



## Criteria for membership of Fingo

Membership of Fingo is open to any association or foundation with legal capacity that accepts the purpose and objectives of Fingo and meets the criteria for membership. The member's activities must be related to sustainable development, development cooperation or global citizenship education. In addition, a member may be involved in humanitarian aid, peace work, human rights work or other activities that promote sustainable development. Associations working on the above issues in addition to their main activities can also apply for membership of Fingo.

Supporting membership of Fingo can also be applied for by a legally eligible association, foundation or company whose activities are related to the above-mentioned themes and who accepts the purpose of Fingo's activities and wishes to support them with supporting membership. The activities of the applicant company must be directed towards supporting the above-mentioned themes in a way that does not seek to fraudulently convert or direct their importance to the benefit of the company's profits. Individuals with legal capacity may also apply for supporting membership.

Fingo's mission is to promote sustainable development and strengthen civil society globally. We want to secure the conditions for a good life for present and future generations without compromising the carrying capacity of the environment. The promotion of human rights, equality and democracy is at the heart of Fingo's activities, guided by the following values: diversity, cooperation and interaction, courage and proactivity in taking a stand and renewing and building the future.

### Membership of Fingo requires the following:

- The applicant complies with Finnish law and undertakes to respect and promote fundamental and human rights in all its activities.
- The applicant commits to the UN Agenda2030 goals and their inclusion in promoting the principle of No one left behind.
- The applicant commits to and complies with internationally accepted principles in relation to its activities.
- The applicant recognises the real threat of major global changes such as climate change and biodiversity loss, growing inequalities, the decline of democracy and the shrinking space for civil society, and is working to address these challenges.

- The applicant is committed to valuing diversity, respecting people with different views and building open interactions with them.
- The applicant agrees to comply with Fingo's ethical guidelines for development communication and to provide only factual information in its activities.
- The applicant shares the purpose and objectives of Fingo and the values that guide its activities.
- The applicant complies with general good governance in the operation of the association.

An association or foundation applying for membership must submit with its application

- the rules of the association
- certificate of registration or declaration of approval of the Register of Associations
- latest annual report
- action plan
- financial statements
- budget

If the annexes are not submitted or if they contain any deficiencies or indications of activities that violate Fingo's purpose, objectives, guiding values, Finnish law or fundamental and human rights, the application will not be processed.

An association or foundation applying for membership must have been registered in the Finnish Register of Associations or Foundations at least one year earlier.

### **Criteria for expulsion from membership and supporting membership of Fingo**

The Fingo Board may dismiss a member from the association if

- a member has failed to fulfil the obligations to which it has committed itself by joining Fingo or has acted in a manner contrary to Fingo's purpose, objectives, guiding principles or values
- the member has caused substantial damage to its other members or persons involved in Fingo's activities (e.g. reputation or other harm) by its conduct within or outside Fingo
- the member no longer meets the conditions for membership set out in the Fingo rules.

Before the decision to expel is taken, the member must be given an opportunity to explain.

A member is considered to have resigned from the association if it has failed to pay its membership fee due for two consecutive years.

A member has the right to resign from the association by notifying the Board or its Chairman in writing, or by notifying resignation at the association meeting to be recorded in the minutes.

Applications for membership and resignations and expulsions from membership are dealt with by Fingo's Board of Directors, which decides whether to accept or reject membership and whether to expel a member.

If necessary, the Board may use its discretion to accept, reject or expel a member on the basis of these criteria.