IFOAM Organics Europe Membership Terms & Conditions

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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, admission & termination conditions are further defined in IFOAM Organics International Statutes and summarized in IFOAM Organics International Membership Terms & Conditions documents. The affiliation criteria, admission & termination 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, and membership fees are defined by IFOAM Organics Europe Statutes and Working Methods documents that can be changed/amended with the support of the majority of current IFOAM Organics Europe voting members during the yearly IFOAM Organics Europe General Assembly meeting. Any changes accepted during the General Assembly by the majority of IFOAM Organics Europe members would directly affect/change this Terms & Conditions document and would be applicable to all affiliates. All IFOAM Organics Europe affiliates should follow the rules determining IFOAM Organics Europe common advocacy, governance, administration & other work done by the organization and its affiliates that are defined in IFOAM Organics Europe Statutes and Working Methods. Applying affiliates may request to consult IFOAM Organics Europe Statutes and Working Methods in advance.

1. Types of IFOAM Organics Europe membership

The following terminologies are used to differentiate the type of members when joining the membership circle:
Full Member - when the affiliate is part of both IFOAM Organics Europe and IFOAM Organics International and has voting rights (having more than 50% of organic budget & fits geographical scope of OE voting member).
Associate Member - when the affiliate is part of both IFOAM Organics Europe and IFOAM Organics International but has no voting rights (having less than 50% of organic budget).
Trial Member - when the affiliate is part of IFOAM Organics Europe 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 Organics Europe only but not of 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 Organics Europe 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 work on representation/campaigning/conducting the interest of their membership and/or their societal goals. Only organizations that have a national or wider regional scope organizations that together form a national organization fall under this category. There are three sub-divisions within this category:

Umbrella organizations & General membership-based organizations: Membership-based organizations whose members are (predominantly) consumers or farmers, such as, consumer associations, farmer associations, co-operatives and federations, membership charities and campaign organizations. Also, all umbrella organizations and trade/professional associations, and all other member-based organizations that are not included in the category of Trade/Professional organization.

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 trade co-operatives (but not worker cooperatives).

Non-membership-based organization and/or 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 are part of an overlying national structure or only existing in one out of several regions.

3. IFOAM Organics Europe membership fees scheme as of 2025

	CATEGORY	Zero	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
MEMBERSHIP BASED ORGSANISATION	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 **(as of 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 AFFILIATES	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 **(as of 2025)**	**€ 144**	**€ 346**	**€ 864**	**€ 1.296**	**€ 1.728**	**€ 3.456**	**€ 5.184**	**€ 6.912**	**€ 8.294**	**€ 10.080**

Applicable membership fees are calculated based on the organic turnover of the affiliate, with an exception for Trade & Professional category affiliates whose membership fees are calculated based on the sum of their members' organic turnover.

Special conditions

- Early fee payment: members that pay before 20 February get a 5% discount on their membership fee (not applicable to the first membership fee payment upon application).
- Those starting their membership application process after 1 July pay 50% of the yearly fee.
- If all regional organizations of a branched organization join IFOAM Organics Europe and their national organization is already a member of IFOAM OE, the fee for each regional organization is reduced to 60%. Umbrella organization gets 8% discount for each of its member-based organizations, which are IFOAM Organics Europe members (maximum 40% discount). It is the responsibility of the umbrella organization to notify IFOAM Organics Europe of any applicable discounts arising from its members also being IFOAM OE members by 30 November each year.
- For Supporting Associates an additional 20% on top of the applicable fee will be charged and paid to IFOAM Organics International.
- Existing members (by 31.12.2021) are exempted for a classification in a higher fee level until 31.12.2025

4. Voting Rights

To become an IFOAM Organics Europe member with voting rights, the applicant affiliate must be based in EU/EFTA/UK countries, be predominantly organic, i.e. dedicate over 50% of its budget/ activities to organic and join the organization as Full or Trial member. If not fulfilling this criterium, the affiliate can still become member

of IFOAM Organics Europe as an Associate member (no voting rights membership category). IFOAM Organics Europe 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: 1 vote.

5. Membership termination

Members are free to resign from IFOAM OE by giving written notice via special means of communication (email or letter), at the latest by 30 June each year, to the Director. The resignation shall be effective on 31 December of the year. Termination of membership does not exempt from membership fee payment of the year of termination.

6. Confidentiality

IFOAM Organics Europe attaches immense 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 Organics Europe 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 Organics Europe, the legitimate interest is the legal basis to process your data 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 Organics International's membership directory. If you have any question regarding the processing of your data, please contact by email at **gdpr@organicseurope.bio.**

If you have any questions about your membership, please feel free to reach out to ***membership@organicseurope.bio***

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