

Sovrin Economic Advisory Council Charter

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Economic Advisory Council (EAC)

This charter contains the content required by [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#). This charter was approved by the Sovrin Foundation Board of Trustees on 27 March 2019 and is listed in [Sovrin Governing Bodies](#). All terms in First Letter Capitals not defined in this document are defined in the [Sovrin Glossary](#).

To participate directly in this Sovrin Governing Body, please visit its [meeting page](#).

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[Link to the Sovrin Board of Trustees meeting minutes](#)

Governing Policies

All Sovrin Governing Bodies inherit the base set of policies defined in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#), including chartering, membership, chairpersons, facilitators, subgroups, funding, voting, intellectual property rights, meetings, and meeting pages. This charter defines extensions to these policies specific to this Sovrin Governing Body.

Status

This Sovrin Governing Body is organized as a **council** as defined in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).

Purpose

The purpose of the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) is to advise the Sovrin Board of Trustees (BoT) on the financial sustainability of Sovrin Network as a global public utility for self-sovereign identity, including recommendations on design and governance of the Sovrin Token ecosystem.

Principles

All Sovrin Governing Bodies operate under the Core Principles in section 2 of the [Sovrin Governance Framework V2](#). The EAC operates under the following additional principles:

1. **Foster Network Growth.** All economic policies should have at their root a bias toward enhancing and encouraging growth of the network both in volume and variety of use.
2. **Avoid central banking function.** In keeping with the Core Principle of Decentralization by Design, the EAC shall strive to develop economic policies for Sovrin Infrastructure that avoid the Sovrin Foundation needing to serve in a central banking function. This does not preclude central bank-like decisions In the early days of the network, however, there must always be a path to decentralization.
3. **Minimize friction.** The EAC shall strive to develop policies that minimize the friction for Sovrin Entities to perform value exchange.
4. **Regulatory compliance.** The EAC shall work to ensure that the policies it recommends have maximum compatibility with global regulatory requirements, including KYC (Know Your Customer), AML (Anti-Money Laundering), ATF (Anti-Terrorist Financing), and other financial regulations.

Activities and Duties

The EAC is responsible for:

1. Governance of the Controlled Document entitled [Sovrin Economic Policies](#) and the specific policies contained therein, including:
 - a. Incentive structures and mechanisms.
 - b. Fees.
 - c. Regulatory compliance.
2. Developing, monitoring, and maintaining policies governing the minting, allocation, and usage of the Sovrin token and any other means of economic value exchange included in Sovrin Infrastructure.
3. Recommending fee schedules for access to the Sovrin public ledger.

Membership

1. The EAC shall consist of nine members appointed by the BoT.
2. Members shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the BoT.
3. Ex-officio members shall include:
 - a. Executive Director of the Sovrin Foundation.

- b. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Sovrin Foundation.
 - c. One chairperson of the Sovrin Governance Framework Working Group.
4. At-large members shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the BoT, with priority given to experts in finance, cryptoeconomics, network ecosystems, and/or digital governance.
5. At least three members of the EAC shall be members of the BoT.
6. All members shall serve one-year terms, renewable at the option of the member and the BoT.
7. For the inaugural year of the Council, three at-large members will serve a one-year term and three at-large members will serve a two-year term.

Chairperson(s)

The Council shall have one chairperson appointed by the Sovrin BoT who is either an existing Trustee or who shall serve as an ex-officio member of the BoT.

Facilitator(s)

The CFO of the Sovrin Foundation shall serve as the facilitator of the EAC.

Voting

All Sovrin Governing Bodies shall strive to reach decisions by consensus. When necessary, voting will be conducted as specified in [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#).

Funding

The Council may seek funding for consultation with outside experts as required to fulfill its duties. Such funding requests must be approved by the Executive Director of the Sovrin Foundation.

Meeting Schedule

The Council shall hold regular or virtual meetings on a schedule determined by consensus or a vote of the members and recorded on the meeting page.

All Sovrin Governing Bodies are required to maintain a meeting page with full information about

the group, current documents, and how to participate in meetings. Follow this link to the [EAC meeting page](#).

Version History

As required by [Sovrin Governing Body Policies](#), this table is a history of all previous versions of this charter.

Version	Date	Link and Description
2	2019-03-27	This document
1	2017-07-14	Sovrin Economic Advisory Council —provisional charter