

# Document no. EGC 7

Europe Contribution

Proposals for 2017-2019

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## Introduction

This document proposes the Europe Contribution that each Member Organisation should be requested to make in each year of the 2017-2019 triennium.

The proposed amounts are based on the following assumptions:

- That the 'rate-per-member' that is used to calculate individual Member Organisations' Contributions is reduced by 10%
- That individual contributions are based on the new wealth bands that were introduced at the 2014 WAGGGS World Conference for the global Membership Fee, with the exception that Member Organisations the new band 'J' would not pay an additional 10%

The budgets shared in Document EGC 6 and the strategic steer in Document EGC 5 highlight the continued importance of a Europe Contribution for resourcing the development of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting in Europe.

## Background

Europe Contribution was introduced many years ago, when European Member Organisations expressed the wish to employ more staff to service European MOs and later to set up a WAGGGS Europe Office to obtain additional benefits from WAGGGS in Europe. The Region uses the Europe Contribution to access significant additional funding, mainly from European Institutions. Most European grants require the applicant to co-finance projects and work plans. While fundraising performance is relatively consistent, there is the ongoing need for co-funding and the risk of an competitive application process.

At the 2011 Extraordinary Meeting in Edinburgh, the Europe Committee presented a proposal to revise the Europe Contribution (previously called the "Voluntary Contribution") with the support of the Finance Working Group. Members agreed that Europe Contribution would be calculated using methodology similar to that used to calculate the World Membership Fee in 2013. It was agreed that:

- The same income bands are used to calculate as for World Quota in 2013
- The same percentages of standard fees are used as for World Quota in 2013



- The predicted inflation rate in Belgium is used as the maximum for future proposed increases
- There is a minimum Europe Contribution of 100€ for Full Members and 50€ for Associate Members
- The maximum contribution is not more than 50% of the total Europe Contribution income
- Reserves of at least 85 000 euros would be maintain to cover extraordinary costs

As per the 2011 decisions, the previous triennium budget sought to reduce the Europe Region financial reserves to around 85 000 euros by December 2014. For several reasons, this has not happened, and at December 2015 the reserves stood at 261,458 euros.

While in the past, the Europe Conference decided to increase Europe Contribution according to the Belgian inflation rate (which was usually an increase of 2-3%), the Regional Conference 2013 accepted the proposal of the Europe Committee, to ***maintain Europe Contribution at the same level as it was 2012-2014, without an inflationary increase for 2015-17.*** At the same time, Member Organisations agreed that those who could afford to pay the Europe Contribution with the inflationary increase would, which some Member Organisations did.

Since the last Regional Conference, in 2014, at the World Conference in Hong Kong, Members decided to change and review the Membership Fee (previously “Quota”) system. In particular a revised set of wealth bands were introduced to address the problems of poorer MOs in the former Band ‘E’. A new ‘premium’ was also added for Member Organisations in very wealthy countries. The new bands and the associated discounts are shown below:

Band	GNI-PC upper threshold US\$	Discount
A	460	Not applicable: standard charge only
B	700	92.5 per cent
C	1,035	85.0 per cent
D	4,085	75.0 per cent
E	7,000	60.0 per cent
F	12,615	45.0 per cent
G	15,000	30.0 per cent
H	35,000	15.0 per cent
I	60,000	None
J	N/A	Minus 10 per cent



The Europe Committee proposes that the new band be applied to the calculation of Member Organisations' Europe Contributions with the exception that those in band J are not subject to the 10% 'surcharge'. In all other respects the method of calculation should remain as agreed at the 2011 Extraordinary Meeting.

It is expected that implementing the new World Membership Fee bands will help those European Member Organisations that are facing financial challenges due to problems in their national economies.

Reference to the budget paper will demonstrate that the Europe Committee believes that it is possible for the Region to operate with a reduced level of Europe Contribution income than was budgeted for 2014. Accordingly, it is proposed that the 'rate-per-member' that is used to calculate individual Member Organisations' contributions is reduced by 10%; from 0.3904 euros per member to 0.3514 euros per member.

The table on the next page shows the amounts of Europe Contribution proposed for each Member Organisation per year, with effect from 2017.

It includes information on the new wealth band for each Member Organisation, and shows the Gross National Income Per Capita (GNIPC) figures that these are based upon. The GNIPC figures are from the World Bank; they were last published in 2014.



