

INSME Association Membership



INSME Membership is open to Policy Makers, Intermediaries and their Networks

Membership in the INSME Association is open to: **Ministries** and **Governmental bodies**, **International Organisations** (Policy Makers); **international Non Governmental Organisations** (NGOs); individual **Intermediaries** and their **Networks or Associations** including business support organisations at sub-national, national, regional or international level. SMEs and private firms in general can not apply for membership.

The following **categories of membership** are foreseen: **Full Member**, **Associate Member** and **Observer**.

Full Members

Full membership is exclusively for **Governmental bodies**, **International Organisations** and **international Non Governmental Organisations**, **networks** and **associations of intermediaries**, individual **intermediaries** and **business support organisations (BSO)** at sub-national, national, regional or international level.

Categories of Full Members

Standard Members – Members who pay the Association's annual membership fee **in cash**.

Operative Members – Members who choose to contribute **in kind**, that is by collaborating with the Association in the carrying out of its activities, for example through the secondment of part-time or full-time staff to the INSME Secretariat and/or by providing information for the INSME portal, hosting meetings of the Association Governing bodies and providing publications, equipment and any other material that could be useful for the scope of the INSME.

Honorary Members – This type of membership may be awarded to International Organisations, International NGOs or individuals who are renowned, nationally or internationally, for the carrying out of activities closely connected or complementary to the objectives of the INSME Association. The nomination and selection of an individual/body for this high honour is the responsibility of the INSME Board.

Annual Fees¹ range as follows:

Policy Makers:

- OECD Country governmental bodies: 5,000 Euro
- non-OECD Country governmental bodies: 3,000 Euro
- International Organisations: free membership as an Honorary Member

International Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs): 500 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Networks/Associations of Intermediaries, BSOs (at international, regional, national, sub-national level): 1,500 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Individual intermediaries: 500 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Benefits and Rights of Full Members

Full Members benefit from free access to all information and **General Services** provided by the Association and reduced fees for **Tailored Services**, mainly made available through the INSME portal (as described in the 'INSME Association Proposed Services' document). Full Members have right of entry to all sections of the **Member's Area** of the INSME portal.

Full Members have the right to **vote** and may be **elected to the post of the governing bodies** of the Association (President, Vice-President, Secretary General, INSME Board). Full Members may attend Meetings of the General Assembly.

Votes are weighed up according to the typology of full membership.

Associate Members

Associate membership is open to **Policy Makers, international Non Governmental Organisations, networks and associations of intermediaries, individual intermediaries and business support organisations** at sub-national, national, regional or international level.

Annual Fees¹ range as follows:

Policy Makers:

- OECD Country governmental bodies: 2,500 Euro;
- non-OECD Country governmental bodies: 1,500 Euro
- International Organisations: free membership as an Honorary Member

International Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs): 300 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Networks of Intermediaries, Associations of Intermediaries, BSOs (at international, regional, national, sub-national level): 750 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Individual intermediaries: 250 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Payment for Associate Membership can also be in kind (See Full Members, Operative Members).

Benefits and Rights of Associate Members

Associate Members benefit from access to all **General Services** (as described in the 'INSME Association Proposed Services' document) and have right of entry to some sections of the

¹ These fees are effective from 2004 onwards

Member's Area of the INSME portal. Tailored Services are provided for a fee (Associate Members are not eligible for reduced rates, this advantage is reserved only for Full Members).

Associate Members have the right to **vote** and they may attend Meetings of the General Assembly. Votes are weighed up according to the typology of associate membership.

Associate Members are not eligible to the post of the governing bodies of the Association.

Observers

Observer status is open to any of the above mentioned bodies - **Policy Makers, international Non Governmental Organisations**, individual **intermediaries** and their **networks**.

Annual Fees¹ range as follows:

Policy Makers:

- OECD Country governmental bodies: 200 Euro;
- non-OECD Country governmental bodies: 200 Euro
- International Organisations: free membership as an Honorary Member

International Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs): 200 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Networks of intermediaries, Associations of Intermediaries, BSOs: 200 Euro

Individual Intermediaries: 100 Euro (no matter where their headquarters is located)

Benefits and Rights of Observers

Observers benefit from access to those **General Services** available in the **Public Area** of the INSME portal (as described in the 'INSME Association Proposed Services' document). Observers have right of entry only to a few sections of the Member's Area of the INSME portal. Tailored Services are provided for a fee.

Observers may **attend** Meetings of the General Assembly and have the right to **vote** in relation to the Association's budget and amendments to the Statute, although they are not eligible to vote for or be elected to the governing bodies of the Association.

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