

Traceability for Computationally-Intensive Metrology (TraCIM)

The Association and the „business“ concept of PTB

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- Consortium Agreement was signed in 2012 by 6 NMI and 4 companies



- unlike other projects the TraCIM Project has to deal with legal and economic matters too
 - “Market Investigation (commercial aspect)” to verify surrounding conditions
 - “Market Investigation (legal aspect)” to set up the legal framework for the TraCIM services
 - Intermediary results

- to evaluate the market potential and opportunities
- to develop a framework for the TraCIM system regarding commercial regulations and limitations, covering e.g.
 - payment method,
 - custom duties,
 - taxation method,
 - invoice method

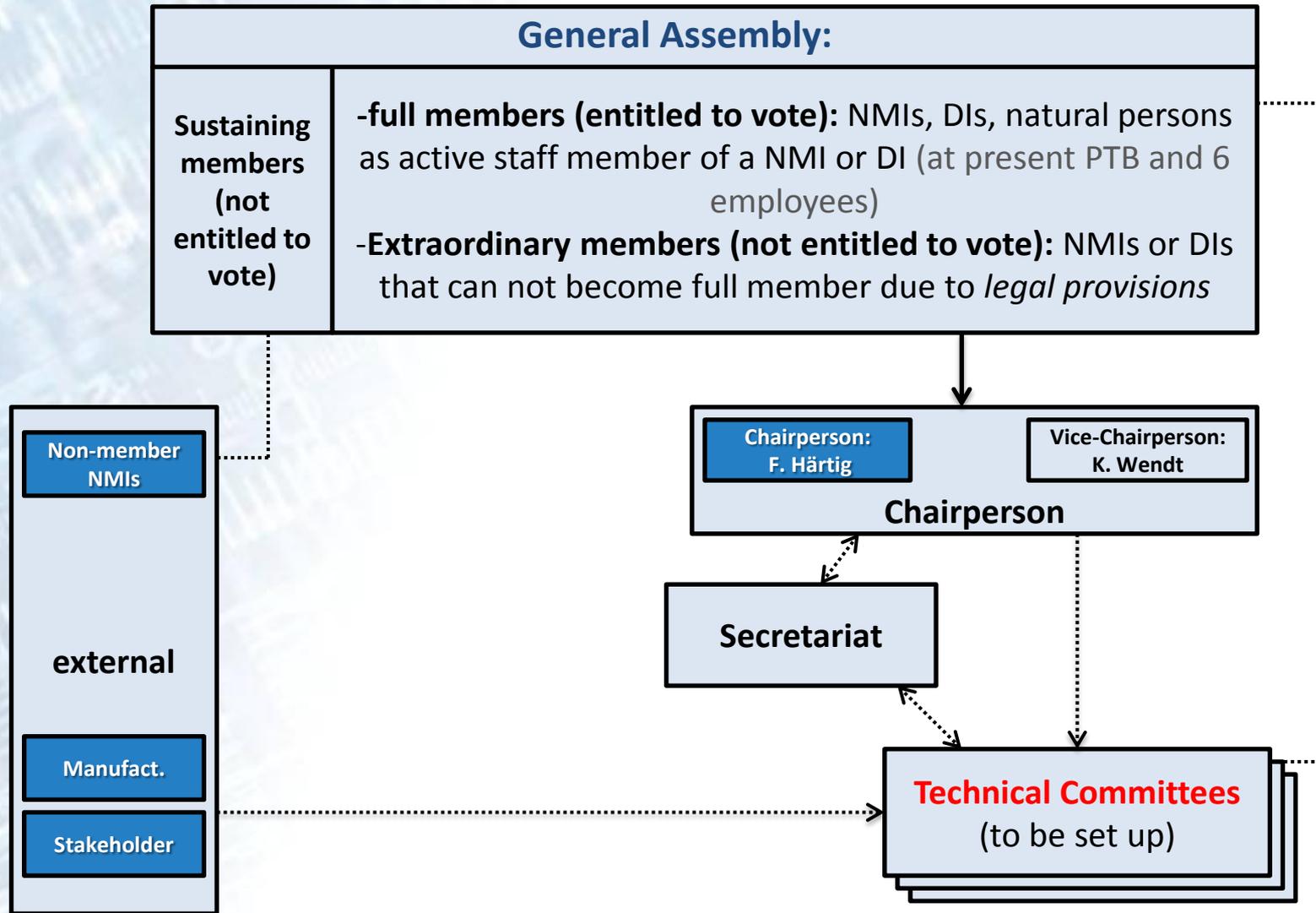
- to identify the responsibilities of all participating JRP-Partner and finally decide about a legal construction for the cooperation of the partners
- to evaluate status of the expected protection for intellectual property
- availability of service information
- payment conditions
- handling of complaints

- market investigation: TraCIM services complies with legal framework
- different legal models for the cooperation of project partners have been compared
- association following German law is appropriate form of organisation, because:
 - in principle, members are not liable for obligations of the association
 - flexible structure
 - the offer of tests remain the business of the respective NMI, that decides about pricing

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- the Association has been established in the inaugural meeting in March 2014
- original members are PTB and six employees
- Frank Härtig was elected as Chairperson, Klaus Wendt as Vice-Chairperson, both are elected until March 2017
- registration has been confirmed by Registration Court
- with the registration the Association has got its own legal personality
- Association and its “office” are currently domiciled in PTB

