Blockchain Bundesverband e.V.
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Membership fee regulations

Member type	Characteristics	Annual fee
A. Regular Members	Full members develop or market products or solutions that are built on blockchain technology or related to crypto assets as their core business - this includes Blockchain Ecosystem Foundations. As a full member, you have voting rights in the association and can help shape our direction.	The annual fee is determined by self-assessment into one of the size categories (1) to (6) with fees starting at EUR 500.
B. Supporting Members	The core activity of supporting members does not primarily relate to services that are bulit on a blockchain or are related to crypto assets. However, supporting members may provide consulting and other services related to blockchain or crypto assets, or may otherwise be interested in promoting blockchain technology.	The annual fee is determined by self-assessment into one of the size categories (2) to (6) with fees starting at EUR 1,700.
C. Non-profit or Academic Members	Non-profit or academic members are companies or organizations that are not commercially active in the field of research, education, or other promotion of blockchain technology or crypto assets. These include, for example, media partners, universities, NGOs, and other associations that are not primarily active in the blockchain as representatives of a single blockchain ecosystem.	There is no annual fee, but a voluntary annual contribution is possible.

D. Non-standard Members	Non-standard members are members for whom an exception to the standard membership fee applies. There must be a valid reason for this, and the exception to the standard membership fee must serve to further the association's statutory goals. A valid reason within the meaning of this provision exists, in particular, when (1) the membership is of particular strategic or representative importance for the fulfillment of the association's statutory purpose, or (2) it would otherwise not be possible to acquire or retain the membership, and the association has a significant interest in this membership with regard to the achievement of its statutory objectives.	In individual cases, the Executive Board may agree with a member or an applicant on an annual membership fee that differs from the standard fee—whether higher or lower. Such a decision requires a resolution by the Executive Board passed by a qualified two-thirds majority. The decision must be supported by a written justification and documented in the Executive Board's records. The special provision must not violate the principle of selflessness set forth in § 55 of the German Fiscal Code (AO) and must not result in any hidden preferential treatment of individual members.

Fee Structure

Membership type	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5 / Category 6	Non-profit / academic
Employees (full-time)	1-5 FTE	> 5 & < 20 FTE	> 20 & < 50 FTE	> 50		
Date since incorporation	< 1 year					
Annual revenue or accumulated investments			> EUR 5 million	> EUR 10 million		
Membership Fee	*EUR 500.--*	*EUR 1,700--*	*EUR 4,000--*	*EUR 7,500--*	*to be agreed upon individually*	*no fee*

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Breakdown of categories

Category 1	Small members are typically in their first 12 months after founding and have no more than 5 employees.	EUR 500,--
Category 2	Medium-sized members have more than 5 but no more than 20 employees (FTE).	EUR 1.700,--
Category 3	Large members typically have more than 20 but fewer than 50 employees (FTE) and/or generate sales of or have capital investments of more than EUR 5 million.	EUR 4.000,--
Category 4	Very large members typically have more than 50 employees and/or a turnover or capital investment of more than EUR 10 million.	EUR 7.500,--
Category 5	Very large companies or members with a special interest in joint cooperation whose statutes are in line with the objectives of Bundesblock.	By individual agreement from category 4 upwards
Category 6	Blockchain protocols / network layer, regardless of legal form	By individual agreement, starting at EUR 2.000,--

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