

ESTIF Working rules

Membership categories

According to the Art. 12 of the statutes, the General assembly must define the exact criteria to distinguish the sizes of the categories of member A (Associations) and B (Manufacturers), as well as the membership fees they have to pay.

The size of an association is determined by the area of glazed collectors sold by its members in the previous calendar year:

Size of association	Voting rights	m ² of glazed collectors sold by its members in the previous calendar year	Yearly membership fee (Euros)
Basic	1	< 12.500	800
Small	2	12.500 – 24.999	1 300
Standard	3	25.000 – 49.999	1 950
Medium	4	50.000 – 249.999	2 550
Large	5	250.000 – 500.000	3 900
Big	6	> 500.000	6 500

The size of a manufacturer is determined by the solar thermal turnover of the company in the previous calendar year (in thousand Euros):

Size of manufacturer	Voting rights	Solar thermal turnover by the company in the previous calendar year (in thousand Euros)	Yearly membership fee (Euros)
Standard	1	< 4.000	2 150
Medium	2	4.000 – 12.000	4 300
Large	3	> 12.000	6 500

Service providers will pay a flat fee of 2 150 Euros / year.

Supporting members will pay a flat fee of 800 Euros / year.

Members of the Advisory Council will pay a fee of 7.000 Euros / year, on top of their regular membership fee.

Each member declares its size at the moment of application. Every year, on request of the Secretariat, each member will update its size based on the best possible evaluation of market development. In case of no answer, the Board may decide to upgrade that member to one size higher.

Deadline for termination of membership is 30 September each year.

Procedure for paying Membership Fees

The Secretariat will send invoices for membership fees at the beginning of each calendar year. For new members, the invoices are sent after applications. Membership in ESTIF is strictly based on the calendar year.

Membership fee invoices are payable within one month of receipt. After this term, an organisation that has not paid the invoice will not be considered as member until the payment is received. During this time all benefits may be suspended