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European Contribution Proposal: 2023-2025

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INTRODUCTION

The Europe Contribution has been in place for many years now and continues to allow the Region to benefit from additional resources to invest in delivering value to its Members. It also continues to be the primary source of income to support joint events and activities, delivered in partnership with WOSM.

Income to the Europe Region from Europe Contribution during the triennium 2020-2022 is forecast to be around EUR 780,204 accounting for around 75 per cent of the Region's total income during this period. Whilst this is a high percentage, this comes as no surprise because of Covid. Discounts have been offered and taken up by a number of our Members however we now need to look to the future. The proposal below allows us this opportunity by keeping the Europe contribution static for 2023 and then adding a 2.5% inflationary increase in 2024 and 2025.

The Europe Region continues to work with WAGGGS on improving the transparency of the financial management and this will continue to have significant focus in the triennium 2023-2025.

As mentioned in the Europe Regional Triennial Report 2020-2022 (Conference Document EGC 3) the committee continues to act on the recommendations from the EVC Task & Finish report that was conducted during the triennium and this work will be continued by the incoming committee.

The strategic steer and budgets in the Triennial Action Plan 2023-2025 (Conference Document EGC 4.c) highlight the continued importance of a Europe Contribution for resourcing the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in Europe.

The funds are held in a bank account in Belgium, controlled by the WAGGGS legal entity in Europe known as the AISBL, and these monies are reported as a restricted fund in WAGGGS' global accounts. They are therefore quite distinct from other income in the Region, such as WAGGGS unrestricted funds (known as the 'WAGGGS allocation') and other restricted funds (e.g. specific grant-funded activities). WAGGGS' financial reporting provides full income and expenditure information about the Europe Contribution, and this is shared in the Triennial Report 2020-2022 (Conference Document EGC 3).



ASSUMPTIONS

Assumptions	Comments
Organisation's wealth band is from the most recent year available.	2022 data is currently available and has been used in the data tables.
Membership Numbers used by WAGGGS Membership Fee 2022-23 are used	The reduction in membership numbers is driving the decrease in Europe Contribution income compared with the past triennium.
2.5% annual inflationary uplift applied in 2024 and 2025	Inflationary uplift was put on hold due to the Covid pandemic; however we are looking to reintroduce it in 2024 & 2025.
There is a minimum Europe Contribution of 100 Euro for Full Members and 50 EUR for Associate Members.	Remains the same as agreed at the 2019 Europe Conference.
There is a cap on the European Contribution, where Member Organisations pay the full membership rate for up to 250,000 members and 50 per cent of the membership rate for all members over this number.	Remains the same as agreed at the 2020 EGM. This currently only applies to one Member Organisation being the United Kingdom.
The maximum contribution is not more than 50 per cent of the total Europe Contribution income.	Remains the same as agreed at the 2019 Europe Conference. There are no Members that this applies to in 2020-2022. The reserves are forecast to be 204,349 EUR by the 31 December 2022.
Reserves of around EUR 80k are maintained to cover extraordinary costs.	The level of reserves as of 31 December 2020 was EUR 212,346.
Repayment of outstanding EC debts continue to be made in 2020-2022.	These sums are not included in the options appraisal, nor the overall figures provided here, but are recorded as an assumption of income in the Triennial Plan 2023-2025 (Conference Document EGC 4.c).



PROPOSAL

The Europe Committee proposes to the Region that the Europe Contribution rate-per-member level is EUR 0.3729 with a 2.5% annual inflationary increase.

This will generate EUR 935,105 across the next triennium which will be sufficient, given the forecast level of reserves and income from other sources, to achieve our Triennial Plan 2023-2025 (Conference Document EGC 4.c).

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That the 'rate-per-member' that is used to calculate individual Member Organisations' Contributions is set at EUR 0.3729	In this case, EC income would be: 2023: EUR 304,037 2024: EUR 311,638 2025: EUR 319,429 2023-2025: EUR 935,105 This is a decrease of EUR 278,241 from the previous triennium

¹ The global Membership Fee 'rate-per-member' for 2022-2023 is Great British Pounds 0.40. The Appendix includes the data tables to support this.

Adherence

Whilst the Europe Contribution remains a voluntary scheme, Members are expected to meet their financial commitments, once approved at Conference. There are no governance-related sanctions to non-payment, as there are with the global Membership Fee. However, the Committee may use the criteria of up-to-date Europe Contribution as a requirement to access grants, hosting events etc.

