

R7 A predictable system for member fees

Proposer: Grön Ungdom
Agenda item: 6. Resolutions

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 realised
6 budget

7 with a minimum of 50 EUR for the EU and European Economic Area (Iceland,
8 Liechtenstein and Norway), Switzerland and the United Kingdom and 25 EUR for all
9 other European countries. [...]"

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

13 The goals of the new system should be that:

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

19 grants and such typically won't affect the membership fee.

20 **Background**

21 The right-wing government in Sweden has cut down on funding for civil society
22 organisations. This means that civil society receives less funding and is
23 becoming more dependent on non-governmental sources of income like fundraising
24 and project grants from independent foundations. The consequence of this is that
25 the budgets of civil society organisations - including the Swedish Young Greens
26 - varies more from year to year depending on what project grants are approved
27 and the success of fundraising. We know that the situation is similar, and
28 worse, in other parts of Europe as well.

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

33 We in the Young Greens of Sweden feel that we would rather pay a higher
34 membership fee that is stable from year to year, instead of having to revise how
35 much we spend on FYEG on a yearly basis. This would ensure we can budget an
36 adequate amount of money for the FYEG membership fee and overall make it easier
37 to calculate our budgeting and communicate it to our members. Furthermore, we
38 believe that other MOs would also appreciate a more predictable system.

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

46 **The model we propose**

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

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

51 *Note that the levels in the table below should only be seen as an illustration*
52 *of what the model could look like. Our proposal (see below) is to delegate to*

53 *the executive committee to decide on suggested levels of the fees, and to then*
54 *let the FYEG general assembly of 2025 make the final decision.*

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

56 **Membership fee:** 50 €

57 **Discount:** 25 € for countries outside [European Economic Area](#) with a budget <5000
58 €

59 - - - -

60 **Budget:** 5 000-10 000 €

61 **Membership fee:** 75 €

62 - - - -

63 **Budget:** 10 000-15 000 €

64 **Membership fee:** 125 €

65 - - - -

66 **Budget:** 15 000-20 000 €

67 **Membership fee:** 175 €

68 - - - -

69 **Budget:** 20 000-40 000 €

70 **Membership fee:** 350 €

71 - - - -

72 **Budget:** 50 000-100 000 €

73 **Membership fee:** 750 €

74 - - - -

75 **Budget:** 100 000-200 000 €

76 **Membership fee:** 1 500 €

77 - - - -

78 **Budget:** 200 000-400 000 €

79 **Membership fee:** 3 000 €

80 - - - -

81 **Budget:** 4000 000-600 000 €

82 **Membership fee:** 5 000 €

83 - - - -

84 **Budget:** > 600 000 €

85 **Membership fee:** 7 000 €

86 - - - -

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

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

95 **We propose:**

- 96 • To delegate to the FYEG executive committee to propose suggested levels of
97 incremental membership fees to the FYEG general assembly 2025.
- 98 • To delegate to the FYEG executive committee to propose necessary changes
99 to the IRP to the FYEG general assembly 2025

- 100 • That the executive committee's proposal to the general assembly 2025
101 should be in line with the goals stated in this proposal: a) Bigger MOs
102 pay a higher fee proportional to their budget and b) FYEG's total revenues
103 from member fees stay at approximately the same level as 2024 (32.000 €)

- 104 • That the incremental model for membership fees is implemented in 2026.