

R7 A predictable system for member fees

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Motion text

1 Introduction

2 The current system for membership fee calculation in FYEG is, as stated in
3 FYEG's Internal Rules of Procedure (IRP) that:

4 *"Each full MO shall pay an annual membership fee to FYEG. This Membership fee*
5 *shall correspond to 1 % of the total incomes of their previous year's realized*
6 *budget with a minimum of 50 EUR for the EU and European Economic Area (Iceland,*
7 *Liechtenstein and Norway), Switzerland and the United Kingdom and 25 EUR for all*
8 *other European countries. [...]"*

9 We propose to change the model for how FYEG membership fees are calculated with
10 the goal of making membership fees **more predictable** and **less fluctuating** from
11 year to year.

12 The goals of the new system should be that:

- 13 1. Similar to today, bigger MOs pay a higher fee, proportional to their
14 budget
- 15 2. FYEG's revenues from member fees stay at the same level (approx. 32 000 €
16 in 2024) so as to not impact the federation's total budget.
- 17 3. Membership fees are predictable from year to year so temporary project
18 grants and such typically won't affect the membership fee.

19 Background

20 The far-right is growing stronger across Europe and several countries have now
21 elected right-wing governments, some of which have cut down on funding for civil
22 society organizations. This means that civil society receives less funding and
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is becoming more dependent on non-governmental sources of income like fundraising and project grants from independent foundations. The consequence of this is that the budgets of civil society organizations vary more from year to year depending on what project grants are approved and the success of fundraising.

An important aspect of an increased reliance on project grants, is that the means from project grants are often tied to a certain project and not allowed to be used for anything else (e.g. putting 1% aside for an increased FYEG member fee the next year).

We feel that it could benefit the member organizations to pay a membership fee that is stable from year to year, instead of having to revise how much is spent on FYEG on a yearly basis, despite it being a higher fee than it is today for some MOs. This would ensure MOs can budget an adequate amount of money for the FYEG membership fee and overall make it easier to calculate the budgeting and communicate it to the members within each MO.

Importantly, **we strongly support the idea that bigger member organizations should pay a higher membership fee.** We also believe that the total level of FYEGs revenues coming from membership fees should stay at approximately the same level. However, the purpose of this proposal is that the fee shouldn't vary too much from year to year. Our suggestion is therefore to introduce a step-based model, where the fee increases incrementally as a member organization's budget increases.

The model we propose

The model we propose has incremental increases to the membership fee as the budget of a MO increases.

We suggest keeping the lowest level to 50 € for countries within the European Economic Area (EEA) , and 25€ for countries outside the EEA.

Note that the levels in the table below should only be seen as an illustration of what the model could look like. Our proposal (see below) is to delegate to the executive committee to decide on suggested levels of the fees, and to then let the FYEG general assembly of 2025 make the final decision.

Budget(Total income from the realised budget of the previous year): < 5000 €

Membership fee: 50 €

Discount: 25 € for countries outside [European Economic Area](#) with a budget <5000

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59 **Budget:** 5 000-10 000 €

60 **Membership fee:** 75 €

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62 **Budget:** 10 000-15 000 €

63 **Membership fee:** 125 €

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65 **Budget:** 15 000-20 000 €

66 **Membership fee:** 175 €

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68 **Budget:** 20 000-50 000 €

69 **Membership fee:** 350 €

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71 **Budget:** 50 000-100 000 €

72 **Membership fee:** 750 €

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74 **Budget:** 100 000-200 000 €

75 **Membership fee:** 1 500 €

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77 **Budget:** 200 000-400 000 €

78 **Membership fee:** 3 000 €

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80 **Budget:** 4000 000-600 000 €

81 **Membership fee:** 5 000 €

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83 **Budget:** > 600 000 €

84 **Membership fee:** 7 000 €

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86 **Are there organisations that already use this model to calculate membership**
87 **fees?**

88 Yes, there are a few organizations that already use this model to calculate
89 membership fees. An example is LSU - The National Council of Swedish Children
90 and Youth Organisations. The model was introduced more than ten years ago with
91 the goal of it being just and predictable for all member organizations. (You can
92 read more about it [here](#); the text is in Swedish but you can look at the table to
93 get the gist of what a similar model could look like for FYEG.)

94 **We propose:**

- 95 • To delegate to the FYEG executive committee to propose suggested levels of
96 incremental membership fees to the FYEG general assembly 2025.
- 97 • To delegate to the FYEG executive committee to propose necessary changes
98 to the IRP to the FYEG general assembly 2025
- 99 • That the executive committee's proposal to the general assembly 2025
100 should be in line with the goals stated in this proposal: a) Bigger MOs
101 pay a higher fee proportional to their budget and b) FYEG's total revenues
102 from member fees stay at approximately the same level as 2024 (32.000 €)
- 103 • That the incremental model for membership fees is implemented in 2026.