EUDEC's Membership

Introduction

EUDEC's membership structure includes three membership types: Individual, School, and Organisation.
School membership applies to schools and learning communities, with the fee taking into account the number of enrolled students. Organisation membership includes organisations supporting or working in Education, Advocacy, Human Rights, Citizenship, etc. as well as school or learning-community founder groups that are not yet open or regularly running activities.
Within each membership type, members can choose between four fee levels: Minimum, Reduced, Standard, and Supporter.

Membership Type:	Minimum Fee	Reduced Fee	Standard Fee	Supporter Fee
Individual	€24.00	€50.00	€90.00	€120.00
School	*€60.00	€60** or €4 per student	€90** or €6 per student	€10 per student
Organisation	€100.00	€200.00	€500.00	€750.00

*Schools up to 15 Students
**Minimum fee of

EUDEC's membership fee system is based on trust, fairness and solidarity. Rather than asking members to provide financial documents or meet rigid eligibility criteria, we invite you to assess your own situation and choose the fee level that best reflects your current financial capacity (see Self-assessment below).

Self-assessment

Please read the descriptions for each fee category and consider which one most closely matches your overall circumstances. You do not need to identify with every statement in a category, and there is no points system or formal approval process. The examples are intended as guidance, taking into account not only income, but also financial security, access to funding, local economic conditions, operating costs, reserves and the ability to contribute in solidarity with others.

After completing the self-assessment, please declare the fee level that you believe is most appropriate for you, your school or your organisation. Members who are able to pay the Standard or Supporter Fee help EUDEC remain accessible to those who need the

Community Supported or Reduced Fee. We ask everyone to make this choice honestly and to review it if their circumstances change. Please also take into consideration your eligibility for reduction at EUDEC conferences and if this amount would exceed your annual membership fee.

How to start?

As described in the Introduction, EUDEC has different Member Types, you can go through the whole self-assessment, or click directly on the member type you belong in order to find the fee that best suits your situation.

What Type of Member are you?

Individual
School
Organisation

Individuals:

Community Supported:

- I live in a country with very low GNI (<15,000 EUR e.g. Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Albania, Moldova, Ukraine, Global South).
- Relative to my countries economic situation I am often stressed about money and cannot always meet my basic needs.
- I am unemployed/job-seeking or work for minimum wage or below.
- I do not have an own income.
- I will not inherit any assets and/or property.
- I am disabled and/or chronically ill, and this significantly affects my ability to meet my basic needs.
- I have no fixed residence, or I receive housing benefits or social welfare.
- I am a migrant or asylum seeker and/or fleeing war and poverty.
- I receive social welfare and/or disability benefits.
- I have no savings.
- I don't often buy new things, because I can't afford to.
- I can rarely afford a vacation, or I cannot afford, for financial reasons, to not work or take time off.

Reduced Fee:

- I live in a country with low GNI (>15,000 EUR e.g. Poland, Portugal, Greece, Croatia, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, Bulgaria).

- Relative to my countries economic situation I struggle to meet my basic needs (housing, food, clothing), but mostly manage to.
- I have only a low disposable income and am very careful with my spending.
- I have a relatively stable housing situation, but rent makes up a large share of my income.
- I will inherit a small amount of assets from my family, but not enough to secure my future / live comfortably in old age.
- I am disabled and/or chronically ill, and this sometimes affects my ability to meet my basic needs.
- I receive housing benefits or social welfare.
- I do have debts, but they don't prevent me from meeting my basic needs.
- I can only afford to go on vacation once in a while.

Standard Fee:

- I live in a country with standard GNI (>25,000 EUR e.g. France, Italy, Spain, Czechia, Slovenia, Estonia).
- Relative to my countries economic situation I am comfortably able to meet all my basic economic needs (food, housing, clothing).
- I can regularly afford to buy new things.
- I am employed or have another regular income that is sufficient to meet my needs.
- I may have debts, but they don't prevent me from meeting my basic needs.
- I have access to financial savings.
- I will inherit assets and/or property.
- I can regularly eat out at restaurants and go for coffee.
- I can afford to regularly go on vacation and take time off.

