



Criteria for Joining HYPOS

1. Association-related admission criterion

The purpose of HYPOS e.V. is to coordinate enterprises mainly operating in the energy sector, the chemical industry and plant construction in conjunction with universities and research institutes as well as trade associations and similar institutions working in research and development regarding the conversion and storage of electricity chiefly into hydrogen and promoting its economically viable and socially acceptable integration into the supply infrastructure and other related measures.

To be accepted into HYPOS e.V., it must be apparent from applicants' previous activities how they intend to support the purpose of the Association by contributing personnel as well as material and/or conceptual assistance.

This is normally the case if a candidate is a company from the energy sector, the chemical industry or plant construction which has already demonstrably and sustainably pursued the goals covered by the purpose of the Association within its commercial activities. The same applies to universities and research institutions as well as professional associations and similar institutions if the goals contained in the purpose of the Association are known to have been the subject of previous institutional activities.

In exceptional cases, a candidate may be accepted despite a lack of evidence of work relevant to the Association hitherto if it can provide credible assurance that its future activities could support the purpose of the Association materially, conceptually or in terms of personnel.

2. Admission criteria derived from the funding initiative 'Zwanzig 20- Partnerschaft für Innovation (Partnership for Innovation)'

HYPOS e.V. serves the organization and steering of all partners of the project consortium 'HYPOS – Hydrogen Power Storage & Solutions East Germany' funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) under the initiative 'Zwanzig 20- Partnerschaft für Innovation'. The funding rules currently in force stipulate both consortium-related and individual conditions. HYPOS e.V. endeavours to ensure the candidates can meet these conditions in order to avoid jeopardizing project funding for procedural reasons. Therefore, candidates will not be accepted to join HYPOS e.V. if in the view of the Board they cannot meet the consortium-related conditions contained in the funding rules.

As a rule, the admission of Category I candidates (see table below) will not jeopardize funding. Assuming they comply with the Association-related admission criterion, reasons must be stated in those rare cases in which applications by such candidates are rejected.

The Board decides on the new admission of all completed membership applications received and on the waiting list at its monthly meetings, taking into account the categorization of each candidate.

No.	Definition	Category
1.	Commercial enterprises meeting the following criteria: 1. SMEs as defined by the European Commission in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC 2. The company's head office is located in eastern Germany or the company has a branch in eastern Germany which would be demonstrably responsible for the overwhelming majority of activities within the Association and vis-à-vis the funding organization	I
2.	Commercial enterprises whose head office is located in eastern Germany or which have a branch in eastern Germany which would be demonstrably responsible for the overwhelming majority of activities within the Association and vis-à-vis the funding organization	II
3.	Commercial enterprises which do not meet the additional requirements of nos. 1 and/or 2	III
4.	Universities and non-university research and educational institutions as well as non-profit organizations which as such or as applicant institutions are based in eastern Germany	II
5.	Universities and non-university research and educational institutions as well as non-profit organizations which do not meet the additional requirements of no. 4	III