

2025-03 – Regional Registration Fee proposal

Background

The Regional Registration Fee system is a fundamental component of the European Scout Region's financial sustainability. It provides unrestricted income that supports governance, services, and strategic priorities.

The last major revision of the Regional Registration Fee model was in 2004 when the per capita fee was last adjusted. In 2013, the European Scout Conference froze the fee structure, using membership census data from 2009 as the reference point. This decision aligned with the World Scout Conference's fee freeze (2011-2020) and was intended to provide predictability and incentivise growth.

However, this freeze led to growing imbalances over time, as membership growth was not reflected in fee calculations. The freeze was intended to last 10 years but has been in place for 15 years. By 2022, the fees paid by Member Organizations (MOs) no longer accurately represented their membership size, and inflation had significantly eroded the actual value of collected fees. Recognising these challenges, the 24th European Scout Conference Resolution (2022-03) mandated a holistic review of the Regional Registration Fee system.

In response, the European Scout Committee appointed the Regional Fees Task Force (2024-2025) to analyse financial trends, consult Member Organizations, and propose a fairer and more long-term viable model. This Task Force conducted a thorough desk review, engaged in multiple consultation rounds, and examined global developments, including the adoption of World Scout Conference Resolution 2024-02, which introduced a one-time fixed inflation-linked fee increase and mandated a full review of the WOSM registration fee model by 2027.

After extensive consultations, this resolution proposes a new fee model that introduces:

- A rolling three-year membership figure calculation to ensure fairness and accuracy.
- A slight per capita fee adjustment (€0.13 to €0.14) to account for inflation.
- A size adjustment factor to prevent disproportionate contributions from a few large MOs.
- A transition plan to mitigate financial strain on Member Organizations adapting to the new model.

The full proposal with all details can be found in the [Background Document to this proposal - Section 1](#). This proposal ensures that the Regional Registration Fee system remains financially viable, fair, and aligned with evolving global policies while enabling the European Scout Region to continue providing high-quality support and services to MOs. If approved by the Conference, the new fee model will be applied to all MOs starting with the financial year 2025-2026 (starting 1 October 2025).

Content Proposal

The 25th European Scout Conference,

- *recalling* European Scout Conference Resolution 2013-R05 to freeze the Regional Fees for all Member Organizations,
- *recalling* European Scout Conference Resolution 2022-R03 to perform a holistic review of the current Regional Registration Fees system and to deliver a proposal for a future Regional Registration Fees system,
- *noting* the World Scout Conference Resolution 2024-R02 to introduce a fixed fee increase to account for global inflation and requiring a review of the existing fee model and a new fee model to be voted on at the World Scout Conference in 2027,
- *being mindful* of the financial challenges that Member Organizations continue to experience,
- *believing* in the importance of a fair, sustainable fee system that reflects current membership figures and accounts for global inflation,
- *being aware* of the potential risk of a current membership figure-based fee system impacting Member Organizations' incentive to grow.

Adopts the fee model outlined in the [Background Document - Section 1](#) and its timeline for implementation (section 4);

Asks the European Scout Committee,

- **to produce a report on the implementation of the new Regional Registration Fees System** in advance of the next two European Scout Conferences in 2028 and 2031 to allow time for Member Organizations to review before the deadline for submission of resolutions for those Conferences.
- **to continue the work on diversifying the European Scout Region's income streams.**

Proposed by: European Scout Committee

Background Information Document

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Policy Implications

This Draft Resolution has an impact on the following policies or issues in WOSM/MOs:

- Constitution of the European Scout Region - Article VI: Financial Provisions

Historical Background

The following historical resolutions or decisions are relevant when considering this Draft Resolution:

- Current Regional Registration Fees system used by the European Scout Region:
 - o Cat.D: GNIpc > USD 9'386: annual fee per Member: EUR 0.13
 - o Cat.C: USD 3'036 < GNIpc < USD 9'085: annual fee per Member: EUR 0.065
 - o Cat.B: USD 766 < GNIpc < USD 3'035: annual fee per Member: EUR 0.033
 - o Cat. A: GNIpc < USD 765: annual fee per Member: EUR 0.01625
- World Scout Conference Resolutions
 - o 2011-R02: adopting the WOSM registration fee system from 2011-2012 until 2019-2020 (referencing Conference Document 10 from 2011)
 - o 2021-R02: agreeing to continue the frozen annual fee until the fiscal year 2023-2024 and continuing assessment of the future fee proposal
- European Scout Conference Resolutions
 - o 2013-R05: Regional Fees (referencing Conference Report from 2013)
 - o 2022-R03: Regional Registration Fees Review

Resource Implications

Implementing the new Regional Registration Fee system will require targeted human and financial resources to ensure a smooth transition and long-term sustainability. The European Scout Region will dedicate its staff and volunteers in charge naming the Corporate Services Team of the World Scout Bureau, the Regional Director and the Regional Treasurer to:

- facilitate the rollout of the new fee model, engage with Member Organizations to ensure clarity,
- oversee the phased implementation to mitigate the financial impact,
- monitor the impact of the new system, provide necessary adjustments, and prepare periodic reports ahead of the 2028 and 2031 European Scout Conferences.

As part of this transition, resources will be allocated to financial forecasting, training, and support mechanisms for Member Organizations adapting to the new structure.

Human

Financial

Volunteers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Work carried as part of the existing core capacity of the Regional Treasurer and European Scout Committee for monitoring.	
Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Work carried out as part of the existing core capacity of the World Scout Bureau Corporate Services Team.	

