SCION Association

Charter of the Technical Committee Implementation

The *Technical Committee (TC) Implementation* is a body of the SCION Association, overseeing the open source SCION project(s).

Members. The members of the TC Implementation are the "core developers" of SCION. Members are appointed (ad personam) by the SCION Association Board. New members are proposed to the Association Board by current TC members and/or the Advisory Board based on merit (significant contributions to the SCION open-source projects, etc).
Membership is initially for two years and can be renewed repeatedly by the Association Board. A membership in the association is not a prerequisite.
In addition, SCION Association *founding members* are entitled to appoint a representative to technical committees for a limited amount of time (three years).

Chair. The TC Implementation constitutes itself and appoints from among its members its Chairperson and a vice Chairperson. The Chairperson organises the meetings of the committee, coordinates and oversees the work of the TC and maintains the contact with the Advisory Board and the other TCs. Once a year, the TC Standardisation reports to the Association Board about the work of the TC.

Responsibilities and Tasks.
- Coordination with the Association Board and other bodies of the SCION Association. In particular, coordinate with the TC Standardisation to synchronise the evolution of the SCION standards, specifications, and their implementation.
  Consult with the Advisory Board on strategic planning.
- Steering strategic direction of the open source SCION project(s); planning projects aligned with priorities of SCION Association members and the open source developer community.
- Managing technical teams (creating and dissolving technical teams, assigning responsibilities, appointing and dismissing members)
- Deciding on cross-cutting issues such as development processes, guidelines, tooling, etc.
- To make suggestions to the Association Board about Association Members who have made a significant contribution to the Open Source Code for a potential reduction of the membership fee.

The TC Implementation defines the development processes for the open-source SCION projects. The development process is defined by the TC Implementation and must be adhered to by all technical teams. The TC Implementation may change the development process and can delegate responsibilities to the technical teams.

Where not delegated to technical teams, the TC Implementation members further participate

in the day-to-day operations to implement the aforementioned development processes, in particular by:
- Participating in change proposal discussions and moderate discussions
- Reviewing and deciding over individual change proposals and pull requests

Note: while the TC Implementation is responsible for the SCION open source project's content, the formal ownership and technical administrative power over code repositories, build and test tooling, documentation publishing infrastructure, etc. shall remain with the SCION Association.

Technical teams. The technical teams manage specific aspects of the SCION implementation. Examples of such aspects include: components of the SCION implementation, technical infrastructure, and managing the community. Technical teams are created and resolved, and their members appointed (ad personam) and dismissed by the TC. Membership is initially for two years and can be renewed repeatedly by the TC. A membership in the association is not a prerequisite.

Working groups. Working groups are temporary organisations to work on specific topics, for instance, to prepare a substantial feature request. Working groups can be created by the TC or a technical team.

Final provisions. In cases not provided for by law, the Association's bylaws or this Charter, decisions are taken by the chairperson of the Association Board. In case of disputes, the competencies and the place of jurisdiction in accordance to the articles of the Association in force shall apply.