



UARctic Assembly Meeting / Quebec City, Canada / May 2023

Agenda item: 7.4

Proposal – Approval of UARctic Membership fees 2024

Proposal: The Executive Committee (Toyon) proposes that the Assembly make the following decisions:

- a) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 750 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of less than EUR 10 million.*
- b) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 1500 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of greater than EUR 10 million, but less than EUR 100 million.*
- c) *Assembly approves the membership fee of EUR 4000 for Arctic and Non-Arctic members with an annual operating budget of greater than EUR 100 million.*

References: [UARctic Constitution](#) / Article 3 – Members
/ Article 10 – Annual Assembly
[UARctic Bylaws](#) / Section 3 – The Assembly of UARctic

Background & Rationale:

As indicated in the Constitution and UARctic Bylaws, the Assembly of UARctic decides about the membership fee separately for the Arctic and the Non-Arctic members.

At the moment, UARctic membership fee is defined separately for three groups of members, based on their Annual Operating Budget (AOB). It has been on the same level since 2014. The current membership fee levels are as follows:

- EUR 500 for members with AOB less than EUR 10 million
- EUR 1000 for members with AOB more than EUR 10 million, but less than EUR 100 million
- EUR 3000 for members with AOB more than EUR 100 million.

In comparison with other similar organizations, UARctic membership fees are modest. UARctic also has quite a tolerant membership policy: a member can apply for a waiver if they have budgetary difficulties on any given year. At the same time, the overall cost level has risen considerably since 2014.

The proposal is to keep the membership fee defined separately for three categories based on the AOB, but raise the fee to respond the general raise of cost levels.