

MANAGEMENT BOARD ELECTIONS

GUIDELINES FOR 2026



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1. THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board consists of up to 15 members. Each member is elected for a period of three years, which can be renewed for a further three years. A maximum of five seats come up for election every year.

Elections are held every autumn, and the new Management Board members are confirmed at the autumn Annual General Meeting. For more detailed information, please see article 16 and 19 of the Articles of Association.

Table 1. Management Board members, 2026

Elected in 2023	Elected in 2024	Elected in 2025
New election 2026	New election 2027	New election 2028
Hauts-de-France (possible mandate renewal)	ADR Nord-Est	Normandy Region
Helsinki EU Office (possible mandate renewal)	Extremadura (renewed mandate)	Region Skåne (open for election)
Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento (possible mandate renewal)	Trøndelag European Office	South Denmark (open for election)
Cities Northern Netherlands (open for election)	Brainport Eindhoven (renewed mandate)	South Moravia (renewed mandate)
Scotland Europa (open for election)	Wielkopolska (renewed mandate)	Tuscany (renewed mandate)

The nominations for the 2026 Management Board elections will open in autumn. The current Board members who are finishing their first mandate are asked to express their willingness to continue for a second three-year mandate in the Management Board before the yearly election process is launched. In 2026, this means that Hauts-de-France, Helsinki EU Office and Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento will stay on the Management Board for a second mandate.

Cities Northern Netherlands have already completed the maximum time of two consecutive mandates this year, resulting in an open seat for election. Seats of Scotland Europa, Region Skåne and South Denmark are open for election due to changes in the respective mandates as well as staff.

Given the above, this year, four seats are open for the Management Board election.

2. THE ROLE OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Management Board oversees the drafting of the ERRIN Annual Work Programme and provisional budget, which is presented to the autumn General Meeting for discussion and approval. The Management Board holds the responsibility for overseeing the execution of the ERRIN Annual Work Programme and ensuring it aligns with the budget. Additionally, the Management Board collaborates with the Working Group leaders and the ERRIN Secretariat to coordinate the activities of ERRIN Working Groups and Task Forces.

2.1. MANAGEMENT BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities include:

- Overseeing the drafting of the ERRIN Annual Work Programme and provisional budget;
- Overseeing the execution of the ERRIN Annual Work Programme and ensuring it aligns with the budget;
- Collaborating with the Secretariat and the Working Group leaders to guide ERRIN's work;
- Approving all formal policy positions and kept informed of all input documents developed by the Association;
- Deciding on the strategic partnerships with other relevant networks and stakeholders;
- Drafting and approving internal rules, which governs the processes and procedures of the Association;
- Organising a minimum of four Management Board meetings per year.

2.2. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

The Management Board is led by a Chair and two Vice-Chairs, elected by their peers on the Management Board at the first Management Board meeting following the autumn Annual General Meeting. In line with the Articles of Association (revision November 2023), the Chair and the Vice-Chairs will serve for two years. The Chair and Vice-Chairs may serve for a maximum of four years in one role.

2.3. MEETINGS AND MANDATE

The Management Board shall meet a minimum of four times a year. Meetings of the Management Board shall be called by the Chair, by any two members of the Management Board, or by the Director of the Association.

The Management Board shall be vested with the power to undertake any act necessary or useful to achieve the purpose and objectives of the Association, except for those powers that the Belgian Code for Companies and Associations reserves to the General Meeting.

2.4. LENGTH OF TIME ON THE BOARD – THE SIX-YEAR RULE

The Articles of Association state that the members of the Management Board are elected by the members of the Association and are approved during the autumn General Meeting. Management Board Members are elected for a period of three years, which can be renewed for a further three years. The Management Board members should notify the ERRIN Director/the Chair of their willingness to continue for a second three-year mandate in the Management Board before the yearly election process is launched. Board Members may stand for election at the end of their two periods of three years when elections are not taking place due to a lack of candidates for the Board.

2.5. GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS

There can be a maximum of two members per country elected to the Management Board. The same region may not be represented in the Management Board by two institutions at the same time.

In 2026, this means that any full members from France and Spain may not put themselves forward for election since there are already two sitting Management Board members from those countries.

