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Join the European Solar Manufacturing Council

ESMC is established by and for companies and organisations active in the European PV manufacturing sector, both at the European and national levels. Entities falling into any of the below-mentioned categories, with headquarters in Europe or affiliated with European-based groups, can become full members with voting rights. Entities with production, research, or pilot facilities in Europe but headquartered elsewhere may join as associate members. Associate members can participate in all ESMC activities, and receive communications and publications, but lack voting rights at the General Assembly. They can hold advisory positions on the Board. The latest version of the association's legal informations and the statutes are [always available via the Belgian register of enterprises](#).

Companies and organisations in the following fields are welcome to join:

- Producers of photovoltaic components in the strictest sense, like for example but not restricted to: Metallurgical silicon, Polysilicon or (equivalent for thin film technologies), Ingots and Wafers, Solar cells, PV modules, Solar glass, Frames, Backsheets, Encapsulants, Junction boxes, PV connectors, Inverter, Mounting structures, Trackers and Batteries.
- Producers of hybrid components provided that a material with a photovoltaic effect is integrated into them as a main part of the product (products integrated into the frame, into vehicles, etc.)
- Producers of materials or products, tools and machines used in the manufacture of photovoltaic components
- Research centres
- Quality control and testing organisations
- Specialised consultants
- Public or private institutions

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Organizations and companies with European headquarters are obliged to join the ESMC as voting members. Organizations and companies which are active in Europe but headquartered outside Europe can only apply as associate members. They can attend in all ESMC activities but are not entitled to vote or to second candidates for the ESMC board.

ANNUAL ESMC MEMBERSHIP FEES

Both effective voting members and associated non-voting members are required to pay membership fees. The amount of the membership fee is determined by the current ESMC Members during the annual General Assembly. The membership fee is based on the annual revenue according to the consolidated financial statements of the legal entity the member belongs to.

There is 5 membership tiers, based on an extended EU SME definition. Research centers are listed in Category/Multiplier 1. The “Annual Global Group Revenue” is defined as the latest (publicly) available annual revenue.

Individual Membership Fees

Individual Membership Fee = Basic Membership Fee × Category/Multiplier

Category / Multiplier	Annual Global Group Revenue	Voting Members (Basic: 3,163 €)	Associated Members (Basic: 2,530 €)
1	≤ 10 million €	3,163 €	2,530 €
2	≤ 50 million €	6,326 €	5,060 €
3	≤ 100 million €	9,489 €	7,590 €
4	≤ 500 million €	12,652 €	10,120 €
5	> 500 million €	15,815 €	12,650 €

All amounts are annual fees, exclusive of VAT (if applicable). Revenue refers to the annual global group revenue of the member company.