

Setting the EPRA Membership fee for 2025
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Predictability of the EPRA membership fee:

As predictability is one key principle guiding the EPRA Board's approach with regards to the EPRA membership fee, the Board would like to **inform EPRA Members about the level of the membership fee to be expected in 2025** well in advance of the autumn meeting.

Implementing EPRA's new three-year Strategy:

The community of EPRA Members adopted the [EPRA Strategy for 2024-2026 "Inspire, share, strengthen"](#) by written procedure ending on 12 April 2024.

Securing a sustainable organisation is one of our Strategic Objectives. To serve its members, and to deliver on its mission, values, and strategic objectives, EPRA must ensure that it has appropriate and sufficient resources regarding staffing and funding, as well as strong and transparent corporate governance and Board membership.

At its summer Board meeting, the EPRA Board has started the process to identify resource requirements and set priorities for the optimum use of resource and functioning of EPRA.

As a first measure, the Board considers it timely and wise to reintroduce a **buffer fund for contingency planning** as recent budgets have been calculated extremely tightly. A general reserve of EUR 6,000 would give us some room for manoeuvre.

The Secretariat expenses will also raise in the next year owing to inflation, increased Council of Europe IT costs, and to keep up with rising air travel costs.

EPRA Membership fee for 2025:

To balance the costs incurred by the operation of the EPRA Secretariat, the EPRA Executive Board **unanimously agreed to formally request an increase of the EPRA membership fee for 2025**.

The Board is aware that this request takes place in a general context of budget restrictions but would like to emphasise the reasonable and modest character of the increase.

- The flat fee for 2025 will increase to **EUR 4,100** (instead of EUR 3,900).
- The reduced fee, which is applicable to a number of exceptionally small members¹, will increase to **EUR 2,940** (instead of EUR 2,800).

Background Information on Secretariat hosting arrangements:

*Since December 2005, the EPRA Secretariat has had the good fortune to be hosted by the European Audiovisual Observatory (EAO), which has the status of a partial, enlarged agreement of the Council of Europe. The Secretariat has **benefitted enormously from this arrangement** in terms of content (great opportunities for fruitful collaboration with EAO staff) but also in terms of costs. Because of this very favourable arrangement, we have never had to factor in the normal costs associated with the operation of a stand-alone office. In addition, the EAO does not charge EPRA any overhead costs.*

¹ i.e. regulators with five staff or less and very limited budgetary resources.