



Membership Contract

This contract is the legal proof of partnership between Alliance for Rural Electrification (from here onwards ARE) and the applying organisation for the agreed duration.

WE, THE ORGANISATION/COMPANY, MENTIONED BELOW HEREBY APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ALLIANCE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AISBL

ARE Member Organisation / Company Information				
Organisation / Company name: (only the HQ are eligible to apply for ARE Membership)				
Name of parent organisation (if applicable):				
Marketing name to be used in all ARE marketing & communication materials (if different from organisation name):				
Legal status of company:				
Full address:				
Company registration number:				
Company VAT number:				
Website:				
Date of establishment:				
Annual Turnover (in EUR):				
Total no.of staff in your company/organisation:	1-10	11-100	101-500	Above 500
Preferred method(s) of contact:	Email	Phone	WhatsApp	

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Organisation Description (max 150 words)	



2025 Membership Category and Fee			
Type of Membership	Sub-category (Annual Turnover in EUR)	Annual Fee (EUR)	Please Tick
Corporate Members (All businesses)	Leading Member (optional and open to all)	31,994.50	
	Premium Member (over 30 million)	23,995.87	
	Corporate Member C1 (15 - 30 million)	15,997.24	
	Corporate Member C2 (5 - 15 million)	7,465.38	
	Corporate Member C3 (1 - 5 million)	3,732.69	
	Corporate Member C4 (under 1 million)	1,599.72	

Type of Membership	Sub-category (No. of Employees)	Annual Fee (EUR)	Please Tick
Associate Members (All not-for-profit organisations)	Leading not-for-profit Member (optional and open to all)	31,994.50	
	Associate Member A1 (Over 50 employees)	7,998.63	
	Associate Member A2 (5 - 50 employees)	3,732.69	
	Associate Member A3 (under 5 employees)	1,599.72	

ARE Terms & Conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARE Membership runs per calendar year from 1 January to 31 December;• To handle administration for new Members, ARE charges a EUR 280 administrative fee;• All prices exclude VAT where applicable;• Annual membership fee for the following calendar year will be automatically indexed on the basis of the evolution of the health price index applicable in Belgium, unless communicated otherwise (cf. article 5.3 AoA);• The membership fees are determined based on the most recent information about turnover in case of Corporate Members and the number of staff in case of Associate Members;• Any Member may withdraw from the Association subject to notifying CEO thereof in writing before the 1st of September. Such withdrawal shall be effective at the beginning of the following legal year (1st of January) (article 11 AoA); and• Belgian law and ARE's AoA, internal regulations and policies (including privacy policy) apply, with exclusive jurisdiction for the courts of Brussels.

Declaration and Signature	
I declare that I have read the ARE Terms & Conditions and agree to pay the Membership fee specified above and abide by the ARE Articles of Association of the Alliance for Rural Electrification.	
Name of person signing:	Position of person signing:
Date: _____	Signature: _____



Organisation Type		Area of Expertise		Business model	
Corporate Members			Project Development & Management		Energy Service Companies (ESCOs)
	Private Sector Companies: Consulting firms & advisory services Engineering, procurement, construction Technology suppliers & innovators Energy service providers Product sales & distribution companies Manufacturers Financial institutions & private investors Project developers Utility companies Other (please specify)		Renewable Energy Technologies		Build Operate Transfer (BOT)
			Energy Financing & Investment: Equity financing Debt financing Grant funding Mezzanine financing Microfinance solutions Other (please specify)		Build Own Operate Transfer (BOOT)
					Commercial & Industrial Use (C&I)
					Community-Based Models
					Dealers & Distributors
					Fee-for-Service
					Financial Institutions & Investors
					Policy & Advocacy
			Regulatory Compliance & Legal		Installers & Contractors
		Associate Members			Capacity Building & Training
	Public Sector & Government Entities: National/subnational government departments & agencies Multilateral & intl. organisations Financier/investor organisations Public utility Other (please specify)		Electrification Household electrification Electrification of small businesses Electrification of C&I clients Electrification of public infrastructure Other (please specify)		Manufacturers
					Philanthropic & NGOs
					Operation & Maintenance Providers
					Pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) & Leasing
					Pay-to-Own & Ownership Models
					Public Utility & Municipal (Grid/Mini-grid/Microgrid/Standalone Systems)
	NGOs & Non-Profit Organisations: Non-governmental organisations Associations & industry groups Philanthropic organisations Foundations Universities & research organisations Research institutions & think tanks Other (please specify)		Research & Academia		
			Supply Chain & Construction		Software as a Service (SaaS) & Digital Platforms
			Women/Youth Empowerment		Energy Service Provider Companies (ESPCs)
			Other (please specify)		Other (please specify)