- Statutes establish the non-profit character
- certified by the tax office
- Association can earn money in compliance with the legal requirements



- manufacturers or stakeholders can participate in the Technical Committees
- General Assembly is held once annually, either as a real assembly or it takes place via video conference, depending on the topics to be discussed
- Statutes are available on the homepage (very soon)

- Development and establishment of a common quality-management and establishment of a common quality-management standard, that is to say a common system of quality assurance
- To contract and licence the use of the TraCIM logo and mark designation for those members who are following the quality standards



Application for membership of TraCIM Association for *sustaining members*

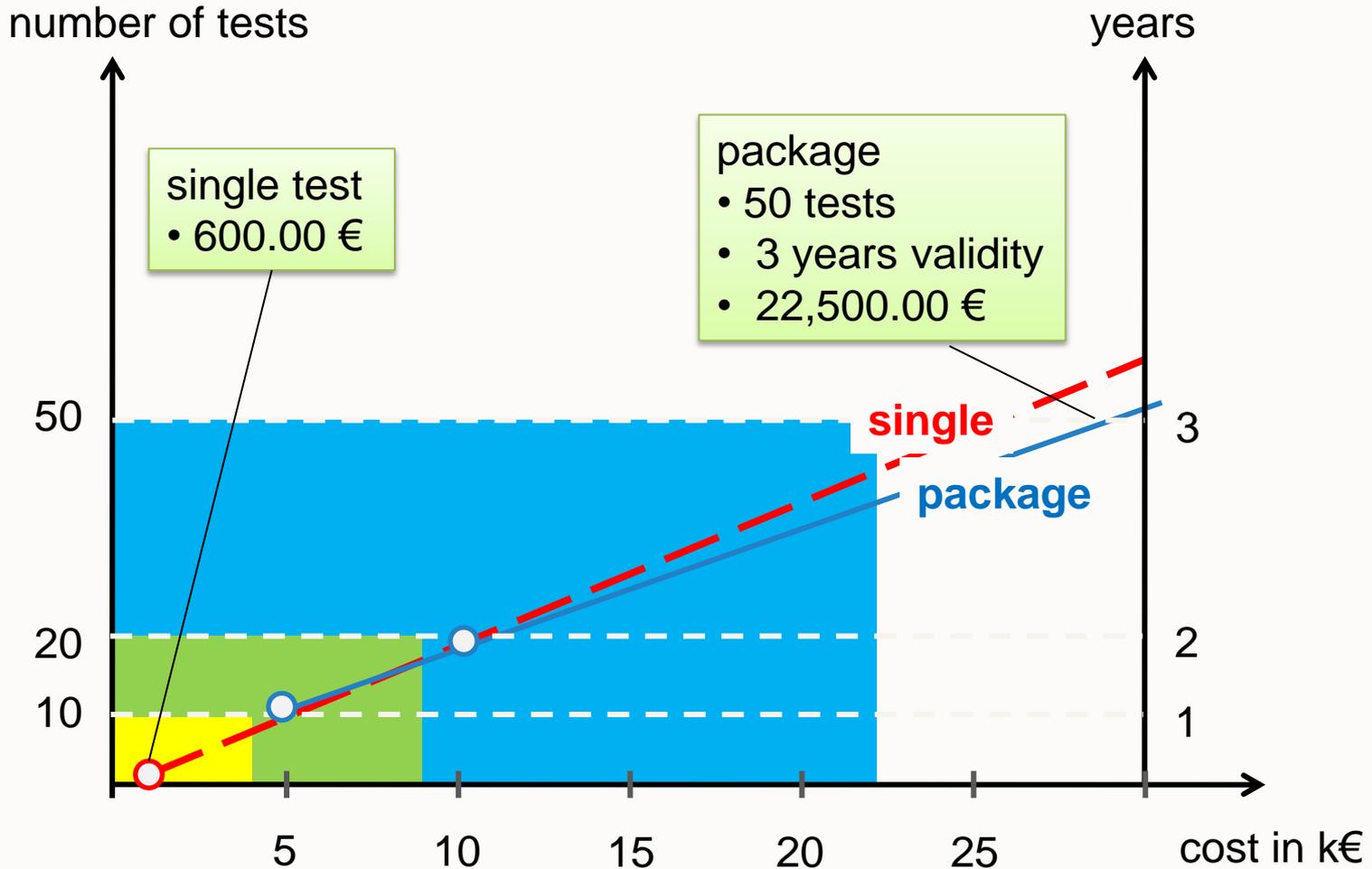
According to section 4 paragraph 4 of the Statutes, natural and legal persons who support the aims of TraCIM in accordance with the Statutes may be nominated as sustaining members.

They are entitled to attend the public General Assembly but they are not entitled to vote. Sustaining members who are legal persons must nominate a constant contact person to regulate the participation in the respective TraCIM committees and bodies and to receive minutes and documents (section 4 paragraph 7).

Regarding Membership Fees, sustaining members pay contribution fees. A minimum contribution may be determined by a resolution of the General Assembly (section 6 paragraph 2).

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- PTB will offer 3 different tests:
 - Gaussian test
 - Chebyshev test
 - Test for intercomparison
- PTB will define processes and set up an online shop at website soon
- comparably price models will be used: no profit, just service costs
- order form will be available at website
- access to test will be activated after receipt of payment
- General terms and conditions will be drafted soon



Thank you very much for your attention!

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