

21st EUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2020 EUA MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: EXPLANATORY NOTE

For approval

Members are asked to approve membership fees for 2020 for individual full and individual associate members; collective full members; collective associate members (European network members and national associations); CDE members and affiliate status.

Individual full and individual associate members

Basis for fee calculation:

1. EUA fee levels are calculated according to two coefficients:
 - the size of the institution reflected in the number of students and
 - GNP per capita figures per country
2. In 2011 the General Assembly decided to introduce a more equitable system which involved:
 - maintaining the base line fee at the 2011 level: €2,629 (adjusted for inflation)
 - increasing the number of categories for student numbers from three to four
 - increasing the number of categories for GNP per capita from three to five
3. Members also decided that the figures underpinning these calculations should be updated every three years. A first update was done in 2013, for the calculation of fees due in 2014, a second one in 2016, for the calculation of fees for 2017 and now a third one is due, for the calculation of fees for 2020 The Secretariat has thus verified student numbers and updated the GNP per capita figures for all countries in which EUA has members.

Fee calculation for individual members 2020

The coefficients for the four categories of student numbers are given below.

- Student number < 7.500: 1
- Student number >= 7.500 1.05
- Student number >= 25.000 1.10
- Student number >= 50.000 1.15

The verification of student numbers showed that 46 universities move to a higher category and 45 to a lower category as of 2020.

The five categories for GNP per capita and the categorisation of the countries in which EUA member institutions are located are given below. Increases in GNP per capita have led to a re-categorisation of the following countries: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Malta, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Slovenia, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom have moved up:

- GNP <€10.000: 1.00
Albania, Armenia, Bulgaria, FYROM, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine.

- GNP \geq €10.000: 1.25
Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic.
- GNP \geq €20.000: 1.50
Cyprus, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey.
- GNP \geq €30.000: 1.75
Belgium, France, Germany, United Kingdom.
- GNP \geq €40.000: 2.00
Austria, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands.

Fees paid by members vary thus from €2,629 to €6,047.

Collective full members

Basis for fee calculation:

For collective members the methodology underpinning membership fees stems from an agreement among National Rectors' Conferences reached in the late 1990s. Upon the establishment of EUA this methodology used was reconfirmed by the EUA Council. It is based on two components, as set out below, the product of which is weighted to arrive at a "theoretical capacity to pay". Finally, corrections are made to arrive at a "corrected capacity to pay".

1. Two Components:
 - Size and economic strength of the country: drawn from the weighted average of three indicators: the population of the country, with a weight of 3; the GNI of the country, with a weight of 3; the number of public universities, with a weight of 1.
 - The standard of living: to take into account differences in the standard of living level, GNI per capita adjusted for purchasing power parity is used.
2. "Theoretical" capacity to pay: to calculate the "theoretical capacity to pay" of each NRC, the general indicator of size and economic strength of the country is weighted by the indicator of GNI per capita adjusted for purchasing power parity.
3. "Corrected" capacity to pay: The index resulting from the above calculation requires correction to take account of the significant differences between large and rich countries on the one hand, and small and relatively poor countries on the other. Thus, the agreement is that:
 - Smaller and relatively poorer countries pay a fixed minimum fee, fixed in 2013 at €2.672 and rising to €2,954 in 2020 (as a result of annual inflation rises of at 1.50%), and which amounts to a sum slightly higher than the baseline fee for individual members in 2020 (€2,629).
 - Fee levels for the 4 largest and richest countries are also fixed, and should not:
 - account for more than 50% of the total fees paid by all members
 - be more than 17.5 times the fees paid by the smaller and poorest countries.
4. Six fee brackets: Five fee brackets were agreed in 2002/2003 and increased to six in 2005. The base line figures were last updated in 2010 using World Bank data for 2008/2009. As agreed in the GA 2010, these figures have now been updated for 2014, 2017, and now once more for 2020 using the latest World Bank data available (2017). The only change of bracket concerns Norway, which moves down one category.
5. Index 2020 – six brackets
 - Group 6 (400) (FR, DE, IT, UK)

- Group 5 (225) (ES, NL, TR, PL)
- Group 4 (100) (AT, BE, CH, Holy See, SE, RO)
- Group 3 (70) (DK, FI, GR, HU, IE NO, PT, CZ)
- Group 2 (45) (BG, HR, LT, RS, SK, SI)
- Group 1 (23.5) (CY, EE, IS, LV, LU)

On this basis annual fees paid by full collective members for 2020 vary from €2,954 to €50,276.

Collective associate members (European network members and national associations):

The fee structures for collective associate members were agreed on the occasion of the statutes' reform in 2008 that saw the introduction of the new category of European network member and have not changed since then. Fees paid by collective associate members vary from €588 to €2,938 (adjusted for inflation).

CDE members:

The fee for 2020 is €1,362 (adjusted for inflation).

Affiliate status:

The fee for 2020 is €1,101 (adjusted for inflation).

As in the past EUA will include an increase of 1.5% corresponding to the estimated rate of inflation in the Euro-zone for 2020, thus acting in line with the 2006 decision of the General Assembly, which was confirmed in 2011.

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Annexes: Tables of fees for members - Subscriptions 2020