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## Membership Policy of EUREC Agency E.E.I.G.

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### Background

EUREC stands for “European Renewable Energy research Centres”. EUREC Agency is an independent association officially registered in Brussels as a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG). The association brings together over 40 research centres from all over Europe, renowned for their expertise in the field of renewable energy.

To ensure that EUREC grows in a controlled way towards a representative association of high quality research centres, a series of criteria for new members has been defined.

### Criteria for membership

**The research group should be proposed by 2 independent EUREC members representing two different European countries,**

1. **only single research entities** can be accepted, **not** complete universities,
2. the research facilities should be **visited by a EUREC delegation,**
3. the research group should have **at least 10 full-time equivalent research staff active in the field of renewable research,**
4. the research group should demonstrate its stability, such as by having **existed in the same form for at least 5 years,** or by having a substantial research capacity and output as supported by proposing members and endorsed by the College of Members

### Obligations for EUREC Agency members

- Members are bound by the **Articles of Association and the By-laws** of EUREC Agency EEIG
- Members pay a yearly **membership fee**. This fee is decided by the College of Members. It depends upon the size of the Institute (number of full time equivalent scientists working in the field of renewable energy) and is currently fixed at:

<u>Fee (Euro)</u>	<u>Nr. of FT Scientists on Renewables</u>
2500	less than 20
5000	between 20 and 50
7500	more than 50

This fee, together with project income (EC projects) and a limited commercial income is necessary to finance the activities of EUREC Agency.