

CIVIT INNOVATION CLUSTER ORGANIZATION: OPERATING RULES

The CIVIT Innovation Cluster Organization (CIVIT-ICO), co-funded by Business Finland and private companies, is established to develop and offer commercial test and experimentation services in the fields of imaging and visual technologies. The services and activities focus on measuring various imaging sensors, creating and curating visual datasets, and facilitating networking between companies, ecosystems, and organizations interested in imaging. CIVIT-ICO is administratively and financially part of Tampere University. The infrastructure and equipment used for offering the services are operated by Tampere University personnel.

This document lists the operating rules of the cluster organization:

- 1 The cluster's services are open to users from companies, academic research communities, and other organizations (later referred as the users) regardless of their size, industry, field, or nationality.
- 2 The compensation charged from the users of the cluster's services covers the expenses of offering the services and is in line with the market prices of similar services.
- 3 The prices of the services are the same for all users.
- 4 The services and their terms of use are specified in the Service Agreement, which must be signed before a service request can be made using the Service Request Form.
- 5 The exchange of information between the cluster's personnel and the user of a service is confidential. The user-specific terms for protecting confidential information shared or created during a service can be incorporated into the Service Agreement. Because such requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, their processing time cannot be guaranteed in advance.
- 6 The users of the cluster's services can become members of the cluster organization by filling in an [application form](#). Becoming a member of the cluster organization demonstrates commitment to utilizing the services and participating in Interest Groups for their further development. This commitment is required to demonstrate to Business Finland that the services are needed as well as to successfully develop and maintain the services and activities of the cluster.
- 7 The cluster's services are offered to members and non-members at the same prices. However, members of the cluster organization are entitled to benefits specified in the [Terms of Membership](#).
- 8 Administrative operations of the CIVIT-ICO are managed by a Steering Group. A supporting Advisory Committee, including members from companies, can be established later for monitoring emerging needs and establishing new services. Cluster members are eligible to participate in the Advisory Committee. Interest in joining the Advisory Committee is inquired in the membership application form. The Steering Group can invite interested companies of varying sizes and backgrounds to the Advisory Committee to ensure a balanced representation from the industry.

Clarifications of terms:

Interest Group: A tool for promoting pre-competitive collaboration, following the development and status of services (e.g., spectral response measurements), and offering networking opportunities. Members of the cluster are eligible and encouraged to join the Interest Groups.

Steering Group: Strategically steers the cluster organization with a goal to develop economically sustainable services and activities that meet the needs of the industry. The operational period of the Steering Group lasts until the end of 2025, after which the composition of the group may be changed.

Advisory Committee: The Steering Group can decide to establish the Advisory Committee with company representatives to support monitoring emerging technology and service needs.