
CertifHy[™] Steering Committee membership

General Information

What is the CertifHy[™] Steering Committee?

The CertifHy[™] Steering Committee is the highest decision-making body of CertifHy[™]. It is a **central** and **visible** part of the new CertifHy[™] governance. In order to meet requirements from the European Commission (EC), its membership represents a broad group of stakeholders and its processes must be transparent. The Steering Committee will be responsible for:

- convening the CertifHy[™] Stakeholder Platform regularly;
- approving the annual budget for CertifHy[™] operations related to the CertifHy[™] schemes;
- setting up and/ or dissolving Working Groups set up for handling specific topics depending on CertifHy's needs;
- approving proposed scheme document updates.

The CertifHy[™] Steering Committee consists of **15 representatives from 3 different stakeholder pools (5 representatives from each)** thus ensuring a **balanced representation of interests**¹.

- (1) Producers & processors
- (2) Traders, logistic operators and users
- (3) NGOs, research, public sector

¹ Each member of the CertifHy stakeholder platform can decide to which pool they belong.

Members of pools (1) and (2) are elected by Stakeholder Platform members whilst members of pool (3) are selected by the Scheme Operator (which also acts as the Secretariat). A Steering Committee member is elected or selected for a **2-year term**.

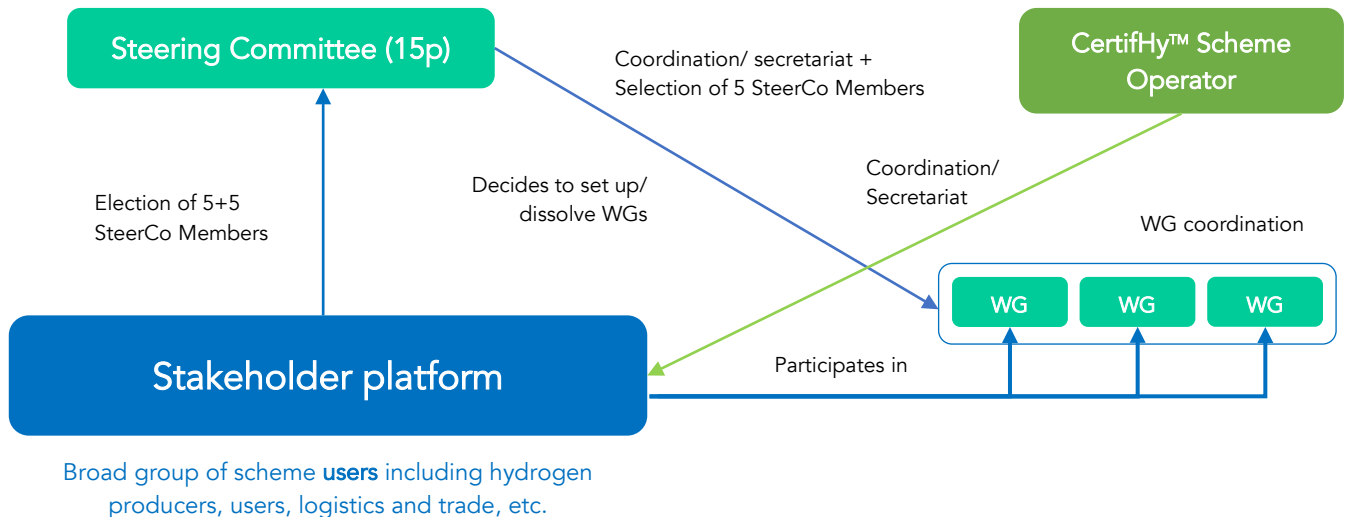


Fig. 1: Illustration of CertifHy's future governance model

What are the advantages of being a Steering Committee member?

- **Visibility and networking opportunities**
 - Opportunity to represent the interests of an industry group within the CertifHy™ decision-making body, and to communicate on this role
 - Close contact with skilled and recognised peers in the area of certification for hydrogen and derivatives, providing partnership/ business opportunities
 - Visibility and communication opportunities for the companies of Steering Committee members on their active involvement in the H₂ and derivatives' certification ecosystem.
- **Input and feedback from CertifHy's™ close communication with the European Commission (EC)**

The CertifHy™ Scheme Operator will be in regular contact with the European Commission regarding regulatory evolutions impacting the certification and traceability of hydrogen and its derivatives.

- Being part of the CertifHy™ Steering Committee is an opportunity to contribute to the prioritisation and centralisation of questions that the CertifHy Scheme Operator raises in workshops with the EC.

- Obtain updates on the evolution of the EU regulatory framework on certification and traceability.
- **Close contact with worldclass experts from the CertifHy™ team**
- **Having a say on CertifHy™ orientations: a scheme dedicated to fostering the hydrogen economy**
 - The Steering Committee has the power to set-up and/ or dissolve Working Groups according to the needs of the Schemes for handling specific topics.
 - The Steering Committee has the final say on proposed scheme document updates.

What is the process for being elected as a Steering Committee member?

- The CertifHy™ Scheme Operator will publish a call for applications on the CertifHy™ website at the beginning of the application period with an associated application form. All interested persons must declare their interest through the application form indicating their motivation, relevant experiences, and time availability for the role as potential future Steering Committee member.
- **The first election for Steering Committee members will be held during the next CertifHy™ General Assembly, planned for October 25th, 2023.** The application period will open one (1) month prior to the election and will remain open for two (2) weeks.
 - Pool 1 & 2 members (elected): the list of all candidates who have submitted their application will be circulated by the CertifHy™ Scheme Operator to the members of the Stakeholder Platform. The election of Steering Committee members will then take place during the October General Assembly.
 - Pool 3 members (selected): any person interested in being a member of the Steering Committee from Pool 3 will have to submit an application form. The Scheme Operator will select Pool 3 members based on their competencies and suitability as Steering Committee members. The CertifHy™ Scheme Operator will present the five (5) selected candidates during the October General Assembly and provide justification for each choice.

Declaration of interest	Start of application	End of application	Selection/Election
Max. August 2023	September 25th	October 6th	October 25th CertifHy™ General Assembly

What is expected from a Steering Committee member?

- Formal application (to the appropriate Pool) as per the process described above.
- The Steering Committee is designed to act efficiently. It nonetheless requires a certain level of commitment from its members to ensure a robust and trustworthy governance for CertifHy™. A Steering Committee member is therefore expected to:
 - Attend and be engaged in **Stakeholder Platform General Assemblies** held **once a year**.
 - Attend **Steering Committee meetings** at least **twice a year**.

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What is the duration of a term?

A Steering Committee member is elected or selected for 2 years.

What happens if a Steering Committee member leaves their company or changes position within the company and must forfeit their position?

If the Steering Committee member should leave his/her company or position before the end of his/her term as a CertifHy™ Steering Committee member, the departing Steering Committee representative should appoint his/her replacement until the next General Assembly during which the seat will be put up for re-election.

Is a Steering Committee members elected as an individual, or as a representative of their company?

The Steering Committee members from Pools (1) Producers & Processors and (2) Traders, Logistic operators and users represent a legal entity. Therefore, candidates must represent a legal entity that is already member of the CertifHy™ Stakeholder Platform and belong to one of the election pools. Only one Steering Committee seat per legal entity is permitted.

The selected Steering Committee members from pool (3) NGOs, research, public sector are selected as individuals or as representatives of a legal entity.

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