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Membership Contribution Structure of AEBR as of 2017

Approved by the General Assembly of AEBR on 21 October 2010 in Dundalk
(modified by General Assembly of AEBR on 22 September 2016 in Görlitz)
Changes included on 26 October 2017 in Badajoz

According to § 13 of the Statutes of AEBR of November 25, 1994, membership contributions shall be collected to cover the necessary costs of the Association. The details shall be laid down in a membership contribution structure, which shows the contribution structure and the number of votes for the General Assembly to be deduced therefrom.

The Membership Contribution Structure was previously included in § 3 of the budget statutes, which were attached to the relevant budget.

The number of votes per member has been determined according to the membership contribution structure. The members, their classification in the different groups and the corresponding number of votes shall be stated in the budget to be drawn up annually.

Resolution

The General Assembly approves the enclosed membership contribution structure including the determination of the number of votes. The members, their contribution and their number of votes shall be stated in the annual budget.

Dundalk (East Border Region), 21 October 2010

On 22 September 2016 the General Assembly of AEBR, met in Görlitz (Euroregion Neisse-Nisa-Nysa), approved an adjustment of the fees from 2017 on.

There were further adaptations needed on Chambers of Commerce, reverse membership and number of votes. Underlined text are modifications included at the General Assembly in Badajoz on 23 October 2017.

Membership Contributions to AEBR as of 2018

§ 1

Membership Contribution

1.1 The AEBR membership contribution is fixed as follows:

I.	<i>Larger organisations comprising several large regions</i>	9,600 Euro
	New fee: + 5 % in 2017	10,080 €
	New fee from 2018: + 5 %	10,584 €
II.	<i>Border Regions</i>	
	a) according to the definition of the EU and the Council of Europe, the first level below the national state (regional/provincial governments)	6,000 Euro
	b) the second level: municipal/council governments, or smaller regions	2,000 Euro
	c) <u>Proposed: Chambers of Commerce (adapted to the size of the territory)</u>	<u>1,000 – 6,000 €¹</u>
III.	<i>Cross-border Structures</i> (Euroregions and similar structures)	Fees Calculation Tool
	Basic rate multiplied by two factors: Population and Gross Domestic Product ² 5% increase in 2017; additional 5% increase in 2018 <u>(Basic rate of 1,890.00 € (2017) and 1,984.50 (from 2018 on)</u>	Basic rate of 1,800 €
IV.	<i>Advisory Members</i>	
	- Individuals	0 – 100 Euro
	- Associations, institutions and institutes working in the field of CBC	600 Euro
	New fee: + 5 % in 2017	630 Euro
	New fee from 2018: + 5 %	661.50 Euro
V.	<i>Members with observer status</i> (for max. 2 years)	600 Euro
V.	<u>Reverse membership</u>	

In some cases, AEBR and other organization(s) may establish a partnership agreement with a reverse membership. These should be approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Assembly. A mutual exemption of fees or the establishment of a token fee would apply in these cases.

1.2 In exceptional and justified cases, following adjustments can be made:

a) In exceptional cases regions that are not able to fulfil their obligations towards the AEBR can

¹ Proposed: Chambers outside the EU: 1,000 €; Chambers in Southern, Central and Eastern Europe: 1,000 – 3,000 € (depending on the size); Chambers in Central, Western and Northern Europe: 3,000 – 6,000 € (depending on the size)

² Population factor: 1.0 for less than 0.5 Million inhabitants, 1.25 for 0.5-1 Million inhabitants, 1.5 for more than 1 Million inhabitants;
GDP-factor: 0.5 for less than 50% of average EU-27 GDP (in PPP), 0.75 for GDP between 50%-75%, 1.0 for GDP between 75% and 100%, 1.25 for GDP between 100% and 125%, 1.5 for GDP higher than 125% of average EU-27 GDP.

be granted temporarily the status of an “associated member” without the right to vote. “Associated” members are exempted from the payment of the membership fee.

- b) In justified cases (low population density, lack of autonomy with regard to taxes) the Executive Committee is in a position to decide upon a reduction of the membership contribution.
- c) The Executive Committee can approve a reduced membership fee if, due to the changes in the fees structure, member regions have to pay a much higher membership fee than before.
- d) The Executive Committee can grant a reduction in membership fees to individual members or member groups. This applies in particular for members who have made a special contribution to the AEBR or who are particularly involved in the AEBR. If a member encounters serious financial difficulties, the Executive Committee is entitled to reduce membership fees.

§ 2

Number of Votes

The number of votes is fixed in the following way:

- Up to 662 €: no vote
- From 663 € to 1,500 € one vote
- From 1,501 € to 2,500 € two votes
- From 2,501 € to 3,500 € three votes and so forth.

§ 3

Membership

- 3.1 Membership can be terminated through a written notice of withdrawal. **This is only possible if six months notice is given before the end of the calendar year.**
- 3.2 By decision of the Executive Committee a member can be expelled if obligations towards AEBR have not been fulfilled. The member can raise an objection against this expulsion within one month which will be decided upon in the following general assembly meeting. The decision of the Executive Committee can only be rescinded with a two-thirds majority.

§ 4

Coming into Force

This membership contribution structure approved on 21 October 2010 came into force on 1 January 2011.

Decisions taken on 22 September 2016 came into force on 1 January 2017.

Decisions taken on 26 October 2017 came into force on 1 January 2018.

Badajoz, 26 October 2017

The President

(original signed)

This version was submitted for ratification to the General Assembly in Badajoz on 23 October 2017, following the decision of the AEBR Executive Committee (Euregio Scheldemond, March 2017) according to the present proposal.

Berlin, 2 November 2017

(corrected version)

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