

# **MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION REGULATION**

of the

## **EUROPEAN SENIOR CITIZENS' UNION (ESCU)**

The Executive Committee of the European Senior Citizens' Union passed the following unanimous resolution in its meeting on 12/06/2008 in Brussels:

The amount of the membership contribution shall be guided by the number of inhabitants of the respective country, or of the respective region.

The amount per 1 million inhabitants and per annum is

€90.00

Countries/regions with less than 3.3 millions inhabitants shall be required to pay a basic amount of

€300.00

50 % of the membership contribution is payable by no later than 31/03 of any given year with the balance payable by 30/06 of the same year.

If several organisations from one country join the ESCU, then the amount is divided into as many parts as there are organisations (the shares being equal in principle, unless the organisations themselves agree on a different method of dividing up the amount, e.g., in the event that one organisation provides a Vice President and the other doesn't).

Should a membership organisation be temporarily unable to pay the full amount of the membership contribution for special reasons (e.g., newly founded organisations or similar major reasons), then the Committee may grant a reduction of up to a maximum of 50% for a period of two years. If, after this period, the membership contribution can still not be paid in full, a new application must be submitted to the Committee for approval for payment of the reduced amount.

For the period of reduction, moreover, the organisation in question, i.e., the organisation paying the reduced contribution, shall only be entitled to send a reduced number of voting delegates to the Congress.

In order to enable countries of the former Eastern bloc or organisations in a similarly difficult economic climate to join the European Senior Citizens' Union, and insofar as they are unable to finance their membership, then their contribution shall be divided as follows:

- a) The basic amount must be paid by the organisation itself.
- b) The organisation must undertake to pay the difference on the 50% reduced contribution by accepting sponsorship from other membership organisations or institutions.

If sponsorship support has been sought and no organisation has been found through one's own efforts, then the general secretariat can be contacted in order to pass on details of possible sponsors. A formal request must then be addressed to the organisation prepared to undertake sponsorship.

Organisations with an observation role need not pay a membership contribution as they have no right to vote. A nominal charge is made, however, to cover the cost of documents, postage, fax, telephone, etc. This contribution for expenses is:

€200.00

If several organisations of one country merge to form a national group and this group wants to set up its own activities, these costs must be covered by a special supplement over and above the membership contribution.

Changes to the membership contribution regulation are decided by the Executive Committee with a two-thirds majority.

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