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# Membership in ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

The mission of ICLEI is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions. ICLEI serves this movement through:

- the establishment of an active and committed municipal membership;
- the mobilisation and support of national associations of local authorities to promote environmentally sustainable development;
- the initiation of projects and campaigns among groups of local authorities in order to research, develop, and implement new solutions to environmental problems and development needs;
- the provision of information and training on sustainable development and environmental protection policies, programmes, and approaches being implemented at the local level by local institutions;
- steadfast advocacy for local authorities before national governments, international fora, agencies, and organisations to increase their understanding and support of local environmental protection and sustainable development activities.

Since ICLEI's foundation at the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 1990, more than 1,000 municipalities and municipal associations have joined ICLEI as members. ICLEI has established offices and project activities on every continent. Most importantly, ICLEI has cultivated a network of dedicated municipal leaders and professional staff who are witnessing the local impacts of their work and who are committed to achieving tangible results which contribute to global issues.

Since its establishment in October 1991, ICLEI's European Secretariat in Freiburg, Germany, jointly with its members in the region, had developed an extraordinary range of activities. A network of ICLEI Liaisons in more than 180 European cities and counties in 34 countries is available when practice-oriented expertise is needed.



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## The Members



At the time of the first ICLEI Council meeting in June 1993, ICLEI had less than 100 members. Two years later, ICLEI's membership had grown to 188, including 171 local authorities from 46 countries, representing 174 million people.

Presently ICLEI has more than 1,000 members.

ICLEI members designate individuals within their local authorities to serve as liaisons with ICLEI. These individuals, called "ICLEI Liaisons", are local authority managers and policy makers in the ICLEI member network. ICLEI works to provide them with information, training and technical support, to advance their local environmental objectives and to share their expertise with colleagues in other local authorities around the world.

Once every three years, the ICLEI Council gathers to assess ICLEI's progress toward fulfilling its organisational mission and to establish the strategic direction for its future initiatives.

### Membership in ICLEI requires:

- political will for a sustainable development
- political power for action
- a modest annual membership fee

### Membership in ICLEI distinguishes local authorities:

- as being committed to the postulate of sustainability
- as followers of the principle "think globally, act locally"

### Membership benefits include:

- being part of an international movement of local authorities aiming at tangible improvements of the global environment
- participation in the European Cities for Climate Protection Campaign (signing of Declaration required)
- participation in the Procura<sup>+</sup> Sustainable Procurement Campaign (participation fee required)
- participation in the Procura<sup>+</sup> Exchange (formerly known as the "Buy it green"- Network of Sustainable Procurement Professionals) (subscription required)
- the chance to participate in international research, pilots and training projects
- free access to case studies on innovative approaches to local sustainability
- regular information through the organisational newsletters
- receiving all publications free of charge (guides, manuals, reports, etc.)
- access to a variety of information and services (such as online publications, Web conferencing and calendar information) on ICLEI's Web-Info-System
- reduced fees for conferences, seminars and training courses organised by ICLEI's International Training Centre (ITC)
- participation in international development cooperation schemes
- having the chance to "contribute to forming the voice of local authorities" before international institutions such as the European Union or the United Nations



# Full Member Dues for Europe

ICLEI is a democratic organisation governed by its members. It offers **Full Membership** on the ICLEI Council to local authorities and their national and regional associations. Membership rates are based upon the population of the local authority and its national per capita income. The payment of dues is made on an annual basis (see rates sheets below) starting with the date of application.

## Municipalities and Local Authorities

Size of local authority (number of inhabitants)	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
	Gross National Income Per Capita of less than \$ 936	Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 936 - 3,705	Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 3,706 - 11,455	Gross National Income Per Capita of over \$ 11,455
		Albania, Armenia, Bosnia- Herzegovina, Macedonia, Ukraine	Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey	Northern, Western and Southern Europe, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Slovak Republic and Slovenia
	€	€	€	€
0 to 50,000	100	300	400	600
50,001 to 100,000	150	350	450	1,200
100,001 to 200,000	200	400	500	1,750
200,001 to 300,000	250	450	550	2,250
300,001 to 500,000	300	500	600	2,750
500,001 to 750,000	350	550	650	3,500
750,001 to 1,000,000	400	650	750	4,500
1,000,001 to 2,000,000	450	750	1,000	5,750
2,000,001 to 4,000,000	500	1,000	2,000	7,000
Over 4,000,000	750	1,500	3,000	8,000

## Associations of Local Governments Local Government Institutes

	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV
	Gross National Income Per Capita of less than \$ 936	Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 936 - 3,705	Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 3,706 - 11,455	Gross National Income Per Capita of over \$ 11,455
	€	€	€	€
National Associations of Local Governments and Local Government Institutes	600	1,200	2,000	3,500
Subnational Associations of Local Governments and Local Government Institutes	350	600	1,000	2,500

(Annual dues starting with date of application)

## Associate Members

ICLEI offers **Associate Membership** to State and National Governments and their departments, non-profit and non-governmental organisations, and individuals. Associate Membership allows organisations and individuals to benefit from ICLEI's information services and publications without having formal membership powers, which are reserved for local governments and their associations. Associate Members receive all of ICLEI's publications and special invitations and rates for ICLEI events and programmes. Associate Members do not have power to elect the ICLEI Executive Committee, revise the ICLEI Charter, or establish policy direction for the organisation.

Associate Membership is a subscription service and does not constitute an official category of membership of ICLEI. Associate Membership is not available for Local Governments or Local Government Associations.

Associate Members yearly dues are based upon type of organisation and gross national income per capita.

### Associate Member Dues Rates for Europe

	<b>Group I</b> Gross National Income Per Capita of less than \$ 936	<b>Group II</b> Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 936 - 3,705	<b>Group III</b> Gross National Income Per Capita of \$ 3,706 - 11,455	<b>Group IV</b> Gross National Income Per Capita of over \$ 11,455
<b>Associate Members</b>		Albania, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Ukraine	Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Turkey	Northern, Western and Southern Europe, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Slovak Republic and Slovenia
	€	€	€	€
State and National Government Agencies	500	750	1,500	3,000
Non-Profit and Non-Governmental Organisations	150	200	350	550
Individuals	75	150	200	250

(Annual dues starting with date of application)

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