

# Modelica Users' Group Rules

The following slides summarize the decisions of the Modelica Association from the 82nd Modelica Design Meeting in Lund, March 13-14, 2014



## Minimum Requirements (1)

The Modelica Association supports a Modelica users' group, provided some minimum requirements are fulfilled.

- Naming of the group (e.g. Modelica Users' Group of <Country-Name>). Needs to be clearly distinguished from Modelica Association.
- Best, if the group is a legal entity with non-profit status (independent from the Modelica Association). But also o.k. to start informally (without legal status) (The operation of the group must be non-profit)
- The group must be vendor neutral.
- The group must be transparent to the public (e.g. who is in the board and makes decisions)
- A users' group role must include supporting the use of technology from the Modelica Association in the groups' region.
- Essential results (like translation of the Modelica and/or FMI specification to the regional language) are made public (not restricting it for group members only):
- Meetings (also web-meetings) are usually open to the public.



## Minimum Requirements (2)

- The Modelica Association has reserved the domain name “modelica-users.org”. The Entry page of the groups web is “<xxx>.modelica-users.org”.  
The users’ group is the owner and organizer of its web page (may have also an alias web name).
- The web page is usually written in the language of the region (best, if some essential parts are also available in English, such as contact)
- There should be a minimal overlap geographically (in the same region, there should not be more than one Modelica users’ group)
- The MA board reviews an (informal) application and with qualified majority makes a decision that a users’ group is accepted.

Some of the current Modelica Users’ Groups do not follow the rules above (e.g. web address). It is proposed to give them one year time to adapt to the rules. If not adapted within one year, the link to the users’ group is removed from the Modelica web.

## Benefits for a Modelica Users’ Group

- The group and a link to its web page is listed on the Modelica Web page and it is stated that the group is supported by MA.
- The organizers/board of the users’ group is included in the [modelica-design@modelica.org](mailto:modelica-design@modelica.org) email list, even if not MA members.
- Proposals of the group to improve technology of the Modelica Association or practical details can be sent to [modelica-design@modelica.org](mailto:modelica-design@modelica.org) or to MA trac, and are properly discussed together.
- If useful and practically possible, MA can financially support group activities. For example, to finance the translation of the standard documents (e.g. Modelica Specification, FMI) to the region language.
- MA members should try to participate at workshops/conferences organized by the users’ group (and give tutorials, scientific presentations etc), if this helps to spread MA technology.