

INFO SHEET ON AGE MEMBERSHIP 2024

Thank you very much for your interest in AGE Platform Europe (AGE).

About AGE Platform Europe

AGE's annual reports are available online.

AGE's website (<u>www.age-platform.eu</u>) is in English, but if necessary, you can use the automated translation function by choosing the language of your choice from the drop-down menu accessible in the small blue rectangle at the top right of the screen.

WHO can become a member?

According to AGE's statutes, AGE Members must:

- Be made up of, directly represent, or work on behalf of older people
- Be legally constituted according to the laws and usages of the country in which they are established as a not-for-profit and non-governmental organisation
- Be located in the countries of the European Union (Full Members only)
- Adhere to AGE's statutes

WHAT type of membership exist?

There are different ways to become involved in AGE activities.

 Full membership – yearly fee of 0,32% of your total income (turnover) – with minimum 464,88 euros or maximum 3689,92 euros (membership fees for 2024) / open to organisations legally constituted as a not-for-profit nongovernmental association in one Member State of the European Union or EFTA country. See article 4 of the Statutes.

As a full member you can participate in all AGE's activities and be refunded for most of your participating costs, provided that we have the budget for it. You are informed of policies activities and can take part in them by sending comments, sharing experience and best practices. In particular, you can nominate representatives to join one or several Task Forces (see https://www.age-platform.eu/areas-of-work).

In addition, you are entitled to a full vote at the General Assembly and may nominate your organisation to be a representative of your Member State on AGE Council of Administration.

2. Accession Countries and Former EU Member State members – 464,88 euros / year – open to organisations from countries that are applicants for membership of the EU

Accession members / Former EU MS have the right to participate in all meetings and working groups of AGE. The Council of Administration, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Secretariat, will decide whether to cover expenses for Accession Members in connection with participation in the meetings and working groups of AGE.

Accession Members / Former EU MS are entitled to send one observer (with no voting right) to the General Assembly (one delegate per member) and Council meetings (one representative per accession country; elected by the members of the country following the procedure described in the Internal Rules for the election of national members of the Council.

3. **Observer membership** – 464,88 euros / year – open to organisations that do not meet the conditions of the "Full Member" category

This entitles you to participate in AGE's activities and to comment on text proposals similar to Full Members. However, Observer Members do not receive reimbursement for participation in AGE meetings, do not exert a voting right at the General Assembly, and are not eligible to be a representative of their Member State at the Council of Administration.

HOW to become a member?

An accreditation committee is in charge of examining the new applications to AGE. The Committee makes recommendations to the Council which votes on the new applications. All applications accepted by the Council must be ratified by the following General Assembly which meets once a year.

To complete the application process, you need to send:

- A completed application form: <u>English version</u> / <u>French version</u>
- A copy of your organisation's constitution or statutes,



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• A copy of the latest approval accounts of your organization,

Any additional information on your organization will be welcome. Feel free to include a recommendation letter, a newsletter, a leaflet, an activity report, etc. to your application in order to give more details on your activities.

Only complete application files are examined by the Accreditation Committee. Incomplete applications may delay the processing of your application.

Please send your application or questions to:

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We look forward to hearing from you soon!

