

Application for Membership

Eligibility for Membership

Any qualified person active in the area of cognitive systems and any of its constituent sub-disciplines may apply for membership of the euCognition network.¹ Membership will be granted following a satisfactory review of the application by the Executive Committee. Appendix I contains an explanation of the criteria used to review applications.

Individuals who are members of a consortium of FP6 Cognitive Systems projects are automatically eligible for membership, as are members of the ECVision network, and membership will be granted upon submission of a completed application form.

Conditions of Membership

Every applicant must commit to making at least one specific contribution to the goals of the network. This contribution must be made within one year of becoming a member. A contribution means, for example, organizing some event such as a topical workshop or producing some useful resource such as a survey paper. The euCognition activities detailed Appendix II below provides a non-exhaustive list of the types of contributions we would like to receive.

If admitted as a member of the European Network for the Advancement of Artificial Cognitive Systems, I agree to be bound by the euCognition Membership Agreement (see Appendix III).

Name of Applicant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

After completing this form, please send it to:

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In addition, please email a copy to coordinator@eucognition.org

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Date of receipt:

Decision:

Date of decision:

Membership Number:

Signed:

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Applicant Information

Title:	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Institute/Company Name:	
Address:	
Place and Date of Birth: (required to process reimbursement payments)	
Area(s) of research activity:	
Email:	
Phone:	
Fax:	
Personal URL:	
Institute/Group URL:	
Biographical Sketch: (please include also references of up to 5 of your papers in the area of cognitive systems. If possible, include URLs of copies so that we can share this information among the members)	
ECVision membership no. (if applicable)	
CogSys Project Title (if applicable)	
<i>Bank information for reimbursement of travel and other allowable costs</i>	
IBAN:	
BIC/SWIFT:	
Bank Sort Code:	
Account Number:	
Bank Name:	
Bank Address:	
Account Holder Name:	
Account Holder Address:	

Appendix I: Membership Criteria

The primary criterion for membership is that the applicant must be qualified² and active in the area of cognitive systems and any of its constituent sub-disciplines. In addition, the contribution that the applicant will make to the network should be of interest to the other members and, in particular, it must help in achieving our goal of advancing the scientific and engineering foundations of artificial cognitive systems.

The qualification 'artificial' is important: it does not preclude applicants who work on natural cognitive systems but requires them to be interested in making a contribution to models of artificial systems. Thus, a neuroscientist who is interested solely in fMRI in human patients or a psychologist who works solely with autistic children would probably not make good additions to the membership. An applicant has no interest in the synthesis of cognitive systems and is only interested in the analysis of natural cognitive systems would not be eligible for membership. Similarly, an applicant with a research background in, for example, computer vision but with no clear interest in pursuing the cognitive issues of visual perception would also not be eligible for membership.

Applicants are reminded that it is their responsibility to demonstrate their eligibility for membership by explicitly expressing their active interest in cognitive systems.

Applicants should be aware that the purpose of reviewing their membership applications is not to make a judgment on the quality of the applicants or their work but on the apparent match between their interests and those of the network.

² Students are not eligible for membership. However, euCognition does encourage the involvement of students in the network and offers several schemes to support their participation.

Appendix II: euCognition Activities

Typical Member Contributions

Example Events to be Organized	Example Resources to be Produced
Outreach	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inaugural meeting - Six-monthly meetings - Inter-project workshops - Extra-network workshops - Special sessions at conferences - Awareness forums at trade fairs & science fairs - Short-term exchange/visits of research staff - Short-term exchange/visits of post-graduate students - Pilot test-bed evaluation of basic cognitive functions - Best demonstration prizes in Cognitive Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repository of demonstrations of example systems (video clips, images, etc.) - Special issues in journals - Member profiles, indexed by area, interests, physical location, name, etc. - Repository of application-oriented demonstration scenarios to drive R&D - Articles for general readership - Multimedia production for general viewing - Comprehensive dynamic website
Scientific Outlook	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic Workshops - Conferences - Access to research platforms - Best paper prizes in cognitive systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey papers on constituent areas - Position papers on topical issues - Research monographs on constituent areas - Research roadmap - Identification or creation of common development environments - Repository of Open Source software - Directory of sources of materials or components, with specifications - Repository of test scenarios, test sets, to assist in quantitative evaluation - Access to / creation of prototype components (hardware & software)
Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summer schools - Tutorials - Prizes for post-graduate work (Ph.D. / M.Sc.) in Cognitive Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Model curricula for cognitive systems - Textbook on cognitive systems - Courseware for constituent areas - Annotated bibliography of publications on cognitive systems

Note: attendance at a meeting does not constitute a contribution that satisfies the requirements of the Membership Agreement; a contribution should be of interest to other members and also be in a form that can be placed on the euCognition website.

Appendix III



**European Network for the Advancement of
Artificial Cognitive Systems**



Membership Agreement

Members of the European Network for the Advancement of Artificial Cognitive Systems (euCognition), a Coordination Action funded by the European Commission under the Sixth Framework Programme (FP6), Priority 2, Information Society Technologies, Cognitive Systems, Project 26408, agree to the following conditions of membership.

Article 1 - Subject matter of the membership agreement

The purpose of this membership agreement is to enable the member to contribute to the implementation of the provisions of the euCognition contract in accordance with the conditions provided for in this agreement.

Article 2 - Scope

The member shall contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Network as set out in Annex 1 to the euCognition contract ("Description of Work").³

The member commits to making at least one specific contribution to the goals of the network, in particular by organizing some event or producing some resource in the euCognition action/activity matrix detailed in Section 7 of Annex 1 to the contract, either under the existing headings or under a new heading that reflects the member's particular interests. This contribution must be made within one year of becoming a member.

The member shall cooperate with the Network Coordinator in order to ensure the efficient management of the project. He shall, in particular, provide the Network Coordinator with the information that he requires in order to carry out his duties.

Article 3 – Reimbursement of Travel and Other Eligible Costs

Members shall be entitled to reimbursement of travel and other eligible costs incurred by the member in connection with euCognition activities, subject to the guidelines set down in the "Request for Reimbursement of Costs".⁴ Reimbursement of these costs shall be paid to the member by the coordinating contractor without undue delay after receipt of a completed request form.

Article 4 - Entry into force of the membership agreement

The agreement shall enter into force once the member is informed in writing by the Network Coordinator, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the European Commission, that his or her application for membership is successful.

Article 5 - Completion, expiry, or termination of the agreement

1. The membership agreement shall automatically terminate on the date of completion or termination of the euCognition contract.
2. The Network Coordinator may, with the written agreement of both the Executive Committee and the Commission, or shall, at the written request of the European Commission, immediately terminate the participation of the member if he or she fails to meet in full his obligations pursuant to this membership agreement.
3. The member may cancel his or her membership and terminate this agreement subject to two months' written notice.

³ A copy of Annex 1 to the euCognition contract – "Description of Work" – can be obtained at www.eucognition.org/euCognition_Annex_1.pdf

⁴ A copy of the "Request for Reimbursement of Costs" form can be obtained at www.eucognition.org/euCognition_Request_for_Reimbursement.pdf