INFO SHEET ON AGE MEMBERSHIP 2021

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

What is AGE Platform Europe
AGE's statutes and annual reports are available online.
AGE's website 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:

Membership of AGE
According to AGE’s statutes, all Full Members must:

- Be made up of, directly represent and/or work on behalf of older and/or retired people in the countries of the European Union
- Adhere to AGE’s statutes
- Be not-for-profit
- Be legally constituted according to the laws and usages of the country in which they are established

There are different ways to become involved in AGE activities.

1. Full membership – 0,29% of total income – with minimum 425 euros or maximum 3.379 euros (membership fees for 2020)

As a full member you can participate in all AGE’s activities and be refunded for most of your participating costs provided 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 are able to nominate experts to take part in one or several of our seven Task Forces and two Policy Coordination Groups (for more information, please see: http://www.age-platform.eu/age-policy-areas).
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.

**Other membership categories**

2. **Accession membership** – 425 euros / year – open to organisations from countries that are applicants for membership of the EU

Accession members have the right to participate in all meetings and working groups of the Association. The Council, in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Secretariat, will decide whether or not to offer to pay expenses to Accession Members in connection with participation in the meetings and working groups of the Association.

Accession Members 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** – 425 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 as 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 on the Council.

4. **Associate Member** – 220.5 euros / year – open to small grassroots organisations interested in joining our movement to support age-friendly environments

Associate members have the right to nominate experts to participate in all working groups of the Association. However, associate members have no voting right in the General Assembly, do not receive reimbursement for participation in AGE meetings, and are not eligible to be a representative of their Member State on the Council.
**The procedure 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 decides on the application. The application is then ratified by the following General Assembly which meets once a year.

To complete the application process, you need to send the following documents to the Secretariat of AGE:

- The application form which you can download from the website,
- A copy of your organisation's constitution / statutes,
- A copy of the latest approval accounts of your organization,
- Any document you feel would be useful for us to understand your activities (newsletter, annual report, info leaflet...).

Only complete application files are examined by the Accreditation Committee.

Please send all this information to:

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*We look forward to hearing from you soon!*