

## **ETIP HYDROPOWER Governing Board Application form**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equipment supplier and/or manufacturer, maintenance industry, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Financial, legal & developing institutions, development, public or commercial banks, financial organisations, and private investors/investment funds, international monetary fund, insurance, legal advisors, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> R&D institutions, research centers and institutes of universities, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Environmental or conservation NGO's, civil society associations, policy makers, water resources associations, project stakeholders, etc.



Motivation to become Governing Board member (1300 characters with spaces)

Within the clean energy transition, the only proven and reliable source of flexible electricity at scale is hydropower with the storage capabilities of reservoirs and pumped storage power plants. In addition, sustainable hydropower has many other benefits, starting from its contribution to flood and drought protection up to securing green jobs in Europe. While the Research and Innovation Agenda (RIA) and the Strategic Industry Roadmap (SIR) of the HYDROPOWER EUROPE project are important, consensus-based and comprehensive documents, it is essential to continue the stakeholder dialogue and to update the R&I targets. As a member of the Governing Board I would give priority to create a structure that enables ETIP HYDROPOWER to move these issues forward and thus to continuously identify and promote the necessary hydropower-related research. This would be very helpful for the industry as it will lead to a better understanding and support of hydropower in Europe. Fact-based information from this ETIP can and should then also be further disseminated through a network of industry partners.