

Directives for festivals applying for ordinary membership

1. Any festival or festival association interested in becoming a member of the EUROPEAN FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION (EFA) may receive the relevant documentation (Statutes, Internal Rules, etc.) on the conditions of admission.
2. New members may enter the Association directly or by co-option through an existing member (see point 12 and following).
3. The annual membership fee for Ordinary members currently amounts to 4.250,00 EURO, while 1.100,00 EURO for Collective members (subject to future decision amending this amount) and 2.100,00 EURO for Affiliate members.
4. The payment of the annual membership fee is requested every year by invoice. Every member, including a newly admitted one, is due to settle this annual fee before the first 6 months of the financial year covering the requested membership fee. Should this amount not be settled within the first 6 months of the financial year, then the amount of the fee shall be automatically increased to 4.900,00 EURO for Ordinary members, 1.300,00 EURO for Collective members and 2.500,00 EURO for Affiliate members.
5. Applications for membership have to be addressed to the Secretary General at the latest 4 weeks before the next planned General Assembly. Other terms can be defined by the board according to the prevailing situation. The Board shall examine the application and determine if and when it can be presented to the General Assembly.
6. The applicant is invited to find at least one EFA member festival as referee in the application for membership. The EFA secretariat is always at the applicant's disposal for any help on this matter.
7. The applicant informs EFA as precisely as possible on the nature of the festival.
8. After acceptance, EFA will present the applicant with an official letter of congratulations. This letter confirms its membership and underlines the aims of the Association, the Statutes and Internal Rules and the duty of the applicant to fulfil its financial obligations. The letter invites of course the new member to be as active as possible in the Association. Being elected a new member, results in the acceptance of the new member of the Statutes and Internal rules of the organisation, as well as the financial obligations as described in points 3 and 12 of these directives.
9. At the General Assembly where the application is on the agenda for approval, a representative of the festival will already be invited to attend as an observer in order to meet existing members.
10. The candidate will have the possibility to renew its candidacy for the next General Assembly in case of non-acceptance.
11. When the festival or festival association is accepted as a member, membership shall take immediate effect.
12. The co-option policy applies when a current member co-opts a new festival (not a member of EFA). Following the approval by the General Assembly, a co-opted festival can become a new member for a yearly fee of 2.450,00 EURO. The current member has the right to ask for a membership fee of 2.450,00 EURO instead of 4.250,00 EURO.
13. Co-opting is possible for EFA ordinary members as well as for collective members (the latter without the fee reduction).
14. Co-opting proposals include at least a membership application duly filled in by the co-opted festival and a recommendation letter by the co-opting member.

15. Every member can bring in various co-opted festivals. Each of the co-opted festivals will become member for the reduced fee of 2.450,00 EURO.
16. Reductions on membership fee can't be cumulated. The minimum membership fee is 2.450,00 EURO at any time.
17. Co-opted members can co-opt new members in the following years.
18. Subject to acceptance by the board and the positive vote at the General Assembly the membership fee of the co-opting ordinary member is reduced in the same financial year as the co-opted festival becomes an EFA member to 2.450,00 EURO.
19. After acceptance by the General Assembly, the co-opted new member pays the reduced co-opt-membership fee for a full year of 2.450,00 EURO.
20. The co-opted member needs to commit to stay for 3 years. If the new member leaves before the 3 years' term, the fee of the co-opting member will be raised again to 4.250,00 EURO in the successive year. If the co-opting member leaves, the fee for the co-opted member remains unchanged.
21. Early bird reduction is not possible on the reduced membership fee.
22. Former members can re-join EFA by being co-opted and approved upon decision of the EFA Board, or by bringing in a second festival at the same time. The so co-opted festival needs in any case to be approved by the General Assembly. For the former member the reduction of the membership fee follows the same rule as above.
23. Bi-annual festivals are not entitled to any additional reduction in the year they pay half of the fee as foreseen today.

These directives have been adopted by the General Assembly on 25 November 2020. They enter into force with immediate effect and replace any previous regulations.