

IFOAM Organics Europe (IFOAM OE) Membership Terms & Conditions

The affiliation in IFOAM Organics Europe is open to all affiliates based in European countries that fulfil IFOAM Organics International membership criteria. IFOAM Organics International affiliation criteria is further defined in IFOAM Organics International Statutes and summarized in IFOAM Organics International Membership Terms & Conditions documents. The affiliation criteria can be changed/amended with the support of the majority of current IFOAM Organics International voting members during biannual IFOAM Organics International General Assembly meetings.

IFOAM Organics Europe affiliation types, categories, membership fees are defined by IFOAM Organics Europe Statutes and Working Methods documents that can be changed/amended with a support of the majority of current IFOAM Organics Europe voting members during the yearly IFOAM Organics Europe General Assembly meetings. Any changes accepted during General Assembly by the majority of IFOAM Organics Europe Members would directly affect/change this Terms & Conditions document

1. Types of IFOAM Organics Europe membership

The following terminology is used to differentiate the type of members when joining

- **Full Member** - when the affiliate is part of both IFOAM Organics Europe and IFOAM Organic International and has voting rights (having more than 50% of organic budget).
- **Associate Member** - when the affiliate is part of both IFOAM Organics Europe and IFOAM Organic International but has no voting rights (having less than 50% of organic budget).
- **Trial Member** - when the organization is part of IFOAM OE only for a two-year trial period. The trial members become full members automatically at the end of the two-year trial period.
- **Supporting Associate** - when the affiliate after the trial period stays part of IFOAM OE only but not IFOAM – Organics International. They have no voting rights and pay an additional fee of 20% for administration costs to IFOAM – Organics International.

2. Definitions of categories of the IFOAM OE Membership fee scheme

- **Membership based organizations (national or wider scope):**

All organizations that represent the interest of a part of society or of the organic food chain whose organizational governance is based on membership/sector representation. These organizations mainly work on representation/campaigning/conducting the interest of their membership and/or their societal goals. Only organizations that have a national or wider scope regional organizations that together form a national organization fall under this category. There are three sub-divisions within this category:

1. **Umbrella organizations & General membership-based organizations:** Umbrella Organizations and General membership-based Organization: Membership-based organizations where the members are (predominantly) consumers or farmers, such as, consumer associations, farmer associations, cooperatives and federations, membership charities and campaign

ng organizations. Also all umbrella organizations and trade/professional associations, and all other member based organizations that are not included 2.

2. Trade/Professional organization: Membership based organizations whose membership consists of at least 60% of processing/distribution companies, certification bodies, other business, consultancies, etc. Also all trading cooperatives (but not worker cooperatives).

- **Non membership-based organization and regional organizations:**

These are organizations whose organizational governance is based on its own primacy. They may have clients, partners, shareholders and/or funders and are normally profit-making entities but may also have societal goals, such as companies (including worker cooperatives), consultancies, certification bodies. As well as research institutes, foundations and non-profit organizations not based on membership. Also included are membership-based organizations with local or regional scope which is part of an overlying national structure or only existing in one out of several regions.

3. IFOAM Organics Europe membership fees scheme

	CATEGORY	Zero	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
MEMBERSHIP BASED ORGANISATION	UMBRELLA ORGANISATION AND GENERAL MEMBER-BASED ORGANISATIONS	Up to € 30k	Up to € 200k	Up to € 400k	Up to € 600k	Up to € 800k	Up to € 1M	Up to € 3M	Up to € 6M	Up to € 10M	> € 10 M
	TRADE/PROFESSIONAL MEMBER- BASED ORGANISATIONS	Up to € 30k	Up to € 5M	Up to € 10M	Up to € 30M	Up to € 60M	Up to € 100M	Up to € 500M	Up to € 1.5B	Up to € 2.5B	> € 2.5B
	Yearly Fee (2020/2021)	€ 100	€ 480	€ 1,200	€ 2,400	€ 3,600	€ 5,400	€ 7,200	€ 12,000	€ 18,000	€ 18,000
	Yearly Fee +20% (2022/2023)	€ 120	€ 576	€ 1,440	€ 2,880	€ 4,320	€ 6,480	€ 8,640	€ 14,400	€ 21,600	€ 30,000
	Yearly Fee +20% (2024/2025)	€ 144	€ 691	€ 1,728	€ 3,456	€ 5,184	€ 7,776	€ 10,368	€ 17,280	€ 25,920	€ 36,000
REGIONAL ORGANISATION AND NON MEMBERSHIP BASED	REGIONAL ORGANISATION AND NON-MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS	Up to 30.000	Up to € 300k	Up to € 500k	Up to € 1M	Up to € 2M	Up to € 4M	Up to € 7M	Up to € 10M	Up to € 50M	> € 50M
	Yearly Fee (2020/2021)	€ 100	€ 240	€ 600	€ 900	€ 1,200.00	€ 2,400.00	€ 3,600.00	€ 4,800.00	€ 4,800.00	€ 4,800.00
	Yearly Fee +20% (2022/2023)	€ 120	€ 288	€ 720	€ 1,080	€ 1,440	€ 2,880	€ 4,320	€ 5,760	€ 6,912	€ 8,400
	Yearly Fee +20% (2024/2025)	€ 144	€ 346	€ 864	€ 1,296	€ 1,728	€ 3,456	€ 5,184	€ 6,912	€ 8,294	€ 10,080

The indicated fee scheme applies to IFOAM Organics Europe membership only. The IFOAM Organics International membership fee that applies additionally to Full and Associate members is defined in the IFOAM Organics International Membership Terms & Conditions and Statutes documents. Moreover, an additional fee of 20% for administration costs to IFOAM – Organics International applies for Supporting Associate members.

Special conditions

Early fee payment: organisations that pay before 20th February get a 5% discount on their membership fee.

If all regional organisations of a branched organisation join the IFOAM OE and their national organisation is already a member of the IFOAM OE, the fee for each regional organisation is reduced to 60%. Umbrella organisations get 8% discount for each of its member-based organisation, which are IFOAM OE members (maximum 40% discount).



4. Voting Rights

To become an IFOAM OE member with voting rights, the applicant affiliate must be predominantly organic, i.e. dedicate over 50% of its budget/ activities to organic. If not fulfilling this criterium, the affiliate can still become member of IFOAM OE as an Associate member (no voting rights membership category). IFOAM OE members with voting rights are entitled to cast the following numbers of votes:

- Membership-based affiliates with national or wider scope: 3 votes
- Non-membership-based affiliates, and membership based affiliates with local or regional scope which is part of an overlying national structure: 1 vote

5. Confidentiality

IFOAM OE attaches great importance to protecting the personal privacy of all people whose data we compile. We treat and protect this data with the utmost care, in accordance with the applicable laws in Belgium. We do everything to protect the data supplied to us against loss, destruction, publication, unauthorised access or improper use. In compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), IFOAM OE guarantees the confidentiality of all the data provided in the application form. Your data is collected solely for us to communicate with you and is not shared with third parties. By joining IFOAM OE, the legitimate interest is the legal basis to process your data in order to receive electronic messages from us such as membership related communications, our newsletter, event invitations and similar communications. Your organization's profile (phone number, email address of the main contact person, website) will be published in IFOAM OE e-directory. If you have any question regarding the processing of your data, please contact by email at gdpr@organicseurope.bio.

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