

International Association of Volunteer and Non-Profit Organizations DOBRO

An international network of civil society organizations for sharing experience, building partnerships and implementing joint humanitarian initiatives.

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founding organizations

8

countries

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membership levels

2025

year of establishment

About the International Association

The **International Association DOBRO** is a voluntary union of non-governmental organizations from different countries, operating on the basis of equal partnership, mutual respect and open dialogue.

Its key goal is to build an international ecosystem that strengthens the capacity of non-profit and volunteer organizations, shares best practices and implements joint humanitarian and social projects.

The initiative was put forward by volunteers of the CIS countries following the Year of the Volunteer Movement in the CIS. On **5 December 2025 in Moscow**, representatives of nine organizations from eight countries signed the Memorandum on the Establishment of the International Association. The DOBRO.RF Association is the depositary of the Memorandum.

Goals

- Strengthening international cooperation in the humanitarian, social and educational spheres
- Dialogue to share experience and create joint initiatives
- Promoting best practices of the non-profit sector and volunteering
- Pooling the resources of organizations from member countries
- Supporting civil society and protecting the rights of NGOs and volunteers
- Developing professional competencies

Main areas of activity

- International volunteering and social responsibility
- Joint humanitarian, social and educational programs
- International forums, conferences and volunteer festivals
- Research and dissemination of best practices
- Volunteer training and leadership development
- Digital tools and the Dobro.org online platform
- Intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding between peoples

Founders



DOBRO.RF Association
Russia



Goodsurfing
Russia



National Volunteer Network of Kazakhstan
Kazakhstan



Youth Movement of Kyrgyzstan
Kyrgyzstan



Volunteers Association of Uzbekistan
Uzbekistan



Association of Volunteer Organizations of Tajikistan
Tajikistan



Elixir Foundation
India



South African BRICS Youth Association
South Africa



Atados Association
Brazil

Leadership



CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL
Zarnigor Rajabzoda
Tajikistan



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Andrey Pysin
Russia

COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



Gabriel de Faro
Brazil



Madish Parikh
India



**Gulzhamilya
Kamarova**
Kazakhstan



**Bekbolot
Stalbekov**
Kyrgyzstan



Artem Metelev
Russia



Ilya Popov
Russia



**Raymond
Matlala**
South Africa



Shirin Abidova
Uzbekistan

Membership levels

Observer

Entry level for organizations interested in the International Association's activities. Participation in open events, access to information materials.

Term: Up to 12 months

Consultative status

Organizations with proven local experience, ready for joint projects. Participation in Council and working group meetings without voting rights.

Term: Up to 12 months

Full Member

Mature organizations — leaders in their country or region (at least 2 recommendations). Voting rights, participation in governance, access to all resources.

Term: Indefinite

The level is assigned by the Council directly, based on the organization's experience and scale. There are no membership fees.

Who can join

- A registered non-profit, volunteer or charitable organization from any country
- At least one full financial year of activity with a confirmed track record
- Commitment to the goals, values and ethical principles of the International Association
- Signing the Declaration of Commitment to Values
- Commercial, governmental and political entities are not admitted

How to join

- 1 **Application campaign** — once a year; dates announced at least 30 days in advance
- 2 **Apply on Dobro.org** — form, registration documents, report, motivation letter, Declaration
- 3 **Desk review** — by the project office and the Executive Director
- 4 **Council decision** — by a qualified majority (at least 2/3)
- 5 **Notification** — within 6 months after the campaign closes
- 6 **Onboarding** — certificate, welcome pack, access to resources

Apply and get in touch

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

dobro.org/event/11887806

PROJECT OFFICE

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Documents: Memorandum · Action Plan 2026 · Membership Regulations · Admission Regulations · Declaration of Commitment to Values — available from the project office on request