



## EWS MEMBERSHIP

EWS provides a platform for multi-stakeholder cooperation in which private and public sector, research, policy, NGO and Civil Society join forces to achieve sustainable water use in Europe based on the agreed aims and principles of Water Stewardship. ***You can be a part of it!***

### VALUE TO BECOME A EWS MEMBER

As a EWS member you will benefit from:

- Visibility as pro-active player in the realm of Water Stewardship.
- High visibility in annual award ceremonies.
- First-hand information via the EWS members' newsletter.
- Access to knowledge and information of the EWS network, embracing the expertise and experience of business, private and public sectors, and EU institutions.
- Opportunities to shape the profile of the European Water Stewardship program that is:
  - ✓ Recognized by EU institutions.
  - ✓ Endorsed by the European Water Partnership.
  - ✓ Legitimate Regional initiative of the Global Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS).
- Influencing the development and implementation of the EWS standard and its alignment with the global water stewardship standard.
- Invitation and cost fee-reduction to EWS events and workshops.

### WHO CAN BECOME A EWS MEMBER?

Anyone can apply to become a EWS member as long as they respect the membership criteria including:

- The general aims of applicant are consistent with EWS goals ([link](#)).
- The applicant organization is registered with referring authorities within a member state represented in the **Council of Europe** and the registration is proven to be up-to-date.
- The governing body of the applicant organization has taken the executive decision to become a EWS member and the referring EWS Membership Application is duly signed.

### WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT MEMBERSHIP TYPES?

EWS offers opportunities both for individual EWS membership and for associations, NGOs or institutions.

#### **Category A: Individual private sector entities**

Companies, production sites, agricultural business (farms), certification bodies and consultancy organizations, water service providers, and airports, etc - EWS certified or not EWS-certified.

#### **Category B: Organisations, associations & institutions**

Public or policy institutions other NGOs, research institutions, and private sector associations (farmers associations or cooperatives, industry associations, etc.).



## EWS MEMBERSHIP (Continued)

### EWS MEMBERSHIP FEES

#### Membership category A: Individual members

The EWS membership fee for Category A members is linked to the total turn-over of the entity as follows:

Turn over (€)	EWS MS Fee (€)
> 10 billion	20,000
>5 billion	15,000
>1 billion	10,000
>500 million	5,000
< 500 million	2,000

\* **SME's**: are eligible to request a reduced price.

#### Membership Category B: Organizations, associations and institutions

The EWS membership fee for Category B members is contingent on the sector to which the organization is related.

Sector	EWS MS Fee (€)
Industry*	10,000
Others	On individual basis

\* **Other organizations**: are eligible to request an individually reduced price

### CAN I BE A EWS & EWP MEMBER?

Sure! If EWP members meet EWS membership criteria they can even benefit from a reduced membership fee.

### DO I HAVE TO BE EWS CERTIFIED TO BECOME A MEMBER?

EWS certified operations have proved their expertise and experience in Water Stewardship performance. Therefore they are highly welcomed to become a EWS member. However, you do not have to be certified to become a EWS member.

### RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN EWS MEMBER

As an EWS member you are expected to:

- Endorse the **European Water Vision**.
- Pay annual EWS membership fee.
- Support the EWS goals and promote general EWS

### HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER ?

EWS Membership Application Forms are accepted on a rolling basis. To download the Membership Outline and Application Form see: <http://www.ewp.eu/activities/ews/membership/>