

Eligibility criteria for an organisation seeking or renewing membership of the Irish Environmental Network

1. The primary objectives and activities of the organisation must be environmental (i.e. ecological) protection and / or environmental sustainability. This must be reflected in the primary (main) Objects Clause of the organisation's Memorandum of Association or, constitution.

Acceptable areas for environmental objects include:

- Permanent protection of wildlife/habitats
 - General or Species specific care protection/rescue/rehabilitation/reintroduction
 - Environmental or environmental sustainability education (formal and Informal)
 - Environmental protection
 - Marine protection
 - Organic horticulture or education
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Resource efficiency and recycling
 - Invasive alien species prevention/removal
 - Anthropogenic climate change
 - Environmental Law
 - Environmental activism
2. The organisation must be a registered company or be a registered friendly society with a registered constitution. The organisation must have been incorporated for a period of at least 12 months prior to an application for membership.
 3. The organisation must be a not for profit organisation.
 4. The organisation must be registered with The Charities Regulatory Authority.
 5. The organisation must have a demonstrable national remit. Qualifying characteristics include: national influence; specialist activity covering the country; convincing geographic spread of active membership; outreach activity.
 6. The organisation must provide financial statements in line with the Charities Regulatory Authority's requirements for an organisations of a similar size and type. The organisation must also be able to produce a valid and current tax clearance reference number, or official exemption. (for template/requirements see www.CRA.ie)
 7. The organisation must be able to demonstrate a substantial level of activity in promoting its aims and objectives over a period of at least 18 months prior to application for membership.
 8. The organisation must have an up to date website and an active social media presence.
 9. The organisation must demonstrate what unique contribution it can bring to the Network.
 10. The organisation must be an independent and legally discrete body, not a subgroup or activity of another organisation, nor an organisation managing a project with a limited life span. Networks of organisations are not admitted to membership.
 11. The board of the organisation should not share more than fifty percent of its directors with another organisation.
 12. No organisation whose executive board contains a representative or representatives

appointed by any government Department or Local Authority shall be admitted to membership. However, this does not exclude individuals from sitting on the board in a personal capacity.

13. The organisation must agree to follow the Code of Conduct for IEN Members.