**FINTECH OPEN SOURCE FOUNDATION**

# ACTIVE PARTICIPATION POLICY

## Rationale

Participation and contribution are at the very heart of open source principles—we believe the most successful open source projects are those in which everyone contributes their time, work, and code. As such, FINOS and its community benefit from active, sustained participation in its programs by both members and non-member contributors. In addition, FINOS and its members wish to ensure that the rights and recognition associated with participation are reserved to active participants.

Unless otherwise stated by the Program Operations Policy of the relevant FINOS program, the following privileges are reserved to individuals and organizations that qualify as “active participants” in FINOS programs:

* **Recognition as “participants” on FINOS-related materials,** including official program overview pages and in promotional materials produced or licensed by FINOS (including materials produced by third parties).
* **Voting rights in FINOS projects.** FINOS encourage consensus, acclamation-based decision making, and that groups make every effort to come to unanimous decisions. However, where votes are taken, programs and projects may limit voting to active participants.
* **Reporting**. In reporting participation levels across programs and projects to the FINOS Board (and elsewhere), FINOS may report individuals or organizations who are active participants separately or exclusively.

# Definition of Active Participation

“Active Participant” is defined as an individual who:

* Meets any [participation eligibility criteria](https://finosfoundation.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/FINOS/pages/83165227/Participate%22%20%5Cl%20%22Participate-Participation) established by the Working Groups and approved by PMC; and
* Is a registered member of the primary communication channel (e.g. mailing list or chat), if any, used by the project; and
* In the last 6 months done any of the following:
	+ made apull request
	+ been a maintainer for a project repository (commits, accepting PRs, performing releases, etc.)
	+ opened, provided comments on, or resolved an issue in accordance with the project’s guidelines
	+ acted as Secretary for a project meeting (taking and publishing minutes, actions, etc.)
	+ contributed to the project’s online presence or documentation
	+ participated in a discussion on the group’s mailing list
	+ if the project is holding regular meetings, participated and meaningfully contributed to at least half of the meetings held

made any other material (as determined by the project) contribution to the project

**By an organization in a project**

“Active Participation”means that at least one employee or other representative of the organization qualifies as an individual “active participant” for the project, as set forth above.