

Governance Structure

The network is governed by its regular Assembly of Active Members which takes place at least four times per year. All Active Members have a voting right during the Assembly and decisions are made by a two thirds majority. At least five Active Members need to be present or participate via online voting for a vote to be valid.

Heads of Network are appointed by the Network Assembly, also by two thirds majority.

Apart from the Heads of Network and the Assembly of Members, there is no other formal steering committee.

At least once a year, the Assembly of Active Members revises its governance structure, in particular by updating its internal operating rules. Ahead of the meeting, the Heads of Network identify any changes which could be necessary in order to allow for a better functioning of the network. At least two weeks ahead of the Assembly, Active Members receive the proposed amendments to the internal operating rules via email in view of making proposals for adaptation. Changes will be adopted by a two thirds majority during the Assembly.

The network agreed with its Members on the following best practice: each Active Member co-organises an edition of its “intercultural forum” once a year, either jointly with the Heads of Network or other network members. The “intercultural forum” aims to give civil society at large a voice in the activities of the Network while the Heads of Network commit to reporting on the needs and opportunities presented by civil society on the transnational level of the Foundation.