
To All members

Membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are due to be reviewed and recalibrated this year. However, due to the unprecedented and still largely unknown impact of Covid-19 on society, the economy and the way we conduct our activities, we believe that we cannot ask to increase your subscriptions in 2021. Under such exceptional circumstances, we propose that membership subscriptions should be retained at their current level for 2021, and that the review and recalibration of membership subscriptions is deferred until next year.

This enclosed short note provides you with some background information on this proposal and the options discussed by the Management Board earlier this year. **Annex 1 provides the proposed subscriptions for 2021** – based on the current membership subscriptions per member.

Resolution to be voted on

Members will be asked to vote on this proposal during October. The following is the proposed resolution to be adopted, and on which the vote will be conducted:

The General Assembly approves the subscriptions for 2021 set out in the attached table (Annexe 1) and agrees that a review and recalibration of future membership subscriptions is deferred until next year.

1. Background

Article 8 - Membership Subscriptions Fees and Resources of the Association

The Association's funds shall be comprised for each financial year, coinciding with the calendar year, of:

a- Member's yearly subscription, which is comprised of a fixed portion and a variable portion. The total variable amount for each country shall be based on the GDP of that country, reviewed and recalibrated every 5 years. Between the 5 yearly review and recalibration against GDP, interim changes in subscription fees (increase or decrease) may be based upon other criteria, in particular the published average inflation rate for the EU countries, or as the Treasurer of the association may consider appropriate. If there is more than one Full Member of a country it is the responsibility of those national organizations to jointly determine the division of the variable portion. If not otherwise agreed, the variable portion will be levied equally between them. The fixed and the variable portions of the member's subscriptions fees are to be fixed each year by the Management Board and approved by the General Assembly.

Management Board sets a total figure for subscription income, and then proposes the fixed portion (currently set at €6,500 per member) and the balance is proportioned using the GDP of each country from the latest available World Bank figures. Subscriptions were last recalibrated in 2015 for the period 2016-2020. In line with the Articles of Association, membership subscriptions must be reviewed and recalibrated for the period 2021 – 2025, for approval at the 2020 General Assembly.

2. EuroGeographics Budget

Management Board have agreed the principal that membership subscriptions should cover the Association's activities run on behalf of its members. The cost of creating pan-European datasets should be covered by income generated by sales and contractual income.

During the last five-year period membership revenue has declined due to a number of non-paying members, one member entering into abeyance and two leaving. This has resulted in a reduction of subscription income from the expected €950,000 per year to €900,407 (a decline of 5.2%). Despite attempts to encourage members to pay their subscriptions on time a number continue to experience budget and other difficulties and this trend is expected to continue. In addition, during the last five-year period continued inflationary pressure, including statutory increases to labour costs, have not been matched by increased income. Furthermore, in 2018 income from the Eurostat contract reduced substantially, removing the cross-subsidisation of membership activity from sales.

In order to sustain membership activity at current levels an increase of membership subscription income is required to cover future expected operating deficits.

After carefully considering a number of options the Management Board had asked Head Office to model an increase in subscriptions required over the period 2021-2025 totalling €1.1 million, based on the 2019 World Bank GDP figures, increasing the fixed part of the subscription payable from €6,500 to €7,100 per year. However, following a further careful review of potential budget savings, and factoring changed operating procedures, this

requirement was reduced to €1.0 million, (an increase of 5.2%) which will allow EuroGeographics to:

- Sustain the fixed portion at €6,500, and allows for recalibration of the variable portion according to 2019 World Bank GDP figures;
- Sustain membership activity, including representation, events and knowledge exchange,
- Give certainty to members' budgets for the next five-year period;
- Keep the contribution by the biggest members at the same ratio to the total amount raised (The top 5 payers contribute 40.4% of total revenue, the top 7 contribute 50%);
- Maintain stable payment throughout the period – membership will know what to budget for throughout the period.

These factors were all considered prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Impact of the Coronavirus

The COVID19 global pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the whole of society and the longer-term impacts of the Coronavirus still need to be fully understood. For EuroGeographics the immediate effect has been a decrease in operational costs due to reduced travel and decisions made about events including the General Assembly. In the longer-term it is likely that less travel will take place and there will be more online meetings. EuroGeographics is also aware that the pandemic has, and will, affect our members. The unprecedented economic impact will be felt in many ways, including significant changes to GDP figures and affecting National budgets for public services. These will in turn affect our members' ability to travel and contribute to international activity. Under such exceptional circumstances, Management Board consider it undesirable to ask members to increase subscriptions next year.

4. Membership Subscription for 2021

Therefore, EuroGeographics Management Board propose that membership subscriptions should be retained at their current level for 2021, and a review and recalibration of membership subscriptions undertaken in 2021, for application from 2022 onwards.

Annex 1 provides **the proposed subscriptions for 2021** – based on the current membership subscriptions per member.

