

# Heterogeneity Alliance Agreement

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# ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

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This AGREEMENT is committed by each member of the Alliance on the date they are joined by filling the membership form in the <http://heterogeneityalliance.eu/>

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

## **Definition of Alliance**

The initiative aims to join efforts of organizations interested in the development of future technologies and tools to advance and take full advantage of computing and applications using heterogeneous hardware.

The alliance main goal is to establish an organization in which anyone interested in the technological areas that are initially part of its scope can participate and collaborate pursuing a common objective: founding a common, open-source and an extendable set of technologies and tools around the development for heterogeneous hardware, which can be viable for mass adoption utilizing technologies created by the alliance members and attractive, easy to use and broader in scope and value.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the collaboration framework under which the Alliance members agree to contribute and manage the Alliance.

Specifically, the collaboration framework covers the common vision, the activities, the governance and the rules under which these may operate.

For clarity, this Agreement does not alter any other agreement(s) between the members and does not prevent in any way future bilateral agreements between them.

## **Duration**

For each member, this Agreement shall come into force as of the date of its membership by all the Alliance members and shall continue until a member expressed its wish to be removed from the Alliance.

## **Branding**

The Alliance has set up its own brand by producing a logo (shown here) and web site <http://heterogeneityalliance.eu/>



## **Activities**

The main activities to be carried out by the Alliance will be proposed and launched by the Board. Any Alliance member may propose to the Board new activities to be considered. Initial set of activities includes: realization of a high level architecture for managing heterogeneity; creation of a catalogue of existing solutions that map any block of the mentioned architecture; promotion of the Alliance and its activities to get the engagement of more members and create an ecosystem around the initial core.

## **Governance**

The governance of the Alliance will be simple and based on a management body called **Alliance Board** which is formed by a maximum of 6 representatives from the Alliance members. Any Alliance member may propose himself as representative in the Alliance Board. The Board will be renewed each year and a period will be opened for candidates. If more than 6 candidates are presented, a voting process will be opened within the Alliance members to select the new 6 Board members.

All the members will be listed in the Alliance web site. Membership is requested through a web form and approved by Alliance Board. All members must read in advance and approved this document before submitting the membership form. Each member has to point out a contact person as formal representative of the member.

Any member may request its withdrawal from the Alliance by simply sending a message to [contact@heterogeneityalliance.eu](mailto:contact@heterogeneityalliance.eu)

The main responsibilities of the Alliance Board are:

- Proposing activities to enrich and activate the Alliance
- Decide about proposed activities by other Alliance members
- Carry out the action plan for implementing the proposed activities
- Ensure the public publication of all produced work by the Alliance members
- Represent the Alliance in events and forums where it will be presented
- Approved new members of the Alliance
- Ensure the fulfilment of this document terms by all members
- Maintenance of the Alliance web site

The Alliance Board must appoint a **Board Coordinator** who will coordinate the Board activities and organize the work plan. He/she will be in charge of the meetings and minutes. The Board will meet by teleconference every 2 months to assess the progress of the action plan and to take new decisions about new tasks; and at least once year in the HIPEAC annual conference, where all Alliance members will be also invited to participate of a **General Assembly**.

### **Confidentiality**

All the technical information and documentation generated by the Alliance will be published in the web site to be public and open. Internal discussions and meetings minutes at board level will be kept as confidential.

### **Intellectual property**

Alliance Intellectual Property of all commonly generated material is co-owned in equal share by all Alliance members who have agreed on the terms of this document and are allowed to exploit it on royalty-free basis.

IP of the referred solutions in the Alliance Catalogue will be owned by original authors of each one and will be subject to the IP conditions determined by solution.

### **Financial Support**

The Alliance has no central budget, costs or financial accountability. All financial responsibility resides with members. Members are expected to cover their own expenses and contribute at their best effort to the Alliance activities.

### **Liability**

The Alliance is not a legal entity, partnership or agency. Legal liability resides individually with members. Each *member* shall be solely liable for any loss, damage or injury to third parties resulting from its own carrying out of its duties in this Agreement.

### **Amendments**

Amendments to this Agreement shall be valid only if made in writing and approved by each of the *members*.

### **Signature**

Name of organization:

Representative Person:

Title:

Date:

Signature: