

STATUTES

Technical Committee

of the Forest-Climate Standard

1. Affiliation and responsibility

The Technical Committee is an expert body of the Ecosystem Value Alliance Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the foundation) with the purpose of accompanying the development of the Forest-Climate Standard in Germany and clarifying questions of interpretation that arise with the application of the standard and its methods.

2. Members

The Technical Committee consists of up to eight members.

The foundation appoints two members from its staff.

Four members are delegated from the Forest-Climate Council. Further details are regulated by the Forest-Climate Council's statutes.

Each stakeholder group (market, forest, public, science & technology) elects one representative from among its members by a simple majority. Voting takes place within the stakeholder group and is organized by the eva foundation.

Two additional members may be proposed by existing members of the Technical Committee and elected by the committee with a two-thirds majority. These two memberships are intended for subject matter experts to incorporate additional expertise. All members of the Technical Committee are eligible for re-election.

Membership in the Technical Committee ends:

- 1.** at the end of the respective calendar year for which the members are elected.
- 2.** when a member resigns. Resignation can occur immediately and without giving reasons by submitting a written notification to the foundation.
- 3.** by a reasoned resolution of the foundation. Valid reasons include actions that conflict with the purpose of the body or the foundation.
- 4.** by dissolution of the Technical Committee, which may be decided by the foundation.

Should a member resign for one of the reasons stated under points 2 or 3 and the member has been delegated from the Forest-Climate Council, the foundation must initiate an election for a replacement within 30 days.

3. Tasks

The tasks of the members of the Technical Committee include:

- 1.** Participation in the meetings of the Technical Committee;
- 2.** Contributing the relevant professional expertise;
- 3.** Development of recommendations for the (further) development of the Forest-Climate Standard and its methods.

4. Chairman

The chair of the Technical Committee is the Head of Standards & Methods at eva.

The chair is responsible for chairing the meetings and preparing and following up on them.

5. Meetings

The Technical Committee meets 3-6 times per year. Special meetings may be called as needed. Meetings can be held in a digital, physical, or hybrid format.

The agenda will be announced by the Chair at least 7 days before the meeting. Each member of the Technical Committee has the right to contribute their own suggestions for the agenda. Such a suggestion must be submitted to the Chair by email at least 8 days before the meeting.

The committee votes by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Votes can be obtained during meetings or by circulation via email from members.

Votes of the Technical Committee are published in accordance with Chatham House rules.

Minutes are taken during meetings, approved by members afterward, and subsequently published by the foundation.

6. Avoiding conflicts of interest

The Code of Conduct is attached to these Articles of the Technical Committee to avoid potential conflicts of interest and to ensure transparent and responsible cooperation.

7. Code of Conduct

The Ecosystem Value Alliance Foundation (eva foundation) has adopted a Code of Conduct that guides its actions. This code of conduct should also apply to the work of the Technical Committee.

8. Compensation and remuneration

The members of the Technical Committee receive an expense allowance for their work. The amount of this expense allowance is determined and paid by the foundation. In addition, travel and accommodation expenses incurred in connection with their membership in the Technical Committee are reimbursed. Reimbursement of these expenses is subject to proof of the actual expenses incurred.

This statute was adopted by a resolution of the foundation's Managing Board.