Metropolia University of Applied Sciences Student Union Myllypurontie 1 00920 HELSINKI



FLECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

September 1, 2025

# METKA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2026 TERM

The student union of Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, METKA, will hold representative council elections from October 29th to November 5th, 2025.

The elections will select the student union's representative council from among the student union members. 25 members and 25 deputy members will be elected to the Representative Council for 2026. The elections will be conducted by electronic voting between 12:00 p.m. on October 29th, 2025, and 12:00 p.m. on November 5th, 2025.

## Standing for election

The nomination period begins on September 23rd, 2025, and ends on October 7th, 2025, at 11:59 a.m. All members of the student union who have paid their membership fees by October 7th, 2025, at 11:59 a.m. at the latest are eligible to stand as candidates. Candidates may form electoral alliances consisting of 2–25 candidates. Each alliance must appoint a representative, who may also be a person outside the electoral alliance. The representative of the electoral alliance fills out the notification of the establishment of the electoral alliance, and each candidate fills out the candidate registration form.

Notifications of the establishment of electoral alliances will be accepted from September 8th, 2025, and candidates will have the opportunity to form alliances until the end of the nomination period. During this period (September 8th – October 7th, 2025), METKA will organize two (2) social media promotions for the established alliances, which the alliances can use to recruit candidates if they wish.

The promotions will take place at the beginning of the nomination period on September 23th and halfway through on September 30th. For these promotions, the alliances must submit a suitable image, the contact details of the election alliance representative, and an introduction of the election alliance. The materials must be sent using the election coalition establishment form or to the election committee at <a href="mailto:vaalit@metkaweb.fi">vaalit@metkaweb.fi</a> no later than September 21st, 2025, for the first promotion (September 23rd), and September 28th, 2025, for the second promotion (September 30). In addition, the established electoral alliances will be listed on the Representative Council Elections page of the METKA website.

Election alliances may form election rings among themselves. Each ring must appoint a representative who will fill out the election ring establishment notification. All election documents must be completed and submitted using the electronic form by 11:59 a.m. on October 7th, 2025.

Links to the relevant forms will be updated in this announcement and on the METKA website, and the opening of each form will be announced separately.

Candidates may stand for election by submitting this form.

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## **Voting**

All members of the student union who have paid their membership fees and whose membership has been entered in the student union's membership register by 11:59 a.m. on October 27th, 2025, are eligible to vote in the elections.

Voting will begin at 12:00 p.m. on October 29th 2025, and will remain open until 12:00 p.m. on November 5th, 2025.

You can check your voting rights by contacting METKA's corporate cooperation and membership specialist Mikael Uusitalo at mikael.uusitalo@metkaweb.fi. Requests for corrections to the electoral roll must be submitted in writing to the election committee at vaalit@metkaweb.fi by 11:59 a.m. on October 28th, 2025.

All materials needed for the elections are available upon request from the student union office and on the student union website.

### **Further information**

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