



REGULATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

§ 1 Principle

These Regulations of Membership Fees are not part of the association's statutes. They regulate the membership contribution obligations of the members as well as other charges and levies. It may only be amended by the General Assembly of the Association.

§ 2 Decisions

(1) The General Assembly (two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote) shall confirm the amount of the membership fees and any levies. The Executive Board shall determine the fees.

(2) The set amounts shall be collected on the invoice date due in each case, starting from the 1 January of the following year (from the passing of the decision). Another date may be fixed by decision of the General Assembly.

§ 3 Fees

all fees plus VAT

Cat. A	Honorary Membership without voting rights	free of charge
Cat. B	Honorary Membership with voting rights	free of charge
Cat. 1	Natural persons / personal membership	240 € / year
Cat. 2	Science and research (in public hands)	240 € / year

Commercial enterprises, legal entities & registered associations

Cat. 4	Up to 80.000 € annual turnover:	120 € / year
Cat. 5	80.000 - 150.000 € annual turnover:	240 € / year
Cat. 6	150.000 - 250.000 € annual turnover:	360 € / year
Cat. 7	250.000 - 500.000 € annual turnover:	600 € / year
Cat. 8	500.000 - 1.000.000 € annual turnover:	720 € / year
Cat. 9	1.000.000 - 2.500.000 € annual turnover:	960 € / year
Cat. 10	2.500.000 - 5.000.000 € annual turnover:	1.200 € / year
Cat. 11	5.000.000 - 7.500.000 € annual turnover:	1.800 € / year
Cat. 12	Over 7.500.000 € annual turnover:	2.400 € / year
Cat. 13	Sustaining membership without active voting right	regular contribution of own choice

- (1) The membership status in place on the due date shall be decisive for the amount of the contribution. In the case of clubs/associations, the assessment basis shall be based on the income from membership fees plus other turnover.
- (2) With the application for membership, the member shall provide self-disclosure of his/her status. Changes in economic status or personal details shall be notified as soon as possible.
- (3) The collection of membership fees, charges and levies shall be carried out by electronic data processing. The personal data of the members shall be stored in accordance with the Federal Data Protection Act.
- (4) Membership fees, charges and levies shall be collected by SEPA direct debit. Upon joining the association, the member shall issue a SEPA direct debit mandate and has to ensure sufficient cover for the account used. We collect the membership fee annually on the individual due date (admission date), stating our creditor ID and the mandate reference (internal association membership number). If this does not fall on a bank working day, the collection will take place on the immediately following bank working day.
- (5) According to the Statutes, a sustaining membership without granting active or passive voting rights as well as a non-contributory honorary membership with or without voting rights may be granted by the Executive Board.
- (6) The member shall be responsible for the timely payment of the membership fees, charges and levies. Membership fees, charges and levies are due for payment immediately upon receipt of the invoice and shall be collected using the SEPA procedure. If the account of a member does not have sufficient funds at the time of debiting the membership fee/charge/levies, the member shall be liable to the Association for all costs incurred by the Association in connection with the collection of the membership fee and any return debit notes. This shall also apply in the event that an account drawn upon has been deleted and the member has not informed the Association of this. If the membership fee is not received by the association within the payment deadline, the member shall be in default of payment. The outstanding contribution shall then be subject to 10% interest on the contribution claim for each day of default.
- (7) The Executive Board is authorised to defer, reduce or waive fees upon application. There shall be no legal entitlement to payment by instalments and/or deferment of the contribution debt.

§ 4 Association's bank account

IBAN	DE13 5306 0180 0000 4886 07
BIC	GENODE51FUL
Banking institution	VR Bank Fulda eG

§ 5 Withdrawal from the association

- (1) Voluntary resignation shall come into effect by written declaration to a member of the Executive Board and shall be possible with effect from the end of the respective current calendar year, subject to a notice period of three months. In this case, there shall be no refund of membership fees. In the case of natural persons, their membership shall end at the latest upon their death, in the case of legal persons, corporations, institutions and the like, upon their dissolution or, in general, upon cessation of their business activities.
- (2) Members may be expelled from the Association by decision of the Executive Board with a two-thirds majority of all Executive Board members in the event of gross violations of the Statutes or other serious reasons that damage the interests or reputation of the Association. The same shall apply in the case of delinquent payments of dues if two unsuccessful written reminders have been sent by the Association to the defaulting member. The member concerned shall be heard by the 1st Chairman and a second member of the Executive Board before a decision is taken on the expulsion.