**A simple guide to MPAI adepts**

**Introduction**

The MPAI proposal was stimulated by the need to renew the data coding space by injecting AI technologies and by the need to make sure that technical standards can be practically used once they are approved.

Leonardo launched the MPAI proposal on 19 July making reference to the mpai.community web­site. The proposal has aroused immediate interest and attracted a group of people of a constantly growing size.

If you are joinig MPAI you should read this simple guide.

**What has been done so far**

On 29 and 30 July, a first conference call was held. The main ideas were discussed and a first set of activities started (bibliography, use cases, MPAI data types and others). After the meeting, Leonardo continued working with experts on the MPAI Statutes taking into account the com­ments received. Seven revisions of the Statutes were drafted and published on the MPAI web site.

On 24 August the 3rd MPAI preparatory conference call was held. Participants reviewed the tech­nical work done and kicked off new activities, in particular the development of use cases. <http://mpai.community/workspace/> gives a full ac­count of the results achieved so far and of the ongoing work.

On 25 August the 4th MPAI preparatory conference call was held. Participants reviewed the MPAI Statutes (Rev 0.6) and the Power­­Point presen­tation with the main points of the Statutes (slides 2-7) available at <http://mpai.community/documents/>. The [final version of the Statutes](http://mpai.community/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MPAI-Statutes-final.docx) has been adopted.

Since then, another general meeting (09 September) and 4 technical meetings (01, 03, 15 and 16 September) on MPAI Audio and MPAI Video were held. The 15 September meeting was particularly important because the [Context-based Audio Enhancement](http://mpai.community/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MPAI-CAE-press-release.docx) activity was promoted from use case stage to the [requirements development](http://mpai.community/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/MPAI-Application-Note-1-MPAI-CAE.docx) stage.

**What is next**

Leonardo is currently inviting potentially interested companies from his vast set of contacts to join MPAI. With a doodle poll, it was decided to hold the MPAI Constitutive General Assembly (CGA) by teleconference on 30 September to establish MPAI as a non-profit organisation based in Geneva.

It is important to keep in mind the following key points:

1. MPAI members are companies or organisations, including individual companies, able to contribute to the development of Technical Specifications. Individuals may not be MPAI Members unless they represent a depart­ment of a University.
2. Those attending the CGA shall have the power of attorney, so that they can sign the Statutes and the CGA minutes on behalf of their companies/organisations. The full list of steps to be accomplished at and after the CGA is given at <http://mpai.community/how-to-join/>. Individuals representing a department of a University should send an informal proof of their role (e.g. the department web site)
3. MPAI has two classes of membership: Principal Members have the right to vote. Associate Members may join the technical activities with the same rights as Principal Members. However, they do not have the right to vote.
4. Principal Members attending the CGA will be Founding Members. They will determine the initial number of Direc­tors and elect the initial Directors. They will have the right to elect roughly 1/3 of new Directors at all future MPAI Annual Assemblies.
5. As an independent organisation, MPAI needs financial resources to accomplish it mission. The Founding Members will determine the membership fees at the CGA. The current consensus is that fees of Principal/Associate Members will be 3000 €/600 €. The fees of the 2020 fiscal years will be one half of the regular fees.