## Industry Collaborations

*Work With Your Peers in the Industry in a Vendor-Neutral Structure to Drive Shared Innovation*

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Innovation through Collaboration - Interest Groups

- In addition to our well established and formal Working Group collaboration model, the Eclipse Foundation has established Interest Groups!

- **Interest Groups** is the next step in furthering the Eclipse Foundation’s governance framework to enable “innovation through collaboration” by empowering members to work together using a lighter-weight organizational structure than working groups.
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, and stick to the topics on the agenda
  - 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.
Eclipse Foundation Interest Groups

- Open to all Strategic, Contributing, and Associate Members of the Eclipse Foundation
- Modeled after working groups
- Must operate in an open and transparent manner
- Can declare interest in Eclipse projects
- Requires a defined Scope
- Requires at least three members
- Requires at least one Interest Group leads (IGL)
- Requires a successful creation review
- Requires Executive Director approval
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- Interest Groups are not a meritocracy
- Interest Groups cannot develop code or specifications
- Interest Groups do not have extra fees associated with them
- Interest Groups do not have additional Participation Agreements
- Interest Groups do not have hierarchical participation structures
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- Lightweight governance model (intentionally):
  - Charter
  - Program Plan
  - Budget
  - Committees

*Decisions - taken collegially by participants; based on lazy consensus*
Benefits for Existing No Fee Working Groups

- Less administrative burden
- No longer required to create a program plan for 2023 and beyond
- Upon termination, all working group participation agreements between each member and the Eclipse Foundation will also be terminated effective December 31, 2022
- Encourages participation by the broader Eclipse community
Requirements to Transition

- Steering committee of the working group passes a formal resolution (super majority) to terminate the working group effective December 31, 2022 indicating the work driven by the working group is intended to continue in a new interest group

- At least three members interested

- At least one leader named (there can be more than one leader)
  - Existing Steering Committee chair is an example

- Well Defined Scope
  - Can be taken from the existing working group charter (vision and scope)

- Initiate the process of creating an interest group - click here
Working Group Termination Process

- Steering Committee passes a super majority resolution to request the transition of the Working Group to an Interest Group
- Executive Director formally accepts the transition request
- Eclipse Foundation sends a public notice to the working group general mailing list announcing the creation of the new interest group.
- Participation Agreements are terminated
- Resources/Assets remain and become the Interest Group resources/assets.
Transition Timeline

- Prior to November 30, 2022
  - Steering Committee formally pass a resolution to terminate the working group (Super Majority)

- Prior to December 31, 2022
  - Working Group termination approved by Executive Director; announced to community as transition to Interest Group Industry Collaboration

- Prior to end of January 2023
  - Transition completed
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- [Interest Groups Formal Process](#)
- [Interest Groups FAQ](#)
- Click [here](#) to create an Interest Group Proposal (Eclipse Foundation [account](#) required)
- Interested to know more - please contact us via [collaborations@eclipse-foundation.org](mailto:collaborations@eclipse-foundation.org)
THANK YOU