

By-Law: The Governance of ESIL Interest Groups

1. Interest Groups are administered autonomously by their Chairpersons, officers and members, in accordance with the ESIL Constitution and relevant ESIL rules, and subject to supervision by the Executive Board.
2. Every Interest Group elects a Coordinating Committee, of no less than three members, to conduct its business. Elections shall be held at intervals no longer than two years and may take place in the context of an ESIL Biennial Conference or in another way that allows for effective participation by all members of the Interest Group. The Coordinating Committee elects one of its members as a Chairperson.
3. The number of members of the Coordinating Committee, the intervals and procedure of elections as well as the definition of the role of the Chairperson shall be set out in regulations agreed by a majority of the members of the Interest Group present and voting at a Biennial Conference or in an equivalent procedure.
4. The Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee reports by 1 July of every year to the members of the Interest Group and to the ESIL Executive Board on the activities of the Committee and the Group. The report shall include, inter alia, a list of current members of the Interest Group and of the members as well as the Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee, and information on elections held and events organised in the preceding year and/or planned for the following year.
5. Changes in the Coordinating Committee's membership or a change of Chairperson shall be communicated to the ESIL Executive Board without delay. Changes in the membership of the Interest Group shall be communicated to the ESIL Secretariat within three months. The Coordinating Committee ensures that only members of ESIL are members of the Interest Group.
6. The ESIL Executive Board can at any time request information from the Chairperson and take measures it deems necessary to protect the interests of members or ensure observance of the ESIL Constitution and By-Laws.
7. In a period no longer than one year after the establishment of an Interest Group, the initiators of the Group shall provisionally function as the Coordinating Committee, conduct the business of the Interest Group and organise elections to the Coordinating Committee. Before holding elections, they shall consult members on their proposed election procedure and seek the approval of the ESIL Executive Board for it. This approval is deemed to be given unless the ESIL Executive Board objects within four weeks after the ESIL President is notified of the proposed procedure.
8. Members of a Coordinating Committee elected before the adoption of this by-law by the ESIL Executive Board may remain in office until the end of their term of election.