

## Membership fee regulations, version dated 8.5.2023

### § 1 Principle

These membership fee regulations define the contribution obligations of the members as well as the fees and levies. It can only be amended by the general meeting of the Association.

### § 2 Resolutions

(1) The general meeting decides on the amount of the membership fee, the admission fee and levies. Changes to contributions in one of the contribution categories defined below may not be decided against a majority of 2/3 of the members of the contribution category concerned.

(2) The amounts set shall be levied on January 1 of the following year in which the resolution was passed. A different date may also be set by resolution of the General Meeting.

(3) The Board of Directors shall determine the fees.

### § 3 Fees

Various contribution amounts are charged, depending on the type of membership and the size of the company

Type of membership	Fee amount per year in euros
Personal members	100.00
Micro-enterprises (up to 10 employees)	1,200.00
Small companies (10-50 employees, turnover <€10m <sup>1</sup> )	2,500.00
Medium-sized companies (50-250 employees, turnover <€50m <sup>1</sup> )	4,500.00
Large companies (250-1,000 employees)	6,000.00
Large companies (> 1,000 employees)	to be negotiated
Institutes of universities without their own research budget	100.00
Non-university research institutions	
- Basic funding	4,500.00
- Not funded	1,200.00

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<sup>1</sup> The criterion that fulfills the value level of the higher category is decisive for the classification.

Other associations<sup>2</sup> and networks

2,500.00

by decision of the board and management also possible without a contribution in individual cases, insofar as membership is mutually non-contributory

Honorary members

without contribution

Supporting members

to be negotiated

- (1) The classification existing on the due date shall be decisive for the amount of the contribution.
- (2) The Executive Board shall decide on the classification within the framework of the amounts specified by the General Meeting.
- (3) Changes to the information must be communicated as soon as possible.
- (4) The membership fee paid entitles the member to exercise the rights in the association specified in §3 (6) and (7) of the Articles of Association.
- (5) The member must ensure punctual payment of the membership fee, fees and levies. Membership contributions, fees and levies are due for payment to the Association by March 1 of the current year at the latest and must be credited to the Association's account by this date. If the membership fee has not been received by the association by this date, the member is in default of payment. The Executive Board is authorized to issue regulations for the termination of membership in the event that due membership fees are not paid despite multiple reminders.
- (6) The Executive Board is authorized to defer, reduce or waive membership fees upon request. There is no legal entitlement to payment in installments and/or deferral of the membership fee debt.
- (7) Members who are only admitted in the course of a year shall only pay contributions in proportion to the full calendar months during which they were members.

#### **§ 4 Fees and charges for services provided by the Association**

Fees and charges are levied for services provided by the Association, these are not part of the membership fee regulations. The Executive Board and management shall determine a price list for services and inform the service recipient of this before the service is provided.

#### **§ 5 Association account**

A corresponding association account shall be set up upon foundation.

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<sup>2</sup> Insofar as these are not to be regarded as a research institution