**Application form for the ADRA Board of Directors**

please make sure:

· Your application is complete (incomplete or incorrectly filled out forms will be disregarded)

· Your application is the unique proposal for a candidate from your organization

· Your application does not exceed 1 page – A4, single spaced, 11 pt. Arial (excess text will be removed)

· To send the completed form (in PDF) by June 23 2025 EoB to secretary-general@adr-association.eu

Professional Headshot

First Name:

Last Name :

Job title:

Email :

Address (office) :

Organization :

Your organization (select one): Research Member / Industry Member

Constituency (select one) : AI / Data / Robotics

Short Biography (max 200 words) :

Link to website:

Professional profile (LinkedIn):

Other social media (X, Bluesky etc.):

Motivation (max 200)

* Why are you interested in serving on Adra's Board of Directors at this time?
* What are your top 3 strengths and experiences that directly align with Adra's mission and the responsibilities of a Board Director?
* How do you envision contributing to Adra's strategic direction and growth and what unique perspective or expertise would you bring ?

Important dates

* May 20 – Publish candidate instructions + application form + Open call for

applicants

* June 23 – Close call for candidates. (All candidates need to be provisionally

approved before the 20 June)

* June 25 - Publish candidates (voting opens and strategic members

must decide whether they are voting for research or industry)

* June 30 - 13.00 - 15.00 - voting closes during GA (i.e. results during GA)

The Board of Directors: How It's Set Up and how the elections work ([ADRA statutes](https://adr-association.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2022.06.03-ADRA-AoA-Unofficial-))

1. **Who's on the Board and How They Get There:**
   * The Board of Directors runs the Association.
   * People on the Board (Directors) are suggested by members who have voting rights.
   * The General Assembly (all the members together) then votes to elect these Directors.
2. **Number of Directors:**
   * There must be at least 6 Directors.
   * The total number of Directors must always be a multiple of 6 (like 6, 12, 18, etc.).
   * However, the very first Board (the "Founding Board") just needs a minimum of 6 Directors,

not necessarily a multiple of 6.

1. **What Directors Do & Their Background:**
   * A Director's main job is to do what's best for the Association and help it achieve its goals.
   * Directors are chosen because they are skilled, experienced, and knowledgeable in

AI (Artificial Intelligence), Data, or Robotics or possess other useful talents that can be leveraged during their term.

* + They must ensure their knowledge in these areas helps the Association.
  + Every Director is an expert in either the individual fields of AI, Data, or Robotics, or

combinations, and is put forward by either a Research Member or an Industry Member.

1. **Keeping the Board Balanced (This is Key!):**
   * For every group of 6 Directors, there's a specific, equal mix:
     + Fields: Two Directors will be AI experts, two will be Data experts, and two will be Robotics experts.
     + Member Types: Three Directors will come from Industry Members, and three will come from Research Members.
   * This creates a balanced set of 6 "types" of Directors for every 6 positions:
     + 1 AI expert from Industry
     + 1 AI expert from Research
     + 1 Data expert from Industry
     + 1 Data expert from Research
     + 1 Robotics expert from Industry
     + 1 Robotics expert from Research
   * The examples in the original text just show different ways to achieve this

6-part balance.

1. **Specific Rules for Directors:**
   * When someone is nominated for the Board, they must declare they are running

as an expert in only one field: AI, Data, or Robotics.

* + Overall, the Board must always be made up of:
    - One-third AI experts
    - One-third Data experts
    - One-third Robotics experts
  + Once elected, a Director can't change their declared field (e.g., from AI to Data)

unless they get re-elected by the General Assembly for that new field.

* + The Board must always have an equal number of Directors from Industry

Members and Research Members.

1. **Other Representation Goals:**
   * The Board should fairly represent all types of voting members, including different

sub-categories of Industry and Research members.

* + The Association will also try to have a good gender balance and include Directors

from different member countries.