Supporter Fee:

- I live in a country with very high GNI (< EUR 45000, e.g. Switzerland, Norway, Germany).
- I am in a position to contribute more than I personally need, in solidarity with members who have fewer resources.
- I am in a situation which is financially stable and well-resourced.
- I have secure, long-term premises (owned or long-term affordable contract).
- I have financial reserves or a stable buffer, independent of the local economy.
- I am able to contribute more in solidarity with members with fewer resources.

Schools:

Community Supported

- Our school is grassroots/community-founded with little to no institutional funding, regardless of our country's overall economic situation.
- We serve families with low income even by local standards, and/or operate in a crisis, conflict region.
- We rely substantially on volunteer labor to function at all.
- We cannot sustain a standard membership fee without support.
- Paying more than a minimal or symbolic fee would threaten our ability to operate.
- The fee exceeds 1% of the total school budget per year.

Reduced

- Relative to our country's economic situation, our school is still working toward sustainable, secure funding.
- Our funding relies heavily on parent fees from families with average or below-average income for our country, plus donations or short-term grants.
- Our premises situation is uncertain or short-term.
- Staff work for reduced pay, and/or some roles are unpaid/voluntary.
- We regularly (sometimes) struggle to cover basic operating costs given the cost of living/operating in our country.
- The fee exceeds 0.5 % of the total school budget per year.
- Please also assess how many of your school representatives get a discount to attend the EUDEC conference, so that the balance is positive or even for EUDEC.

Standard

- Relative to our country's economic situation, our school is operational and functioning, but our budget is tight year to year.
- Our fee/funding model is accessible to typical middle-income families in our country, not primarily wealthy ones.
- Staff are paid, comparable or below wages typical for our country's education sector.
- Rent/facilities/staff take up a significant share of our budget.
- Staff are paid, comparable to median wages within their country.
- We have little financial buffer.
- We can cover regular costs but have limited room for extra expenses.
- Please also assess how many of your school representatives get a discount to

attend the EUDEC conference, so that the balance is positive for EUDEC.

Supporter

- Our school is financially stable and well-resourced (state-recognized/funded, or secure private funding).
- Our school charges tuition/fees that are unaffordable for most families in our country, or relies on a base of financially well-off families.
- We have secure, long-term premises (owned or long-term contract).
- We can pay staff at or above standard/comparable wage levels.
- We have financial reserves or a stable buffer, private donors, foundations, or international funding independent of the local economy.
- We are able to contribute more in solidarity with schools with fewer resources

Organizations

Community Supported:

- Our organization is volunteer-run or grassroots, with little to no institutional funding, regardless of our country's overall economic situation.
- We operate in a low-income context, crisis/conflict region, or serve communities with very limited resources.
- We rely substantially or entirely on volunteer labour to function at all.
- We cannot sustain a standard membership fee without support.
- Paying more than a symbolic fee would threaten our ability to operate.

Reduced

- Relative to our country's economic situation, our organization is still working toward sustainable, secure funding.
- Our funding is short-term, project-based, or precarious (e.g. relies on small grants, one-off donations, or inconsistent membership income).
- Staff and/or organizers work for reduced pay, and/or some roles are unpaid/voluntary, even by local standards.
- We have no meaningful financial buffer and regularly face funding gaps.
- We regularly struggle to cover basic operating costs given the cost of living/operating in our country.

Standard

- Relative to our country's economic situation, our organization is operational and functioning, but our budget is tight year to year.
- Our funding is adequate but not diversified — often dependent on one or two main sources (e.g. a single grant, membership fees).

- Staff are paid, though often below wages typical for our country's nonprofit/education sector, or we run partly on part-time/freelance capacity.
- We have little to no financial buffer, and no significant reserve or independent private funding.
- We can cover regular operating costs but have limited room for new projects or unexpected expenses.

Supporter

- Our organization has a stable and substantial budget, with secure or diversified funding sources (e.g. government grants, foundation funding, membership fees from a well-resourced base, or earned income).
- We can pay staff competitively — at or above typical wages in our country's nonprofit/education sector.
- We have financial reserves and/or access to funding independent of the local economy (e.g. international donors, EU grants, corporate partnerships).
- We have secure, long-term operating infrastructure (office space, staff contracts, admin capacity).
- We are able to contribute more than our membership costs, in solidarity with members with fewer resources.