

Membership Fee Policy

The founding meeting of the SPD Economic Forum adopted these membership fee regulations on February 5, 2015, in accordance with Section 7(2) of the bylaws. The membership fee regulations were last amended by a resolution of the general meeting on September 8, 2025.

§ 1 Membership Fee

1. For corporate memberships, the recommendation is based on revenue for the most recent fiscal year.
 - For revenue over 50 million €, the minimum amount is 17,250 euros;
 - for revenue between €25 million and €50 million, at least €11,500;
 - for revenue between €5 million and €25 million, at least €5,750; and
 - for revenue between €2.5 million and €5 million, at least €2,875

a membership fee is recommended. For companies with revenue of at least €500 million and at least 2,000 employees, a membership fee of at least €22,000 is recommended. The minimum membership fee for companies is €2,300. Newly established companies pay a minimum membership fee of €600 through the fifth year following their founding.

2. The membership fee for junior members, as specified in Section 3 (1a) of the bylaws, is at least 120 €.
3. For memberships in associations, the recommendation is based on the total membership dues collected in the most recent fiscal year. If the total membership dues collected amount to
 - for amounts over 10 million euros, the minimum is 9,200 euros, and
 - for amounts over €3 million up to and including €10 million, at least 5,750 €

a membership fee is recommended.

The minimum membership fee for associations is €2,300.

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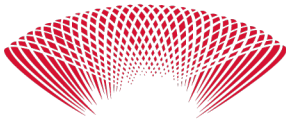
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4. The membership fee for individual members is at least €550.
5. The membership fee for members under Section 3(2) of the Bylaws (supporting members) is at least 275 €.
6. The fee for project members is at least 5,500 €.

§ 2 Due Date and Payment Terms

1. The obligation to pay dues applies to the full current calendar year and, in the event of a notice of withdrawal, also to the calendar year in which the notice of withdrawal takes legal effect. For members who apply for membership in the second half of a calendar year, the obligation to pay dues for the year of admission is reduced to half of the applicable dues rate.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 above, a project member's contribution is a one-time payment covering the entire duration of their project membership.
3. Membership dues are due by January 31 of each year; for members joining during the current calendar year, dues are due at the end of the month following the month in which the admission decision was made.
4. Members grant the Economic Forum a direct debit authorization to collect their membership dues. Exceptions to this rule are possible in special cases with the approval of the treasurer.

§ 3 Miscellaneous

1. The Executive Board is authorized to decide, in justified exceptional cases, to temporarily reduce and/or defer membership dues for individual members.
2. At the end of the fiscal year, the member receives a statement of membership dues paid.
3. At the end of a fiscal year, non-members and members receive a statement of contributions paid.

These contribution regulations will take effect on January 1, 2025, and will replace the contribution regulations dated December 1, 2021, as of that date..