Type of systems and technologies			
	Grid connected	Mini-grids / Microgrids	Stand-alone systems
Solar			
Hydro			
Wind			
Bioenergy			
Energy storage			
Inverters/power components			
Hydrogen			
Other (please specify)			

Area of activity	Activities per continent, region & country	
	List regions you are active in	List countries you are active in
Urban		
Peri-urban		
Rural		
Islands		

What made you to apply for ARE Membership?	Which ARE services do you see most value in?
ARE Secretariat	Knowledge & Intelligence (Research, Publications)
Board of Directors	Influencing Policy & Advocacy
ARE Website	Private Sector Cooperation & B2B Matchmaking
ARE Newsletter	Business Development & Contacts
ARE Member (please specify)	Access to Finance & Funding
Business partner (please specify)	Business Promotion & Marketing
News, press release or article (please specify)	Events & Networking
Event (please specify)	Capacity Building
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)



ARE Privacy Policy

1. General

- 1.1. This is the privacy policy of Alliance for Rural Electrification AISBL, a non-profit association with registered offices in Belgium at 1040 Brussels, Rue d'Arlon 63-67, registered in the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0883.277.545 (hereafter: "ARE"). ARE acts as the controller of your personal data, which it can obtain (i) directly from you, or (ii) indirectly through third parties, such as your employer, your organisation, subcontractors, its partners or its contracting parties.
- 1.2. Established in 2006, ARE is the only global business association that represents the whole decentralised renewable energy (DRE) sector for rural electrification in developing and emerging countries.
- 1.3. ARE can at any moment modify this privacy policy. We therefore encourage Members to consult regularly for updates.

2. Legal framework

- 2.1. This privacy policy is subject to privacy legislation, i.e.:
 - 2.1.1. the Belgian Data Protection Act of 8th December 1992 on the protection of privacy in relation to the processing of personal data (as amended) (the "Privacy Act"); and/or
 - 2.1.2. Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) ("GDPR"); and/or
 - 2.1.3. All other applicable legislation regarding the protection of privacy and the processing of personal data;
 - 2.1.4. ARE's server and hosting is managed by [Dreamhost](#).

3. Data collection and management

- 3.1. To optimise the experience for users of our website and ARE members, we use the following sections and third-party services to collect data from our visitors and members.
 - 3.1.1. **Google Analytics:** We use Google Analytics to collect anonymised data from website visitors to learn how visitors use different sections of ARE's online presence. The data collected is anonymous and cannot be traced back to individual visitors. You can read more about Google's privacy policy [here](#). You can opt out of Google Analytics by installing the [browser plugin](#) provided by Google.
 - 3.1.2. **Member-only section:** ARE members can request access to a member-only section of the ARE website. If you want to change or delete your ARE website account, contact the Director of Communications & Marketing, Ling Ng (L.ng@ruralelec.org).
 - 3.1.3. **ARE Membership Application:** Organisations that would like to become ARE members can download and complete the membership form. The data provided by organisations will be used to determine if the applicant is eligible for ARE membership, ARE's internal mailing list and the organisation's profile on the ARE website.
 - 3.1.4. **ARE Member profile update:** Existing ARE Members will be invited to update their business profiles on ARE website directly. In case of questions regarding what kind of data we store about your organisation, alter or delete the data altogether, contact the Director of Communications & Marketing, Ling Ng (L.ng@ruralelec.org).
 - 3.1.5. **ARE Newsletter:** We use an embedded form to allow website visitors to subscribe to our [newsletter](#). ARE uses Constant Contact for its email marketing purposes. You can unsubscribe from the ARE Newsletter by clicking on the unsubscribe link at the bottom of one of the previous editions. The privacy policy of Constant Contact can be accessed [here](#).
 - 3.1.6. **Registration Forms for ARE Events:** ARE can process personal data in accordance with the EU GDPR, in order to:
 - achieve the purpose and exercise its activities;
 - provide direct marketing regarding its activities such as updates, newsletters, emails, marketing materials, invitations to events such as conferences, latest DRE news, exhibitions and webinars;
 - execute the contract(s) that have been concluded with you or your employer or organisation you are a member of
 - prospect new partners and members;
 - better understand your needs and preferences in order to adjust its services hereto;
 - acquire statistical data; and
 - inform third parties.
 - 3.1.7. **Data storage period:** ARE stores the personal data for as long as is necessary to achieve the purpose.

