

Consortium Rules

Condensed version

IO-Link is a neutral interface and thereby independent of bus systems. Integration into any higher order bus systems may therefore be done directly through the initiative of the respective user organizations and is both expressly desired and actively supported by the IO-Link Consortium.

Membership in the IO-Link Consortium is consummated in the form of a contract between the user organization Profibus Nutzerorganisation e.V. (PNO) and the member and covers rights as well as entry conditions. The Consortium is part of the PNO and has as its objective developing and marketing IO-Link as a technology. IO-Link technology is essentially independent of the PNO field bus systems (PROFIBUS and PROFINET), but these and others are supported.

Other organizations are welcome. Implementation of IO-Link technology in additional bus systems is always possible and is actively supported by the IO-Link Consortium.

The key conditions for joining:

- The prerequisite for membership in the IO-Link Consortium is membership in the PNO e.V. or one of the associated national organizations. Annual dues are assessed in an amount proportional to the size of the company. Additional information about membership can be found at <http://www.profibus.com/pi/organization/membership>
- A one-time joining fee of EUR 10,000.00 is assessed for membership to the IO-Link Consortium.
- Written agreement to the Consortium rules (can be obtained through the business office of the PNO e.V., Haid-und-Neu-Str. 7, 76313 Karlsruhe/Germany)

Rights conferred with membership:

- Free access to the overall specification for IO-Link technology, including development status information, field bus integration, etc.
- The right to worldwide marketing of products with the IO-Link word and figurative mark as long as the products conform to the certification specifications of IO-Link (Manufacturer's Declaration).
- The possibility of collaborating in technical committees of the working committee, submitting proposals for expansions and modifications of the specification
- Participation in determining the technological direction (proposal rights)
- Involvement in joint marketing activities

This represents only an excerpt from the Consortium rules. For a complete contract text, contact the business office at PNO e.V., Haid-und-Neu-Str. 7, 76313 Karlsruhe/Germany.