EuroGeographics Management Board
04 September 2020

Annex 1: 2021 Membership Subscriptions

	Country Name	Organization name	Fixed part	Variable part	Total subscription for 2021
1	Albania	State Authority for Geospatial Information	6.500	166	6.666
2	Albania	Central Office of Immovable Property Registration	6.500	166	6.666
3	Armenia	State Committee of the Real Property Cadastre	6.500	277	6.777
4	Austria	Bundesamt für Eich und Vermessungswesen	6.500	10.572	17.072
5	Azerbaijan	State Committee of Land and Cartography of the Republic of Azerbaijan	6.500	1.827	8.327
6	Belarus	State Land Property Committee on the Republic of Belarus	6.500	1.827	8.327
7	Belgium	Institut Géographique National - Belgique; Nationaal Geografisch Instituut - België	6.500	6.476	12.976
8	Belgium	Administration du Cadastre, de L'Enregistrement et des Domaines (ACED)	6.500	6.476	12.976
9	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Uprava ZA Geodetske Innovinsko Pravne Poslove	6.500	221	6.721
10	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Republic Authority for Geodetic and Property Affairs of Republic of Srpska	6.500	221	6.721
11	Croatia	Državna Geodetska Uprava	6.500	1.384	7.884
12	Cyprus	Department of Lands and Surveys, Cartography Branch	6.500	554	7.054
13	Czech Republic	Ceský úřad zeměměřický a katastrální	6.500	4.982	11.482
14	Denmark	SDFE	6.500	4.151	10.651
15	Denmark	Geodatastyrelsen	6.500	4.151	10.651
16	Estonia	Maa-amet	6.500	609	7.109
17	Finland	Maanmittauslaitos	6.500	6.587	13.087
18	France	National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information	6.500	68.634	75.134
19	Georgia	National Agency of Public Registry	6.500	387	6.887
20	Germany	Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie	6.500	93.486	99.986
21	Germany	Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Vermessungsverwaltungen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland	6.500	0	6.500
22	Greece	Hellenic Military Geographical Service	6.500	2.878	9.378
23	Greece	National Cadastre and Mapping Agency S.A	6.500	2.878	9.378
24	Hungary	Budapest Főváros Kormányhivatala	6.500	1.661	8.161
25	Iceland	Fasteignamat Ríkisins	6.500	221	6.721
26	Iceland	Landmælingar Íslands (National Land Survey)	6.500	221	6.721
27	Ireland	Ordnance Survey Ireland	6.500	5.978	12.478
28	Italy	Istituto Geografico Militare Italiano	6.500	52.029	58.529
29	Italy	Agenzia del Territorio	6.500	0	6.500
30	Kosovo	Kosovo Cadastral Agency	6.500	166	6.666
31	Latvia	Latvijas Republikas Valsts zemes dienests	6.500	387	6.887
32	Latvia	Latvijas Ģeotelpiskās Informācijas Agentūra	6.500	387	6.887
33	Lithuania	Valstybės Imone Registrų Centras	6.500	609	7.109

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34	Lithuania	Nacionaline zemes tarnyba prie Zemes ukio ministerijos	6.500	609	7.109
35	Luxembourg	Administration du Cadastre et de la Topographie	6.500	1.439	7.939
36	Malta	Malta Environment & Planning Authority	6.500	111	6.611
37	Malta	Malta Land Registry	6.500	111	6.611
38	Moldova	Agentia de Stat Relatii Funciare si Cadastru a Republicii Moldova	6.500	166	6.666
39	Montenegro	Uprave za Nekretnine	6.500	111	6.611
40	Netherlands	Kadaster	6.500	21.088	27.588
41	North Macedonia	Agency of Real Estate Cadastre	6.500	277	6.777
42	Northern Ireland	Land and Property Services	6.500	1.882	8.382
43	Norway	Statens kartverk	6.500	12.122	18.622
44	Poland	Główny Urząd Geodezji i Kartografii	6.500	13.284	19.784
45	Portugal	Direcção-Geral do Território	6.500	5.590	12.090
46	Romania	Agentia Nationala de Cadastre si Publicitate Imobiliara	6.500	4.815	11.315
47	Russian Federation	Rosreestr	6.500	45.110	51.610
48	Serbia	Republicki Geodetski Zavod	6.500	1.052	7.552
49	Slovak Republic	Urad geodezie, kartografie a katastra Slovenskej republiky	6.500	2.435	8.935
50	Slovenia	Geodetska uprava Republike Slovenije	6.500	1.218	7.718
51	Spain	Instituto Geográfico Nacional	6.500	17.048	23.548
52	Spain	Geographic High Council Territorial Commision GHC/TC-Spain	6.500	0	6.500
53	Spain	Direccion General del Catastro	6.500	17.048	23.548
54	Sweden	Lantmateriet	6.500	13.838	20.338
55	Switzerland	Swisstopo	6.500	16.605	23.105
56	Turkey	Milli Savunma Bakanligi, Harita Genel Komutanligi	6.500	9.686	16.186
57	Ukraine	the State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre	6.500	3.210	9.710
58	United Kingdom	Ordnance Survey	6.500	23.801	30.301
59	United Kingdom	Her Majesty's Land Registry	6.500	23.801	30.301
60	United Kingdom	Registers of Scotland	6.500	23.801	30.301
	Total		390.000	540.827	930.827