3. BECOMING A CANDIDATE

3.1. YOUR CANDIDATURE

The Management Board candidates need to comply with the criteria set out in the Articles of Association (19.3), which are to be Brussels-based, have experience in research and innovation, and have decision-making power in their organisation/office. If you fulfil the criteria of being a full member of ERRIN, that your membership fee for the year has been paid, and that you comply with the geographical criteria outlined above, you can submit your application. Please also take into consideration that serving on the Management Board requires time and that the Board members do not receive any financial remuneration. For a more detailed description of the responsibilities please see the Articles of Association, or the summary in section 2.1 in these guidelines.

To become a candidate for the Management Board, please send an email to pirita.lindholm@errin.eu between 2-16 October 2026, expressing your interest including:

- A one-page letter outlining your region/local authority/city/organisation's motivation for standing for the Management Board, your personal interest and relevant experience, as well as your contact details
- Short biography of the person applying (max 200 words)
- Short description of the member organisation (max 200 words)

Keep in mind that this information will be made available for members to read prior to the election.

Please note that you must receive a confirmation email from the Secretariat to acknowledge your candidature. Details of the times and procedures are found in section 5.

You can also discuss informally with the Secretariat if you require more information regarding the role, responsibilities, and time commitments of being a Board member. Current Board members are also happy to share their experiences.

3.2. ELECTION PROCESS

If there are more candidates than seats available, the vote to elect the Management Board members will take place by secret ballot. The vote can take place electronically (i.e. online) or physically.

The candidates who receive the highest number of votes will be elected to the Management Board until all the available seats on the Management Board have been filled. The Management Board is elected with at least 50 percent of the members +1 member voting. If this minimum is not reached, there will be a second round without a quorum.

The detailed election procedure for 2026 with key dates is outlined in section 5.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIRS, AND TREASURER

The first Management Board meeting following the autumn General Meeting will elect a Chair and two Vice-Chairs amongst the members of the Management Board. The postholders will serve for two years. The Chair and Vice-Chairs may serve for a maximum of four years in one role. The Chair and the Vice-Chairs are always elected from amongst the members of the Management Board.

Nominations for the Chair and the Vice-Chairs must be received in writing by the Secretariat a week before the first meeting of the new Management Board.

The Management Board will elect from among its members a Treasurer at the first Management Board meeting following the autumn General Meeting. The Treasurer will serve for two years.

The Management Board may, if deemed necessary, co-opt ERRIN members for Management Board posts as required.

4.1. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS

The Chair and two Vice-Chairs form a troika that regularly meets with the ERRIN Director to discuss issues related to the functioning of the Secretariat, the Management Board, and the General

Meetings. The troika works in a collaborative manner and shares the responsibilities in a flexible way based on their expertise and capacity.

In practice, the troika works as a group of three co-chairs. Together they set agendas for the Management Board and General Meetings and support the ERRIN Director in the management of the network. They represent ERRIN in high-level events and meetings but can also delegate such roles to other ERRIN members who have more experience in the topic.

4.2. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR

- The Chair leads/presides the General Meetings as well as the Management Board meetings;
- The Chair signs formal documents as required by the Belgian code for Companies and Associations.

