



Membership Criteria

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FULL MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

NGOs shall qualify for full membership of EuroNGOs if:

1. The NGO has signed the Members' Charter, confirming that it agrees with the vision, values, mission and goals of EuroNGOs and that it will perform as a EuroNGOs member in the agreed ways;

And if it is determined by the Steering Committee that:

2. The organisation is genuinely based in one of the countries of Europe, as defined by the Council of Europe (see list of member states here) demonstrated by at least some of the following:

- The organisation's registered office and principal base has been in one of these countries for at least two years;
- The organisation's staff are, in the majority, European residents;
- The organisation's board of trustees/directors/volunteers is made up of at least two-thirds European residents;
- The organisation can demonstrate that it is an autonomous European NGO entirely directed and managed within Europe.

3. The organisation is legally registered;

4. The organisation is defined as a non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation according to the appropriate national authorities and:

- The organisation's attendance at EuroNGOs meetings is not motivated, or likely to be motivated, by private commercial considerations;
- The organisation's policy making bodies are not composed of or controlled by persons or organisations involved commercially in the sale, supply or manufacture of contraceptive goods;

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Associate membership is open to Parliamentary groups and networks of civil society organisations if:

1. They have signed the Members' Charter, confirming that they agree with the vision, values, mission and goals of EuroNGOs and that they will perform as a EuroNGOs member in the agreed ways;

2. The organisation is genuinely based in one of the countries of Europe, as defined by the Council of Europe (see list of member states here) demonstrated by at least some of the following:

- The organisation's registered office and principal base has been in one of these countries for at least two years;



- The organisation's staff are, in the majority, European residents;
- The organisation's board of trustees/directors/volunteers is made up of at least two-thirds European residents;
- The organisation can demonstrate that it is an autonomous European NGO entirely directed and managed within Europe.

3. The civil society network is legally registered as an organisation; and it is defined as a non-governmental, not-for-profit organisation according to the appropriate national authorities;

4. The Parliamentary groups have an independent identity and decision-making capacity and are not dependent upon any other organization.

NOTE: NGOs networks may apply for either Full or Associate membership. In deciding on whether they become Full or Associate members, the Steering Committee will be guided by the implications for ease of decision-making in EuroNGOs, particularly in determining advocacy policy positions.

OBSERVER STATUS

Observers to the EuroNGOs are:

1. The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN), Belgium*
2. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Brussels Office**

Observers are invited to attend Steering Committee meetings and AGMs and participate in EuroNGOs activities.

* The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) has a special status with EuroNGOs. IPPF EN hosts the EuroNGOs Secretariat and is acting as its fiscal agent. The special status entails regular consultation between the IPPF EN management and the EuroNGOs Steering Committee for issues related to (a) reporting to the donors; (b) decisions in regard to staff employment and conditions of employment; (c) housing and Secretariat support. For these services a fair and just financial contribution will be decided by both parties on a regular basis. IPPF EN is also home to the Countdown2015Europe consortium and has its own IPPF EN advocacy team. The advocacy team of IPPF EN, the Countdown2015Europe Secretariat and the EuroNGOs Secretariat shall work closely together in order to strengthen each other's work.

** The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is the UN agency working on SRHR, gender equality and population and development strategies – and for this reason it has observer status to the EuroNGOs.