



## Ethical screening process of members

### INTRODUCTION

The mission, vision and strategies of Be-cause health require a **strong commitment** from its members. The quality of its network needs to be monitored and promoted at all times. In the participative manner that is inherent to the functioning of the Be-cause health network, an initial **ethical screening** of new members and a periodic one of all its members will be implemented according to the procedure in annex.

The ethical screening procedure assesses if members comply with the **vision, mission, values and principles of Be-cause health**; a rights-based approach to health and healthcare, a constructive dialogue in an open and learning stimulating mind-set, guided by creativity and innovation, equity, justice, inclusiveness, autonomy, solidarity and ownership. Members are not to use Be-cause health to pursue commercial or political self-serving interests.

A **commission of Steering Committee** members will review the answers, start a **dialogue** when appropriate and confirm to the Steering Committee that the application process can proceed. The same commission will also periodically propose to the Steering Committee that existing membership is maintained.

### PROCEDURE

Candidate member organisations **apply for membership** by contacting [the Be-cause health secretariat](#). By applying the candidate member organisation accepts the conditions for membership.

After application, the Be-cause health Coordinator contacts the legal or mandated representative of the candidate member organisation for a short introductory meeting during which mutual expectations are discussed. Candidate members are asked to submit a short **letter of motivation** to [the Be-cause health secretariat](#) and conduct an **ethical self-screening**.

If the organisation agrees to further pursue its membership, its candidacy (including the short letter of motivation and ethical self-screening) is presented to the Steering Committee. An ethical commission within the steering committee evaluates, within 30 days after application, the membership candidature based on the compliance with the vision, mission, values and principles of Be-cause health. For this the ethical commission reviews the answers of the ethical self-screening, starts a dialogue when appropriate and confirms to the steering committee if the application process can proceed. If the application is accepted, the Steering committee refers the candidacy to the General Assembly during which the mandated

representatives present their organisation. The **General Assembly** endorses or declines the membership of the candidate organisation.

**If your organization is one of the following, we are sorry, but Be-cause health will not accept your membership, however you may be an invited as participants in the Be-cause health Working Groups or activities**

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- Private for-profit pharmaceutical companies
- Private for-profit health care institutions
- Private for-profit health insurance companies
- Private for-profit construction companies
- Private for-profit commercial software developers (global public goods accepted)
- Private for-profit health medical equipment or supplies business
- Political parties
- Banks or financial institutions
- Enterprises linked to manufacturing of or investing in weapons, or petrochemical industry, food, beverage or other products publicly recognized as deleterious to health (e.g., highly processed food and beverages, tobacco, pesticides, breast feeding substitute powder milk, etc.), and mining and extraction

## GUIDING SCREENING QUESTIONS

To start or maintain a constructive dialogue with new members upon application to the Be-cause health network and every 4 years with all members of the Be-cause health network, they will be asked to answer the following set questions.

**Does your organization adhere to the Mission, Vision and Strategies of BCH, as explained in the Internal Regulations of the network?**

Yes, it adheres

Explain in a few sentences which are the main foci of this adhesion:

**What is the primary goal of your organization, according to your own internal statements?**

Is the primary goal of your organization or its division health or healthcare related?

Yes

No

If only some division of your organization is health or healthcare related, explain here which division this is (e.g., a faculty in an academic institution)

**Please provide the necessary official documents of the establishment of your organisation.**

Explain in a few sentences:

**Please provide us with a copy of the ethical code of your organisation.**

**Does your organisation promote the sale of health-related products (medicines, devices, supplies,) ..., tools (software, procedures, ...) or services (training, consultancies, data management, ...) on a non-commercial and/or private not for profit basis?**

Yes

No

**Does your organisation promote the provision of products, tools or services as public goods?**

Explain in a few sentences:

**Do you consider yourself a social entrepreneur?**

Explain in a few sentences:

**Is there anything else you want to tell the ethical commission of Be-cause health to strengthen your membership application or your membership renewal of its network?**