

AI Sweden - Principles for collaboration

AI Sweden's mission and purpose

AI Sweden is the Swedish National Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI), supported by the Swedish government and a wide range of partners representing academia, the private and public sector.

AI Sweden's mission is to

Accelerate the use of AI for the benefit of our society, our competitiveness, and for everyone living in Sweden.

The partnership of AI Sweden realizes how profoundly AI will impact our economy, welfare and democracy. Much remains to be learned about the power and limits of AI technologies and significant investments are necessary in all sectors of society in order to stay competitive and improve services to consumers or citizens.

AI Sweden exists to support its partners in their journey towards using AI transformatively and strives to provide leadership, shareable knowledge and resources, as well as attracting and boosting talent, reinforcing our partners' capabilities.

The purpose is thereby to actively and broadly catalyze cross-sector collaboration, paving the way for scientific, organizational, technological and societal advancement, pushing the boundaries and value creation of applied AI.

Definitions, roles and responsibilities

Founding Partner

All Partners that joined AI Sweden before the official opening of AI Sweden (then called AI Innovation of Sweden) in February 2019

Partner

Any organization with an AI Sweden Frame Agreement in force.

Partner Directive

The Partner Directive for AI Sweden is an optional short and high-level guidance to the Steering Committee that the Partner Forum may approve and provide to the Steering Committee. The Partner Directive for AI Sweden should be seen as an additional input next to any relevant commitment to and agreements with main funding agencies.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall serve as the main decision body for the strategic direction of AI Sweden and shall be appointed and serve according to this document.

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee annually presents a proposal for the appointment of the Steering Committee and shall be appointed and serve according to this document.

Director(s)

The Co-Directors of AI Sweden

Host

Lindholmen Science Park AB, formal host of AI Sweden. The overall organization of AI Sweden is built as a consortium with other relevant organizations.

Governance structure

Partner Forum

The Partner Forum consists of one representative for each Partner and will be held once per year. Time and place decided by the Steering Committee. Notice of meeting will take place at least one (1) month in advance. If necessary, the Steering Committee can also convene an extra Partner Forum with at least one (1) months' notice, or request decisions per capsulam with minimum 10 days' notice.

The Partner Forum shall be led by a chairperson appointed for each Partner Forum.

The Partner Forum:

- Appoints the chairperson of the Partner Forum
- Appoints the Steering Committee after suggestion from the Nomination Committee
- Appoints the chairperson of the Steering Committee
- Decides on changes to the Principles for Collaboration (this document)

Additionally, the Partner Forum may approve a Partner Directive, used to provide input to the strategic direction of the Steering Committee.

Weighted by the voting distribution below, a minimum of 50% of the Partner votes shall be represented at the Partner Forum for the meeting to be eligible for making decisions. Proxy is accepted.

Decisions of the Partner Forum are made by voting according to the following voting terms.

Voting distribution:

- 3 votes – Academia & Research institute
- 4 votes – Corporate and Global tech companies
- 2 votes – Medium size companies, Consultancy firms and News media companies
- 1 vote – Small Companies
- 1 vote – AI focused startups (in-kind by invitation only)
- 3 votes – Public partners

If voting falls equally, the chairman of the Partner Forum casts the deciding vote.

The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will consist of a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 ordinary members including the chairperson. No appointees for the ordinary members shall be appointed.

Other Appointees shall be limited to:

- One representative from the main funding agencies.
- One representative from the Host
- One representative for the so called nodes. How such a representative is appointed will be managed separately.
- The Director(s) of AI Sweden.

More members of AI Sweden management may be asked to participate in the meetings. This is an agreement between the Director(s) and the chairperson of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee shall be composed of individuals with competence and experience aligned with AI Sweden's mission. The Steering Committee shall, as far as possible, be composed with a relevant gender balance and preferably include representatives from the the private and public sector as well as academia. The work of the Nomination Committee shall be aimed at achieving this composition.

The members of the Steering Committee will serve for one year at a time. An individual member can serve for a maximum period of five (5) years.

The Steering Committee will meet at least four (4) times per year. The chairperson will convene the meetings and have the task of organizing the work of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee shall serve as the main decision-making body for the strategic direction of AI Sweden.

The direction of the Steering Committee shall be in line with the approved funding and strategy of the main funding agencies. The Steering Committee should also take guidance from the Partner Directive (given that such directive has been approved by the Partner Forum).

The Steering Committee is responsible for:

- Approval of new Partners (presented by the Directors)
- Approving the high-level strategic agenda and objectives for AI Sweden
- Approval of a high-level annual budget for AI Sweden
- Appointment of Directors
- Approval of changes to the Partnership model, www.ai.se/en/partnership-model
- Approval of changes to the Guidelines, www.ai.se/en/guidelines

If a member of the Steering Committee leaves during the current term of office, no appointee is to be appointed. When deemed necessary, The Steering Committee may choose to initiate a process in which the Partner Forum appoints additional members, staying within the number of members defined in this document. If the Steering Committee falls below 6 ordinary members, the Steering Committee shall always initiate a process in which the Partner Forum appoints new members.

Other Appointees can be replaced by a stand-in for individual meetings, or permanently replaced by the appointing organization or group at any time.

Nomination Committee and nominations

The Nomination Committee's task is to present a proposal for the annual appointment of the Steering Committee.

The Nomination Committee shall consist of three representatives representing industry, public sector and academia and will be coordinated by the sitting Chairperson of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will present a proposal for a new Nomination Committee for a per capsulam decision of the Partner Forum.

Members of the Nomination Committee can not be appointed as ordinary members or appointees of the Steering Committee while they serve on the Nomination Committee.

After the Nomination Committee has been appointed, all partners are invited to nominate candidates for the new Steering Committee.

Validity of these Principles for Collaboration

These Principles for Collaboration apply from the date of acceptance until further notice.