

5. Membership Criteria

NGOs that qualify for membership of Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe should fulfill the following criteria:

1. The organisation is legally constituted pursuant to the laws of their country of origin and is defined as a non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation according to the appropriate national authorities.
2. The organisation must be demonstrably independent of governments, political parties and commercial interests
3. Members should be fully transparent of funding sources and their application will be evaluated on this basis.
4. The organisations mission and activities should be in line with the mission statement of Climate Action Network Europe. The applicant member has to declare that it will respect and apply the statutes, support the vision, mission and activities of CAN Europe and CAN-International.
5. The organisation should be an international, national and or regional organisation representing constituencies in their respective area.
6. Organisations must be committed actively limit/reduce human induced climate change and adhere to the practices and principles of sustainable development and environmental protection.
7. Organisations involved in delivering emissions off-sets should be in line with the Gold Standard or equivalent criteria. Such activities should not constitute the primary activity of any prospective CAN-Europe member.
8. The organisation must agree to refrain from public confrontation with other groups in the network and their positions, and agrees to support common CAN positions. The organisation must also respect the confidentiality of CAN meetings and communications.

These membership criteria are applicable from 1st of April 2005 and will not become retro-actively binding. Nevertheless in case there is a review of existing members, these criteria will be used as a basis for evaluation.