

WHO CAN BECOME A LIFELONG LEARNING PLATFORM MEMBER?

According to our Constitution Members are European networks or federations active in the conception and elaboration of policies in the field of lifelong learning. They must meet the following criteria:

Full and Associate members:

- a) Networks or federations composed of organisations (and not physical persons) from several European countries;
- b) Networks or federations which operate non-profit making activities;
- c) Networks or federations which engage in the promotion of the general interest and contribute to the educational process as well as to socio-economic cohesion. They shall play a major role in putting forward the needs of the population, in taking these needs into account and in insuring the respect of their rights;
- d) Networks or federations that have a proper legal personality.

Full members only:

Full members are organisations that also meet the following criteria:

- a) Be structured on democratic governance principles (democratic method of election, applying regular accountability measures, holding regular general assemblies, etc.)
- b) Be non-governmental organisations;
- c) Have members in at least 8 European countries.

Full members can present candidates to the steering committee elections and have the right to vote at the General Assembly. In practice full and associate members have the same access to services and activities. However full members get a better reimbursement rate for their travel costs. Please refer to the Statutes to learn about the rights and obligations of full and associated members.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee, to be paid within the first half of the financial year, is proposed by the Steering Committee and adopted by the General Assembly at its annual meeting.

Membership fees adopted during LLLPlatform General Assembly of 27 January 2015:

3 categories of members based on their turnover excluding projects' income:

- Category 1: annual income below 50 000 EUR
- Category 2: annual income between 50 000 and 150 00 EUR
- Category 3: annual income above 150 000 EUR

Applicable fees for full members:

- Category 1: 800 EUR
- Category 2: 1 500 EUR
- Category 3: 2 500 EUR

Applicable fees for associate members:

- Category 1: 400 EUR
- Category 2: 750 EUR

- Category 3: 1 250 EUR

This proposal will apply for the next three years; it will be reviewed at the General Assembly of 2018.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

According to our internal rules, the application for admission as a member shall be addressed to the Steering Committee by any means of communication set forth in the Internal Rules. The applicant must specify in its application whether it wants to become a full or an associate member and shall confirm its acceptance of the Statutes and the Internal Rules of the Platform.

Full members are European organisations or networks that represent civil society. They must demonstrate their compliance with all the relevant membership criteria. Associate members are organisations that do not correspond to all but most of the membership criteria.

The application must be accompanied by the following documents and data:

- the membership application form;
- the last 2 annual activity and financial reports;
- the updated statutes of the applicant;
- a list of the members of the applicant.

The Steering Committee is entitled to ask the applicant any additional information it estimates necessary in order to issue its advice to the General Assembly.

If the Steering Committee approves the application, the applicant becomes a **Candidate Member**. The applicant will be notified by email. Candidate members have the right to participate in all meetings and working groups of the platform as observers. The General Assembly will adjudicate this application.

If the Steering Committee rejects an application on the ground that the applicant does not satisfy the membership criteria, it shall communicate to the applicant its reasons within a period of three months. The applicant will not have the statute of Candidate Member. The General Assembly will be notified about this decision. The General Assembly will adjudicate this decision.