



Ground Rules for the Coalition - CSOs on Raw Materials

In order for the coalition to be effective, some ground rules will apply:

- Members will be treated with respect and will be heard with equal voice within the coalition.
- The coalition is a space for discussion on raw materials policy where we work towards common advocacy efforts.
- In a case of disagreement, the coordinator of the coalition should be made aware of the situation and will mediate the disagreement.
- If diverging perspectives arise and no consensus can be found within one of the bodies or meetings of the coalition, the coordinator can initiate a vote on the matter, as a democratic instrument in the interest of the coalition:
 - Votes can be conducted during the monthly or annual meeting.
 - A quorum of 50% of coalition members is required to have the vote.
 - The vote can be conducted by roll call or show of hands.
 - A $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is desired. If unattainable, a $\frac{1}{2}$ majority suffices.
 - The decision of the vote is noted down by the notetaker of the meeting.
 - **This instrument will be avoided whenever possible in favour of open discussion and consensus.**
- Membership: Membership of the coalition can be established by contacting the coordinator. The coordinator gives a transparent overview to the steering group and all members who the members of the coalition are. In case of disagreement, an existing member can flag an objection to the joining of a new member, in which case the new membership will be evaluated during the steering group meeting. There will first be an attempt to come to a consensus. If unattainable, membership of the coalition is agreed upon by consensus or a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
 - **Eligibility criteria for the new member are:**
 - Subscribe to the vision of the coalition
 - Subscribe to the structure of the coalition.
 - Subscribe to the ground rules of the coalition.
 - Engage to attend the monthly meetings and to join the annual meeting in Brussels.
 - **Members have to:**
 - Engage with the subject of raw materials from the interest of the people, environment and the planet.
 - Abstain from any excluding, racist, homophobic or discriminatory language or actions, both within the coalition and their organisation.
 - Act towards strong human rights, due diligence, nature and biodiversity protection.
 - Act independently from industries or companies that might have interest that go against the above mentioned and the vision of the coalition.
 - Be a civil society organisation themselves. Governments, government institutions, industries and industry-lead initiatives are not included in this coalition. Researchers, universities and research consortiums can be consulted, but cannot be a member.
 - Be independent from political parties, regardless of their position on the political spectrum.



- Abstain from foundational coalition work (e.g. determining its functioning and main cause) in case their organisation functions mainly as a foundation, grant-awarding fund, think tanks or unions. They can engage within the coalition and its debates but will not be able to steer the coalition.
 - These requirements apply to those organisations wishing to join as much as to organisations that are already a part of the coalition.
 - We aim for a geographical spread of our coalition members, in order to be representative on a European level.
- **In the interest of the coalition, members are asked to engage by:**
 - Attending the monthly meetings and the annual meeting. Each member has to join at least 4 meetings every year.
 - Informing and sharing information about research or advocacy efforts on raw materials done by the member or its network. This can be done by email to the coordinator or the coalition mailing list.



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