

Contribution rules

of the

European Research Society Thin Films e.V. (EFDS)

(in the version of September 21, 2023, according to the resolution of the General Assembly of September 21, 2023)

§ 1 Membership

The ordinary membership in the European Society of Thin Films e.V. (EFDS e.V.) is open to all commercial enterprises, research institutions and industrial associations. Membership can be applied for in writing by submitting an application for membership and becomes effective after receipt of a confirmation and a resolution of the board of the EFDS e.V. becomes effective.

Mutual memberships in the respective partner networks can be agreed upon at no cost ("cross over membership").

§ 2 Membership fee

- (1) The membership fees serve the basic financing of the research association and are used exclusively for the pursuit of the purpose of the association, i.e. for the maintenance and the development of services in connection with the application for and the and processing of pre-competitive, innovation-oriented research projects in accompanied technology fields or for accompanied industries and for the performance of other research the performance of other service tasks by EFDS e.V. that are relevant to research funding the EFDS e.V..
- (2) The membership fee shall be charged in writing. By written order of the member, payment by direct debit is possible. The membership fee shall be collected by the EFDS office with the indication of a payment deadline on the invoice.
- (3) If a new member joins the Research Foundation by June 30 of the current year, the full membership fee shall be paid.
- (4) If a new member joins the Research Society on or after July 1 of the current year, half the fee shall be paid.
- (5) Members and non-members may at any time, irrespective of their membership fees, make special contributions/donations and other contributions (e.g. contributions in kind).

(6) The membership fees charged by the commercial enterprises, research institutions and associations membership fees charged by commercial enterprises, research institutions and associations for membership in the EFDS e.V. shall be in accordance with the binding assessment standard of the size of the business enterprise the size of the business enterprise, the research institution and the association, defined by the the characteristic of the number of employees.

(7) The following contribution rates shall apply to full members:

a. Personal members	36,00 €
b. Junior membership (student personal members)	18,00 €
c. Legal members (companies, institutes, associations)	
i. 1-person company	54,00 €
ii. 2 - 9 employees	360,00 €
iii. 10 - 49 employees	720,00 €
iv. 50 - 99 employees	1.500,00 €
v. 100 and more employees	2.150,00 €

(8) For newly admitted legal members with more than 10 employees, an admission fee of € 800.00 will be charged.

(9) In deviation from item (7) c, the annual membership fee for new and spin-off companies shall be companies (spin-off companies, start-up companies, founders of new businesses) with no more than more than 49 employees for a maximum of 1 year is € 300.00.

(10) According to the statutes of the EFDS e.V., changes to the contribution regulations can be decided by the General Meeting with a simple majority of votes. In case of In the event of changes, the resulting new version of the Fee Schedule shall be communicated to the members at least six weeks before the end of the current calendar year in text form and comes into force with the sending. The new version of the contribution rules shall be used at the beginning of the following calendar year.

§ 3 Obligation to notify when entering a new characteristic class of the size of the business enterprise or research institution.

(1) The full members of EFDS e.V. undertake to proactively notify the EFDS e.V. of entry into a different characteristic class than the one on which the calculation of the membership fee has used for the calculation of the membership fee. The resulting adjustment of the membership fee becomes effective at the beginning of the beginning of the following calendar year.

(2) For this purpose, the EFDS e.V. office shall attach the Membership Fee Schedule will be attached to the membership fee invoices.

§ 4 Invoicing

- (1) Invoicing in accordance with § 2 of the Fee Regulations shall take place at the beginning of a calendar year by the EFDS e.V. office. The membership fees are to be transferred to the following account:

Bank: Ostsächsische Sparkasse Dresden
IBAN: DE19 8505 0300 3120 1899 35
BIC: OSDDDE81XXX

Reason for payment: Invoice number; EFDS contribution 20XX

- (2) The payment of the fees has to be done at the latest 14 days after delivery of the invoice take place.

§ 5 Termination of membership

- (1) Membership may be terminated at the end of a calendar year with the period of notice stipulated in the currently valid EFDS e.V. statutes with the period of notice specified in the currently valid statutes.
- (2) In the event of an increase in membership dues, the member shall have the right to extraordinary the right to extraordinary termination of membership to the end of the current calendar year.
- (3) The termination of membership must be declared in writing and sent by post to the management of the EFDS e.V. (address: EFDS e.V. Gostritzer Straße 63, 01217 Dresden). Timely dispatch shall be sufficient to meet the deadline.

§ 6 Final remark

With this membership fee regulation all previous resolutions of the general meeting for the for the determination of the membership fee are invalidated.