

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT

16.9.2026

METKA REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2027 TERM

The Student Union of Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, METKA, will hold Representative Council elections from October 28th to November 4th, 2026.

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 2027. The elections will be conducted by electronic voting between 14:00. on October 28th, 2026, and 14:00. on November 4th, 2026.

Standing for election

The nomination period begins on September 16th, 2026, and ends on October 7th, 2026, at 13:59. All members of the Student Union who have paid their membership fees by October 7th, 2026, at 13:59 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 formation of electoral alliances will be accepted from September 16th, 2026, and candidates will have the opportunity to form alliances right up until the end of the candidate nomination period. During this period (September 16th – October 7th, 2026), METKA will organise one (1) social media promotion for the established alliances, which the alliances may use, if they wish, to recruit candidates.

The post will be published halfway through the candidate nomination period in week 40. For this feature, electoral alliances must submit a suitable image, the contact details of the electoral alliance representative, and a presentation of the electoral alliance by September 27th, 2026.

The materials must be submitted using the electoral alliance registration form or sent to the Election Committee at vaalit@metkaweb.fi. In addition, all established electoral alliances will be listed on METKA's website on the Representative Council Elections page.

In addition, METKA will provide each electoral alliance with one (1) social media feature between the drawing of the candidate numbers and the start of voting (weeks 43 and 44). For this feature, electoral alliances must submit photos of their candidates by October 11th, 2026. The candidate photo must be in portrait format (4:5 aspect ratio). The photo should be sufficiently well lit and preferably cropped from approximately chest height. Please make sure that the photo is appropriate and in good taste. Alcohol or other intoxicating substances must not be visible in the photo. METKA reserves the right to edit the submitted photos, including cropping.

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 13:59 on October 7th, 2026.

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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.](#)
- [Notifications of the establishment of electoral alliances can be submitted here.](#)
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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 13:59 on October 26th, 2026, are eligible to vote in the elections.

Voting will begin at 14:00 on October 28th 2026, and will remain open until 14:00 on November 4th, 2026.

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 13:59 on October 26th, 2026.

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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