

Coimbra Group Membership Fee 2022

Proposal 1/Scenario 1:

The subscription level was set in 2006 according to a formula which reflected a European average inflation rate. According to this formula, the calculations for 2022 should be as follows:

- 1) Membership fee paid in 2021: €10,359
- 2) Based on the definitive [inflation rate](#) in 2020 in the euro area (-0,3%), the final 2020 figure for calculation of the 2022 membership fee is: €10,359 (fee paid in 2020) -0.3% (inflation rate 2020) = €10,327.92
- 3) The 2022 fee estimate: €10,327.92 + 0,9% (estimated [2021 inflation rate](#)) = **€10,420.87** (or €10,421) (actual fee to be paid).

Proposal 2/Scenario 2:

The Administrative and Financial Committee has continuously recommended over the years that the costs of the Office (operating and labour costs) be met, so far as possible, by the subscriptions of member universities. This objective cannot be met in 2022 with the fee calculation mode set in 2006.

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The Administrative and Financial Committee therefore recommends applying a 30% increase to the current fee amount thus establishing the annual fee at **€13,467** as the actual fee to be paid in 2022 (€10,359 + 30%).

Proposal 3/Scenario 3:

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A 30% increase (Proposal 2) does not leave margin to the association to pursue the range of existing strategic initiatives and/or propose new ones so as to improve the added value and services for the members: in this scenario indeed, the total amount of operating & labour costs and strategic initiatives would exceed the total amount of subscription fees as of 2022.

The Administrative and Financial Committee therefore recommends applying a 44,8% increase to the current fee amount thus establishing the annual fee at **€15,000** as the actual fee to be paid in 2022 (€10,359 + 44,8%).