



XR4ALL Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Introduction & goal

The **XR4ALL Project*** (www.xr4all.eu) is an official “Coordination & Support Action” funded by the **European Commission** (EC) as part of the H2020 programme, with a duration of 30 months, and with the main goal of boosting the development of **innovative immersive/XR technologies** in the **European Union** (EU). One of its main goals is to create, structure, lead, animate, and keep engaged a pan-European **XR4ALL Community** of members eminently motivated in accelerating the development of XR technologies (HW & SW) and the creation of innovative XR-tech products & services in the EU. In mid-2019, the **XR4ALL Consortium** made the strategic decisions (1) to use the **Special Interest Group (SIG)** (pioneered by ACM, www.acm.org) as its key atomic entity to structure and manage the XR4ALL Community and many of its activities, and (2) to recruit (**XR4ALL**) **Ambassadors*** to help, among others, to quickly create tens of SIGs. For this recruitment, XR4ALL is issuing a **Call for Ambassadors***.

Definition

According to Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special_Interest_Group): “A **Special Interest Group (SIG)** is a community within a larger organization with a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge, learning or technology where members cooperate to affect or to produce solutions within their particular field, and may communicate, meet, and organize conferences.”

Implementation

XR4ALL comprises SIGs based on **technical matters** (technologies, applications, business, financing, & policy) and **geographic areas**. Each **XR4ALL SIG** is managed by a Chair, one or more Co-Chairs, and a Committee, with guidance, oversight, and assistance from a central **SIGs Secretariat**, staffed by the XR4ALL Consortium. Each SIG organizes **activities** (including at the Annual XR4ALL Event) & manages **discussion channels** on the central XR4ALL Internet Forum. Several tens of SIGs will progressively be launched from Sept 2019 to the end of the project. The SIGs webpage at <https://xr4all.eu/sigs> provides (1) general information about all XR4ALL SIGs and (2) a link (coming soon) to the webpage dedicated to each SIG. As of this date, there are 13 SIGs involving 14 Ambassadors (7 ladies & 7 gentlemen).

Assistance from SIGs Secretariat

The SIGs Secretariat provides, graciously, each SIG with most logistics for membership, publicity of activities, setting up of discussion channels, maintenance of SIG webpage, & organization of one or more SIG activities at Annual XR4ALL Event. XR4ALL does not provide direct financial support to SIGs.

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*described in companion information sheets