4. Personal data

- 4.1. The personal data ARE can process are, i.e.: first name, name, address, email address, phone number, birth date, birthplace, profession, and function within your organisation.

- 4.2. By agreeing to this privacy policy, you guarantee that the personal data you have provided, are complete and correct.
- 4.3. By agreeing to this privacy policy, partners that provide personal data of third parties (e.g. their employees, members, board members, staff, subcontractors, and contracting parties) to ARE guarantee that (i) these personal data are lawfully obtained and (ii) that the partner is authorised to transfer these personal data to ARE. These partners will comply with the Privacy Legislation. These partners will indemnify ARE against, hold ARE harmless against and shall compensate ARE for all claims that would result from non-compliance with the abovementioned guarantees and Privacy Legislation.

5. Transfer of personal data to third parties

- 5.1. ARE guarantees it does not transfer your personal data to third parties, unless:
 - 5.1.1. There is a legal obligation to transfer the personal data;
 - 5.1.2. To its partners (e.g. subcontractors, partners or contracting parties) for the achievement of the Purpose; and
 - 5.1.3. ARE has a legitimate interest to do so.
- 5.2. Third parties to whom ARE may, or is obliged to, transfer personal data on the basis of the above categories, can be located within or outside the European Union. The personal data may thus be transferred to companies or authorities of non-EU countries. ARE cannot be held responsible regarding the transfer of personal data and cannot be liable for the further processing of the personal data by third parties.

6. Your rights

- 6.1. The Privacy Legislation provides you with a number of rights in relation to your personal data. You have the right, free of charge:
 - 6.1.1. to have access to and receive a copy of your personal data;
 - 6.1.2. to have your personal data corrected in case errors would occur;
 - 6.1.3. to have your personal data erased in case:
 - your personal data are no longer necessary to achieve the Purpose;
 - you withdraw your consent and there is no other legal ground for the processing of the personal data;
 - you object to the processing of the personal data and there is no other legal ground for the processing of the personal data;
 - the personal data have been unlawfully processed;
 - there is a legal obligation to erase the personal data;
 - 6.1.4. to have the processing of your personal data restricted;
 - 6.1.5. to have your personal data transferred to a third party;
 - 6.1.6. to object against the processing of your personal data, in particular the processing in light of direct marketing purposes;
 - 6.1.7. to withdraw your consent pursuant to which ARE is allowed to process your personal data;
 - 6.1.8. to lodge a complaint with the Commission for the Protection of Privacy ("Privacy Commission") if you are of the opinion that the processing of your personal data breaches the Privacy Legislation

7. Security

- 7.1. ARE commits to take (or have) all reasonable measures (taken) to its best ability to safeguard the protection of the personal data through technical safety measures and an appropriate safety policy for its employees. The personal data are stored with ARE, or, if applicable, with the processor of the personal data on servers located on [Dreamhost](#). You acknowledge and accept that the transfer and storage of personal data is never without risk and consequently, the damage that you may suffer from the unlawful use of your personal data by third parties can never be collected from ARE.

8. Liability

- 8.1. ARE can solely be held accountable for damages which directly result from the processing of your personal data due to a fault or negligence of ARE. In any event, ARE cannot be held liable: (i) in circumstances of force majeure and/or (ii) for any indirect or consequential damage and/or (iii) for damages that result from errors, faults or negligence by you or third parties. ARE's liability cannot exceed EUR 1,000 (thousand euro) for breaches regarding this privacy policy and/or Privacy Legislation.

9. Severability

- 9.1. If any provision in this privacy policy is deemed to be unlawful or unenforceable, that provision shall be amended by ARE and yourself insofar as necessary in order to make it lawful or enforceable, while retaining the meaning of ARE and yourself with respect to that provision as much as possible.
- 9.2. Whenever possible, the provisions of this privacy policy shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be valid and enforceable under the applicable law. However, if one or more provisions of this privacy policy are found to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, the remainder of that provision and of this privacy policy shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

10. Governing law and jurisdiction

- 10.1. You agree that all disputes between you and ARE regarding personal data and privacy issues, are exclusively subject to Belgian law, excluding any conflict of law principles.
- 10.2. Every dispute, particularly regarding personal data and privacy issues, belongs to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Brussels, Belgium.

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