

## **Membership fee Regulation**

### **Regulations concerning application of Article 10 and Article 3 of the Statutes of the EUROPARC Federation e.V.**

#### **A) EUROPARC membership fees (art. 10) Minimum Contributions 2026**

##### **Art. 3 - Members and Voting Rights**

- a) Members of the EUROPARC Federation shall be organisations or individuals involved in work related to protected areas
- b) Membership of the Federation shall comprise the following new fee accordingly to the categories:

##### **Voting members:**

**Group A:** Organisation working at an international level, across 2 or more countries

**Group B:** Organisations working at a national or federal level within one country

**Group C:** Organisations working at a regional level within a country

**Group D:** Organisations working at a local level. Below regional within a region or country

**Group E:** Parks and other Protected Areas

**Group F:** Supporting Organisations

##### **Non-voting members:**

**Group H:** Honorary Members: Individual members being persons who have distinguished themselves in work related to protected and those who receive the Alfred Toepfer medal

**Group I:** Supporting Individuals: Supporting members, being individual persons, who support the Federation

##### **Voting members:**

##### **Groups A to E:**

Minimum fee of 720, 00€

**Group F:** Supporting Organisations:

Minimum fee of 251, 00€

##### **Non-voting members:**

**Group I:** Supporting Individuals:

Minimum fee of 65, 00€

## Remarks

**Adjustment of fee:** Every two years the value of the fees is reassessed taking into consideration the financial condition of the Federation, the intended delivery of the Strategy and the average European Union inflation rates (Euro statistics).

**Confirming category classification:** When updating the fee value for the following biennium members will be contacted by Directorate to confirm their status according to the members' category they are classified in order to be sure there is a correct classification of the member accordingly to the membership category approved.

**Similar condition, similar fee:** When doing this confirmation of members' status it will be confirmed if similar members with the same category are paying similar fees, for example, the same kind of member (status) in the same category should pay similar fees.

**Group F- Supporting Organisations members:** this category has been created to include all members that do not fit into the previous existing categories as well as members that having been classified in one of the other categories have requested a transference to this category due to a temporary budget limitation that limits their ability to pay the full membership. This is a temporary condition that should be changed whenever the conditions have changed in order the member is adequately integrated in the category of its peers.

### **Group I - Supporting Individuals:**

1. Individual supporting members cannot be active members of the administration board or employees in any of the parks or organisations that are members of the Federation. They cannot represent a park or organisation.
2. Supporting individual members may participate in the General Assembly but have no voting rights (Art. 3b statutes).

### **Group H- Honorary members:**

The members of this category are nominated by the Council. They do not pay a membership fee and have no voting rights.

The Council is entitled to interpret these regulations in regard to individual questions and decisions.

***These regulations were agreed by the General Assembly at its meeting in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, that took place on October 3rd 2023.***



## **B) Voting rights (art. 3e of statutes)**

Voting rights for eligible members are given on the basis of **one member: one vote**.