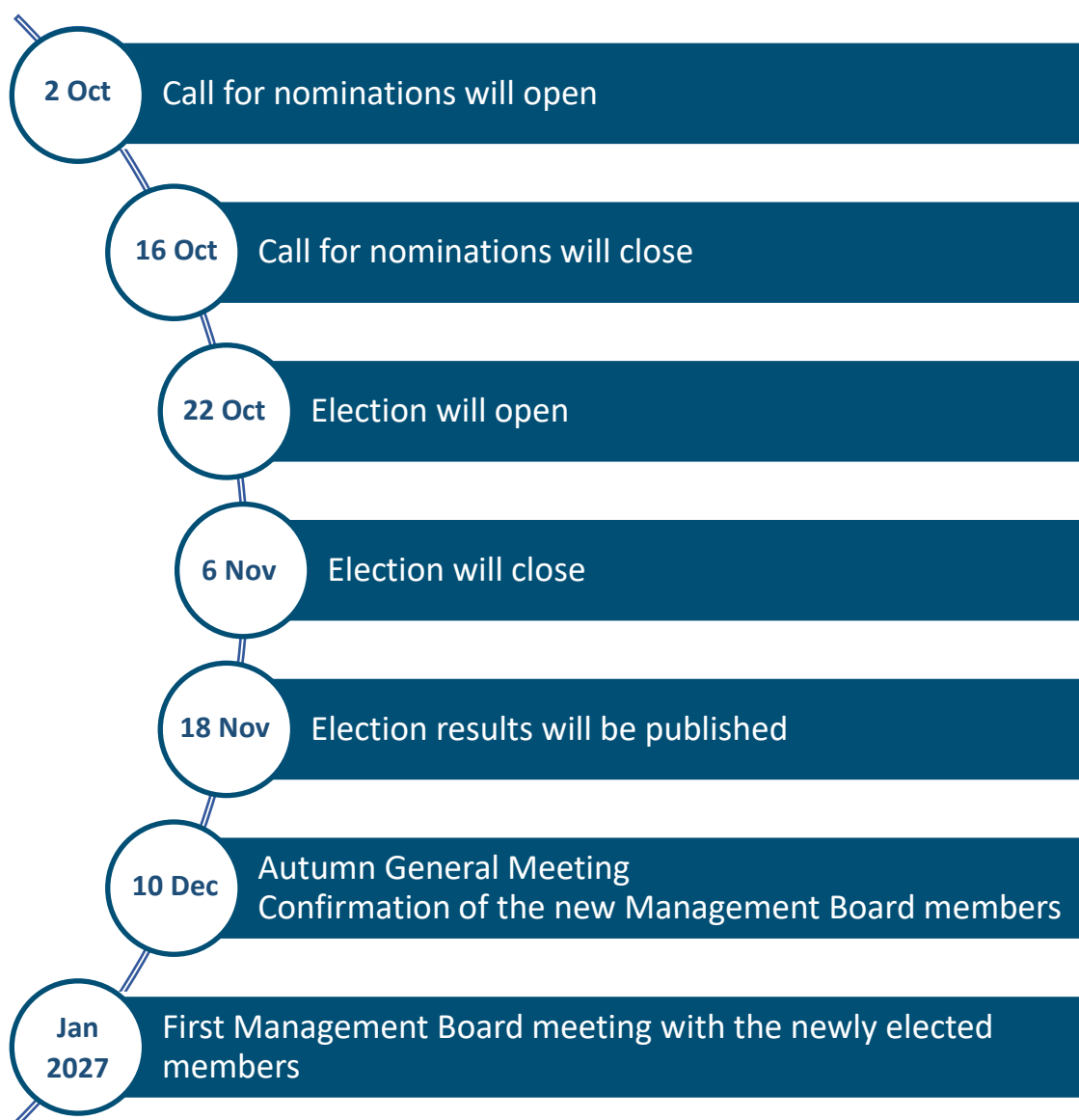
4.3. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE-CHAIRS

- One of the Vice-Chairs assumes the position of the Chair in the event that the Chair resigns or is otherwise incapacitated mid-term.

4.4. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

- The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the Secretariat preparation and delivery of the network's financial planning and monitoring;
- The primary responsibility of the treasurer is to support the ERRIN secretariat by reviewing the annual budget and three-year forecasts. With the support of a dedicated internal administrator and external accountant, ERRIN ensures sound financial management. Therefore, the main task of the Treasurer is to review the annual budget and three-year forecast before it is presented to the Management Board for further evaluation, and General Meeting approval, confirming that the financial plans are well-considered and robust.