Any Member that is concerned about making their Europe Contribution should notify the Europe Office at the earliest opportunity. We have been able to agree reasonable repayment plans with a small number of Members, where help has been requested.

APPENDIX

1. Data table

Member Organisation	Status	2018 GNIPC (US\$)	Wealth band	2020-2022	2023 Fee (€)	2024 Fee (€)	2025 Fee (€)	2023-25 Total Fee (€)
ALBANIA	ASSOCIATE		E	60.0%	205.84	210.99	216.26	633.09
ARMENIA	FULL		D	75.0%	286.39	293.55	300.89	880.82
AUSTRIA	FULL		I	0.0%	3,058.90	3,135.37	3,213.76	9,408.03
AZERBAIJAN	FULL		D	75.0%	651.83	668.12	684.83	2,004.78
BELARUS	FULL		E	60.0%	171.16	175.44	179.83	526.43
BELGIUM	FULL		I	0.0%	21,648.71	22,189.93	22,744.68	66,583.31
CYPRUS	FULL		H	15.0%	549.28	563.01	577.09	1,689.38
CZECH REPUBLIC	FULL		H	15.0%	10,542.26	10,805.81	11,075.96	32,424.03
DENMARK	FULL		I	0.0%	6,451.17	6,612.45	6,777.76	19,841.38
ESTONIA	FULL		H	15.0%	261.03	267.56	274.24	802.83
FINLAND	FULL		I	0.0%	11,059.84	11,336.34	11,619.75	34,015.92
FRANCE	FULL		I	0.0%	14,584.86	14,949.49	15,323.22	44,857.57
GEORGIA	FULL		E	60.0%	140.21	143.72	147.31	431.23

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GERMANY	FULL		I	0.0%	7,983.42	7,983.42	8,387.58	24,553.99
GREECE	FULL		H	15.0%	2,326.90	2,385.07	2,444.70	7,156.66
HUNGARY	FULL		G	30.0%	177.87	182.32	186.88	547.07
ICELAND	FULL		I	0.0%	394.90	404.77	414.89	1,214.57
IRELAND	FULL		I	0.0%	2,833.29	2,904.13	2,976.73	8,714.15
ISRAEL	FULL		I	0.0%	4,201.84	4,306.88	4,414.56	12,923.28
ITALY	FULL		H	15.0%	33,330.17	34,163.43	35,017.52	102,511.12
LATVIA	FULL		G	30.0%	325.17	333.30	341.63	1,000.10
LIECHTENSTEIN	FULL		J	-10.0%	117.46	120.40	123.41	361.27
LUXEMBOURG	FULL		J	-10.0%	724.92	743.04	761.62	2,229.57
MALTA	FULL		H	15.0%	415.78	426.18	436.83	1,278.79
MONACO	FULL		J	-10.0%	100.00	102.50	105.06	307.56
MONTENEGRO	FULL		E	60.0%	471.72	483.51	495.60	1,450.83
NETHERLANDS	FULL		I	0.0%	20,751.14	21,269.92	21,801.67	63,822.72
NORWAY	FULL		J	-10.0%	3,932.23	4,030.54	4,131.30	12,094.07
POLAND	FULL		G	30.0%	20,214.91	20,720.28	21,238.29	62,173.48



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PORTUGAL	FULL		H	15.0%	1,041.88	1,067.93	1,094.63	3,204.44
ROMANIA	FULL		F	45.0%	466.50	478.16	490.11	1,434.77
RUSSIA	FULL		F	45.0%	744.68	763.30	782.38	2,290.36
SAN MARINO	FULL		I	0.0%	100.00	102.50	105.06	307.56
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	FULL		H	15.0%	1,318.95	1,351.92	1,385.72	4,056.59
SLOVENIA	FULL		H	15.0%	1,206.33	1,236.49	1,267.40	3,710.22
SPAIN	FULL		H	15.0%	3,974.74	4,074.11	4,175.96	12,224.81
SWEDEN	FULL		I	0.0%	10,644.80	10,910.92	11,183.70	32,739.42
SWITZERLAND	FULL		J	-10.0%	7,210.39	7,390.65	7,575.42	22,176.47
TURKEY	FULL		F	45.0%	5,391.02	5,525.79	5,663.94	16,580.74
UKRAINE	FULL		D	75.0%	100.00	102.50	105.06	307.56
UNITED KINGDOM	FULL		I	0.0%	103,924.99	106,523.11	109,186.19	319,634.30
TOTALS					304,037.49	311,638.43	319,429.39	935,105.30