## Proposed 2017-2019 Europe Contributions

		Contribution per girl/member:				0.3904						0.3514	
Member Organisation	2014-2016					2017-2019							
	Membership	Status	Wealth Band	% of contribution required	Contribution expected	Membership	Status	GNIPC (2014)	Wealth band	% of contribution required	Contribution expected		
ARMENIA	1,065	Associate	D	25%	148	1,103	Full	4,020	D	25%	100		
AUSTRIA	9,983	Full	F	100%	3,930	9,976	Full	49,670	I	100%	3,505		
BELARUS	1,224	Full	E	85%	473	1,095	Full	7,340	F	55%	212		
BELGIUM	56,879	Full	F	100%	23,125	56,879	Full	47,260	I	100%	19,985		
CYPRUS	1,754	Full	F	100%	682	1,754	Full	26,370	H	85%	524		
CZECH REPUBLIC	19,143	Full	F	100%	7,705	21,961	Full	18,370	H	85%	6,559		
DENMARK	17,403	Full	F	100%	6,862	21,933	Full	61,310	J	100%	7,706		
ESTONIA	639	Full	F	100%	229	698	Full	19,030	H	85%	208		
FINLAND	23,450	Full	F	100%	10,538	28,623	Full	48,420	I	100%	10,057		
FRANCE	41,335	Full	F	100%	15,602	39,097	Full	42,960	I	100%	13,737		
GEORGIA	192	Associate	D	25%	50	192	Associate	3,720	D	25%	50		
GERMANY	51,749	Full	F	100%	19,911	51,749	Full	47,640	I	100%	18,183		
GREECE	6,589	Full	F	100%	2,367	6,589	Full	22,680	H	85%	1,968		
HUNGARY	654	Full	F	100%	267	654	Full	13,340	G	70%	161		
ICELAND	2,048	Full	F	100%	752	2,861	Full	46,350	I	100%	1,005		
IRELAND	15,935	Full	F	100%	6,027	16,844	Full	46,550	I	100%	5,918		
ISRAEL	11,268	Full	F	100%	4,399	11,268	Full	35,320	I	100%	3,959		
ITALY	86,114	Full	F	100%	33,204	86,114	Full	34,270	H	85%	25,718		
LATVIA	371	Full	F	100%	139	371	Full	15,280	H	85%	111		
LIECHTENSTEIN	331	Full	F	100%	134	349	Full	..	I	100%	123		
LITHUANIA	652	Full	F	100%	387	652	Full	15,430	H	85%	195		
LUXEMBOURG	1,649	Full	F	100%	681	2,307	Full	75,990	J	100%	811		



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MALTA	1,130	Full	F	100%	445	1,165	Full	21,000	H	85%	348	
MONACO	22	Full	F	100%	100	22	Full	..	J	100%	100	
NETHERLANDS	53,796	Full	F	100%	15,673	53,796	Full	51,890	I	100%	18,902	
NORWAY	11,792	Full	F	100%	5,063	11,792	Full	103,630	J	100%	4,143	
POLAND	49,304	Full	F	100%	18,510	54,210	Full	13,690	G	70%	13,333	
PORTUGAL	3,038	Full	F	100%	1,175	3,040	Full	21,360	H	85%	908	
ROMANIA	1,195	Full	E	85%	238	1,251	Full	9,520	F	55%	242	
RUSSIA	1,997	Full	E	85%	663	1,997	Full	13,220	G	70%	491	
SAN MARINO	98	Full	F	100%	100	131	Full		J	100%	100	
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	2,621	Full	F	100%	1,044	2,621	Full	17,750	H	85%	783	
SLOVENIA	4,373	Full	F	100%	1,653	4,373	Full	23,580	H	85%	1,306	
SPAIN	6,785	Full	F	100%	2,509	6,785	Full	29,440	H	85%	2,026	
SWEDEN	28,546	Full	F	100%	15,290	28,546	Full	61,610	I	100%	10,030	
SWITZERLAND	19,179	Full	F	100%	7,550	19,336	Full	88,120	J	100%	6,794	
TURKEY	14,457	Full	E	85%	4,797	14,457	Full	10,830	F	55%	2,794	
UKRAINE	287	Associate	D	25%	50	270	Associate	3,560	D	25%	50	
UNITED KINGDOM	554,939	Full	F	100%	180,791	569,758	Full	43,430	I	100%	183,144	
					<b>393,263</b>						<b>366,288</b>	