

Fee regulations

§ 1 Legal basis

The basis for these contribution regulations is the statutes of the association in their currently valid version.

§ 2 Contribution obligation

Every member of the association has to pay an annual membership fee. The amount of the contribution is based on the current version of these contribution regulations.

§ 3 Significance of the contribution payment for the association

The membership fees are an essential basis for the financial resources of the association. It depends on all members meeting their obligation to contribute, which is fundamentally anchored in the statutes, in full and on time. Only in this way can the association fulfill its tasks and provide its services to its members.

§ 4 Amount of the contribution

1. The minimum fee for regular members is EUR 1,500 euros per calendar year or part thereof. In addition, there is a sales-related contribution of 0.06% of the financing volume mediated pay by the respective platform in the past calendar year. The annual fee for full members is limited to 10,000 euros per calendar year.
2. The minimum fee for associated members is EUR 1,500 per calendar year or part thereof.
3. Above the minimum fee, the associated member is assigned to one of the fee groups below.

Contribution group	annual sales	Membership fee in euros
BG 1	Up to 500.000 euros	1.500 euros
BG 2	Up to 1 Mio. euros	2.500 euros
BG 3	Up to 2,5 Mio. euros	5.000 euros
BG 4	Up to 10 Mio. euros	10.000 euros
BG 5	Up to 50 Mio. euros	15.000 euros

4. In addition to the regular membership fee, the regular or associated member has to pay a one-time fee of 250 euros when joining for the first time.
5. The membership status (full or associated member) on the due date is decisive for the amount of the fee.
6. If the board of directors has the impression that the self-classification of a member is inadequate in relation to the contribution amount of other, comparable members, it is obliged to report this to the member in writing and with reference to these contribution regulations.
7. Deviating from this, the board of directors can set an annual fee of 250 euros that deviates from the fee schedule for young companies (founded max. 18 months ago), non-profit-oriented or non-profit-oriented companies and institutions, state institutions and associations. In this case, there is no admission fee according to Section 4 (4).

§ 5 Due date of the contribution

The annual membership fee is due for the first time four weeks after confirmation of membership, and once a year on March 31st.

§ 6 Form of payment

The membership fees are either collected using the SEPA direct debit procedure or paid by the member to a bank account of the association. The member is obliged to notify the association of any change in bank details within four weeks.

§ 7 Exemption

In exceptional cases, the board of directors can waive the obligation to pay contributions in whole or in part upon written application. There is no legal entitlement to a reduction in the membership fee or to an exemption from the obligation to pay.

§ 8 cancellation of membership

If a member has terminated his membership, he remains obliged to pay his membership fee and meet his other payment obligations until the termination of membership.

§ 9 Changes

The board decides on all changes that affect these fee regulations.

§ 10 Come into effect

The fee regulations come into force when they are approved by the board.

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