Antitrust_Policy.pdf

Eclipse Foundation Antitrust Policy

- Members of the Eclipse Foundation have a responsibility and obligation to comply with the Eclipse Foundation Antitrust Policy (https://www.eclipse.org/org/documents/Eclipse_Antitrust_Policy.pdf) in order to comply with antitrust laws.

- These laws generally prohibit the following:
  - Price-Fixing
  - Agreements to Allocate Markets
  - Concerted Refusals to Deal
  - Exchange of competitively sensitive information

- All Industry Collaboration activities must be conducted in an open, transparent and vendor-neutral manner.
  In particular meetings must also comply with the following:
  - Provide meeting notices in advance
  - Provide meeting agendas in advance, clearly identifying topics needing approval
  - Include background materials for voting matters
  - Ensure discussions adhere to agenda topics
  - Provide accurate meeting minutes; including their approval and dissemination
  - Perform a periodic reminder of the Eclipse Foundation Antitrust Policy

- If you have questions about these matters, please contact your company counsel or license@eclipse.org.

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Success comes from

- ✓ Active member participation
- ✓ Open and transparent collaboration
- ✓ Consensus-driven recommendations
- ✓ Regular communication
- ✓ Sustainable community growth

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What tools do we use?

General Mailing List

The primary communication channel for participants.

- Public visibility for transparency
- Archived for historical reference
- Eclipse account required/self subscribe

GitLab Repository

A dedicated space for hosting collaborative documentation, and assets.

- Version controlled environment
- Open collaboration platform
- Creative Commons 4.0 International License

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Resources and Getting Started

Interest Group Process

About Interest Groups

EF Member Organizations Join
Membership Enrollment Ongoing

Not yet an EF Member

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