

Proposal for a membership fee increase

Financial sustainability continues to be a major challenge for our organization, especially in a context of increasing duties for the International Secretariat and of galloping inflation, a new phenomenon after several decades of price stability.

The themes and activities covered by ICOMOS and its International Secretariat have indeed significantly expanded in the past years including, for instance, the management of our social networks or the regular support provided to online meetings or webinars, which have become essential with the development of new technologies and the need to be present, or else disappear, on the digital scene.

ICOMOS now also has to bear new costs for functions that had for many years been generously provided by volunteers – such as the maintenance and hosting of some Committee websites– but that now, due to their expansion, had to be transferred to a regular IT provider, at a cost that will be recurrent.

Therefore, noting that the last decision to increase membership fees was made 8 years ago in 2014, it seems imperative now to decide on the next raise that would come into effect in 2024. ICOMOS currently has three categories of Individual membership fees and one category of Institutional membership fees.

Mindful of the need to strengthen ICOMOS's financial sustainability, ICOMOS suggests a proportional increase of the Individual and Institutional membership fees as follows:

	Current membership fee	Proposed membership fee
Countries of Category 1 (low and middle income)	25 euros	27 euros
Countries of Category 2 (upper middle income)	35 euros	40 euros
Countries of Category 3 (high income)	45 euros	53 euros
Institutional membership	240 euros	350 euros

This raise in fees aims to strengthen ICOMOS financially in order to both make up for the increase in running costs that has occurred since 2016 (14.8% to date) and to cope with the increases that can be anticipated in the coming years. For your information, the inflation forecast in the Euro zone for the year 2022 alone is 6.8%.