

## Partner levels WASP Research Arenas

Type	Contribution	Benefits	Application process
<b>Member</b>	<p>Can, for example, provide service, resources, data or contribute to events.</p> <p>Own time (cannot be counted as in-kind in the budget)</p>	<p>To be part of the WARA community. Access to cutting-edge research. Receive information and/or newsletter from the arenas.</p>	<p>Need approval from the board. No agreement needed. Will receive an informal welcome letter from WASP.</p>
<b>Partner</b>	<p>A leading company or public organisation with substantial R&amp;D activities in Sweden. Provides significant contributions to open WASP research and to the development of WARA technical platforms, data, and infrastructures.</p> <p>Own time (valid to be counted as in-kind in the budget)</p>	<p>As above, plus the possibility of receiving WASP funding if included in yearly plan and budget.</p>	<p>Need approval from the WASP Board and a signed WARA Collaboration Agreement (Annex B). A Letter of Commitment is needed when providing in-kind.</p>

### Accession to a WASP Research Arena

For a company or a publicly funded actor to formally join a WASP Research Arena, the following steps are needed.

#### On a partner level:

- Send a short description of the company/organisation to the WARA coordinator at WASP Program Office (PO), around 1/2 A4 page, and include the following:
  - Company name
  - Corporate registration number
  - Contact person and authorised signatory who signs the Annex B
  - Short description of the company
  - Ownership structure
  - Revenue in Sweden
  - Size of the R&D operation in Sweden within WASP research fields
  - Describe briefly how the company/organisation will contribute to the arena.
- At the next board meeting, a decision will be taken regarding accession.
- If the board approves the accession, the WARA coordinator at PO will send the collaboration agreement together with accession document, Annex B, to the new partner for signature. WASP Program Director will also sign the Annex B.

- The new partner should also sign a Letter of Commitment (LoC) if they will support the WARA in kind. The WARA leader is responsible for the LoC process. It's also the WARA leaders' responsibility to introduce the new partner to WASP and WARA and to inform them about the in-kind and requisition processes. The LoC template and templates for requisition and in-kind can be found on the [WASP intranet](#).

**On a member level:**

- Send a short description of the company/organization to the WARA coordinator at WASP Program Office (PO), around 1/2 A4 page, and include the following:
  - a. Company name
  - b. Corporate registration number
  - c. Contact person
  - d. Short description of the company
  - e. Describe briefly how the company/organisation will contribute to the arena.
- At the next board meeting, a decision will be taken regarding membership.
- If the board approves the membership, the WARA coordinator at PO will send a welcome letter to the company/organization.
- It's the WARA leaders' responsibility to introduce the new member to WASP and WARA.