

Working Groups – definition and rules (Status: March 2018)

1. The Working Groups operate to support the Society's goals as specified by the Statute of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society.
2. It would be highly appreciated if each member of the Society considers joining **at least one** Working Group and actively contributes to its activities.
3. A Working Group consists of two or more members of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society, who work together to achieve the group-specified goals.
4. Each Working Group has a group leader/ chair. The group leader/ chair is selected by the group members at the first group meeting (can be conducted remotely) for at least one year. The group leader/ chair can be re-elected.
5. The leader of the Working Group is responsible for the organization and record-keeping of group meetings and discussions (can be conducted remotely). The group leader/ chair prepares a report on the group activities to the Society board as well as members in form of a presentation at the Annual Meeting. In addition, the group leader contributes relevant news to the Society's website, Newsletter, etc.
6. It would be highly appreciated that each group is intensively working on its topic during the year. It is suggested that the leader organizes at least two meetings per year (can be conducted remotely).
7. Each Working Group may develop additional group-specific rules, which have to be supported by the majority group members and by the leader. The group-specific rules have to be officially announced to the board and upon board's approval, the rules have to be announced to the members of the Society and on Society's website.
8. The Working Group can be dissolved by the Society's executive board at its discretion, in particular if it becomes inactive (no meetings within a calendar year), no group leader/ chair is elected, or other similar reason.
9. A new working group can be suggested by any member of the Society by sending a brief explanation of its topic to the executive board of the Society. If approved by the board, the new working group is to be announced on the Society's website and in the Newsletter, inviting interested members to join. Such a new group is to be led by the member, who has proposed it, until the group members elect the leader/ chair at its first meeting.