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Contribution Scheme (Membership Fee Policy)

§ 1 General Principles

- (1) This Contribution Scheme is not part of the Articles of Association. It regulates the members' financial obligations as well as fees and possible levies of the association.
- (2) Amendments to this Contribution Scheme are adopted by the Board of Directors upon proposal of the Executive Committee.
- (3) Membership fees are used exclusively to pursue the statutory purposes of the association. Payment of a membership fee does not create a legal claim to specific services, benefits, discounts, or participation in events at reduced prices.

§ 2 Resolutions

- (1) The Board of Directors determines the level of membership fees and any levies.
- (2) The Executive Committee defines administrative fees and the procedures for the collection of contributions.
- (3) Resolutions enter into force upon publication to the members.

§ 3 Membership Fees and Categories

- (1) The association collects membership fees from both individual persons and legal entities (institutional members).
- (2) The amount of the fee may be differentiated according to the type of membership, the financial capacity of the member, the location of the member (country classification), or the member's relation to the statutory purpose of the association.
- (3) Individual members shall be classified into the respective contribution categories on the basis of their country of habitual residence and in accordance with the current income classification of the World Bank.



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- (4) For the purposes of this contribution scheme, countries are grouped into three categories: High Income Countries (HIC), Middle Income Countries (MIC), and Low Income Countries (LIC). The World Bank categories Upper Middle Income Countries (UMIC) and Lower Middle Income Countries (LMIC) are treated collectively as Middle Income Countries (MIC). The World Bank classification valid at the beginning of the membership year is decisive.
- (5) Student membership is open to bachelor's and master's students as well as doctoral candidates who are pursuing their doctoral studies on a full-time basis and are not in full-time employment. Student status must be verified by providing appropriate evidence at the request of the association.
- (6) If student status ends, membership will automatically continue as regular individual membership at the start of the next contribution period.
- (7) Institutional members may be legal entities under private or public law, including in particular companies, universities, research institutions, public authorities and non-profit organizations.
- (8) Institutional members exercise their membership rights through one designated contact person. Voting rights belong exclusively to the member entity itself.
- (9) Institutional members may nominate persons from their organization as authorized users. Authorized users receive access to the information and service offerings provided within the scope of the membership. Authorized users are not members and do not acquire any membership rights.
- (10) The number of authorized users is uniformly defined within each membership category.
- (11) Existing institutional members retain the number of authorized users assigned to them at the time this Contribution Scheme enters into force for a transitional period determined by the Executive Committee.



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§ 4 Membership Fee Levels

4.1 Individual Members

Category	HIC	MIC	LIC
Regular Member	€120	€60	€30
Student Member	€30	€15	€7.50

4.2 Institutional Members — Companies

Company Revenue	Annual Fee
< €10 million	€1,000
€10–100 million	€2,500
> €100 million	€5,000

Companies may nominate up to 8 authorized users.

4.3 Universities and Higher-Education Institutions

Country Classification	Annual Fee
HIC	€600
MIC	€300
LIC	€150

Universities may nominate up to 8 authorized users.

4.4 Non-Profit Organizations

Eligibility applies only to organizations with annual revenue not exceeding €2,000,000 and fewer than 50 employees. Otherwise, the fees for companies are applicable as stipulated in § 4.2.

Country Classification	Annual Fee
HIC	€800



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MIC €400

LIC €200

Non-profit organizations may nominate up to 8 authorized users.

§ 5 Collection of Contributions

- (1) Membership fees are collected annually starting from the date of joining.
- (2) Payment is made via SEPA direct debit, credit card, or comparable electronic payment method.
- (3) Alternative payment methods may be approved by the Executive Committee in individual cases.
- (4) Members are informed at least four weeks before payment is due.
- (5) No pro-rated refund is granted in the event of resignation from the association.

§ 6 Membership Campaigns and Cooperation Agreements

- (1) For the purpose of recruiting new members, the Executive Committee may decide to offer a uniform reduction on the first annual membership fee as part of membership recruitment campaigns. The respective membership fee reduction shall require approval by the Board of Directors to take effect.
- (2) The Association may enter into cooperation agreements with professionally related organizations and may establish special membership fee categories with a membership fee reduction for this purpose. Within the framework of such partnership agreements, the Executive Committee is authorized to determine the applicable reductions on the membership fee for members of the respective partner organization. Such determinations require approval by the Board of Directors to take effect.
- (3) Membership fee reductions apply uniformly to the relevant membership fee category.



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§ 7 Event Participation Support

Participants of an Association event *may* be granted a one-time reduced membership fee when concluding an individual membership within a period of up to 60 days following the respective event. The reduction exclusively serves the purpose of member recruitment. No legal entitlement to such a reduction exists. The provision may also be applied to former members.

Reduced fee in the first year of membership

Category	HIC	MIC	LIC
Regular Member	€30	€20	€10
Student Member	€15	€10	€5

§ 8 Event Support Quotas

- (1) In order to further its statutory purposes, the association may establish support quotas for participation in its events for specific participant groups.
- (2) Institutional members may be considered within the framework of the Event and Support Policy.
- (3) The structure, allocation and eligibility criteria are governed exclusively by the Association's Event and Support Policy.
- (4) There is no entitlement to the granting of support, to a specific number of supported places, or to a specific amount of reduction.
- (5) Support quotas are not directly linked to the membership fee and do not constitute consideration for membership.

§ 9 Public Mention of Institutional Members

The association may publicly list institutional members solely as an acknowledgement of membership without advertising character or external linking.



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§ 10 Data Protection

Personal data is processed in accordance with the GDPR and applicable national data protection laws.

§ 11 Taking Effect

This policy shall enter into force on the date of publication by resolution of the Executive Committee and after approval by the Board of Directors.