5. KEY DATES



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Election year															
2007	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	Yorkshire	Basque Country	Helsinki	Piemonte	Lodz	Ile-de-France	Bretagne	Stuttgart	Lombardy	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Brussels Capital
2008	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	North W UK	Basque Country	Helsinki	Piemonte	Lodz	Ile-de-France	Bretagne	Stuttgart	Lombardy	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Brussels Capital
2009	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	North W UK	Basque Country	Helsinki	Piemonte	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	Lombardy	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Brussels Capital
2010	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	North W UK	Basque Country	Helsinki	Piemonte	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	TuR&Bo	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Pannon Novum
2011	Flanders	Northern Ireland	SDEO	Lower Normandy	Basque Country	Helsinki	Piemonte	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	TuR&Bo	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Pannon Novum
2012	Flanders	Northern Ireland	SDEO	Lower Normandy	Basque Country	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	TuR&Bo	West Midlands	Eindhoven	Pannon Novum
2013	Flanders	Northern Ireland	SDEO	Lower Normandy	Basque Country	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	Central DK	Birmingham	Eindhoven	Fryslân
2014	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	Scotland Europa	Basque Country	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	E-Alfold	Stuttgart	Central DK	Birmingham	Eindhoven	Fryslân
2015	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	Scotland Europa	Basque Country	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Stuttgart	Central DK	Birmingham	Eindhoven	Fryslân
2016	Flanders	Valencia	SDEO	Scotland Europa	Basque Country	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Stavanger	Fryslân
2017	Cornwall	Aragon/Valencia	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	Navarra	Lombardy	Lodz	Ile-de-France	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Stavanger	Fryslân
2018	Cornwall	Aragon/Valencia	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	ADR Nord-Est	Helsinki Uusimaa	South Norway	Cities Northern NL	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Stavanger	Fryslân
2019	Cornwall	Aragon/Valencia	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	ADR Nord-Est	Helsinki Uusimaa	South Norway	Cities Northern NL	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France
2020	Pro Silesia	Aragón Exterior	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	ADR Nord-Est	Helsinki Uusimaa	South Norway	Cities Northern NL	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France
2021	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Aragón Exterior	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	ADR Nord-Est	Lodz	Agder County (South Norway)	Cities Northern NL	Wielkopolska	Bremen	Central DK	Östergötland	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France
2022	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Aragón Exterior	Västra Götaland	Scotland Europa	Stuttgart	ADR Nord-Est	Fundecyt-Pctex - Extremadura	Central Denmark	Cities Northern NL	Wielkopolska	South Denmark	South Moravia	Tuscany	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France

2023	Hauts-de-France	Helsinki EU Office	Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento	Scotland Europa	Region Värmland	ADR Nord-Est	Fundecyt-Pctex - Extremadura	Central Denmark	Cities Northern NL	Wielkopolska	South Denmark	South Moravia	Tuscany	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France
2024	Hauts-de-France	Helsinki EU Office	Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento	Scotland Europa	Cities Northern NL	ADR Nord-Est	Fundecyt-Pctex - Extremadura	Trøndelag European Office	Region Västra Götaland	Wielkopolska	South Denmark	South Moravia	Tuscany	Brainport Eindhoven	Ile-de-France
2025	Hauts-de-France	Helsinki EU Office	Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento	Scotland Europa	Cities Northern NL	ADR Nord-Est	Fundecyt-Pctex - Extremadura	Trøndelag European Office	Brainport Eindhoven	Wielkopolska	South Denmark	South Moravia	Tuscany	Normandy Region	Region Skåne
2026	Hauts-de-France	Helsinki EU Office	Region of Murcia / Instituto de Fomento	Scotland Europa	Cities Northern NL	ADR Nord-Est	Fundecyt-Pctex - Extremadura	Trøndelag European Office	Brainport Eindhoven	Wielkopolska	South Denmark	South Moravia	Tuscany	Normandy Region	Region Skåne

Table key

	Year of election to MB
	Working MB Member
	Seat is up for MB election

In 2019, Cornwall resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided not to fill the seat for the remaining year of their three-year mandate. The seat was filled in election in 2020.

In 2021, Pro Silesia resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided to put the seat for election for the remaining two years of their three-year mandate. The seat was filled in election in 2021.

In 2022, Lodz and Agder County resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided to put the seats for election for the remaining two years of their three-year mandates. The seats were filled in election in 2022.

In 2024, Region Värmland resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided to put the seat for election for the remaining two years of their three-year mandate. The seat was filled in election in 2024.

In 2025, Region Västra Götaland resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided to put the seat for election for the remaining two years of their three-year mandate. The seat was filled in election in 2025.

In 2026, Region Skåne and South Denmark resigned from the Management Board. The Management Board decided to put the seats for election for the remaining two years of their three-year mandates.