

# The Principles Benefits of Membership 2024



YOUR NETWORK IN LIFE SCIENCES

## PRINCIPLES

CEBR is a membership-driven network of life science clusters and regional ecosystems across Europe, representing subscription members and cluster partners across the world.

As Members of the Council of European BioRegions, we commit to the following principles:

- We are committed **to strengthen transfer of knowledge and collaboration** between life science clusters/ecosystems in Europe.
- We strive to **support sustainable growth for SMEs**, creating a competitive Europe in the global economy.
- We seek to **increase visibility of clusters and bioregions** and their remarkable contribution to sustainable growth.
- Members are required to **pay the annual membership fee (950 EUR / year as of January 2024)** to enjoy the full benefits of the network.

**To be admitted as a Member, an organisation should apply in writing via [communication@cebr.net](mailto:communication@cebr.net). Applications are subject to approval.**

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

**CEBR offers two types of membership:**

- **Full membership** – for cluster organization or similar institutions located in the European Union. Full members can be elected to the Management Board and take on the role as a Special Interest Group leaders. Annual membership fee: 950 EUR (2024).
- **Associate membership** – for organisations that are not located in the European Union or that are a network of organisations. Associate members have the same rights as full members, except they cannot be elected to the Management Board. Annual membership fee: 950 EUR (2024).

The membership fee is fully charged regardless of the moment of the year it is granted. Only if membership is solicited in the last trimester of the year, a reduction of 60% on the membership fee will be applied if the new member enrolls for at least one more full year.

## CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

In line with the Articles of Association, cancellation of membership must be received in writing (email) by the CEBR Managing Director by the 30th of September the latest in the year preceding the cancellation.

## **BENEFITS**

### **Network and communication**

Ensuring communication and networking between the members of the network:

- External web, sharing announcements, events, projects, partnerships.
- Access to an extensive network and contacts.
- Monthly newsletter to increase members' visibility and disseminate collaboration opportunities.

### **Activities**

- CEBR Annual Meeting (participation with a minimum fee).
- Events and meetings throughout the year offer many opportunities to exchange with other members of the community.
- Monthly webinar on selected topics of interests (i.e matchmaking for EU proposals, etc).
- Special Interest Groups: EU Funds, Internationalisation, Influence.
- Side events at important partnering conferences in Europe and worldwide.

### **Visibility**

- Participation in greater visibility of the European Life Sciences ecosystem (participation in larger EU projects, supporting the definition of cluster policies at EU level).
- Giving the voice to the members, enhancing collaboration inside the network (Special Interest Groups, matchmaking).

### **General Benefits**

- Become part of an excellent network of peers spread all over Europe, that will support the enlargement of your own geographical reach.
- Enhance your access to funding, through a facilitated access to collaborative project funding opportunities.
- Use CEBR as a benchmarking tool, as we continuously share best practices and success initiatives among clusters and managers, enabling new tools and services for your members.
- Get access to "soft landing schemes", allowing SMEs to "feel at home" in any other country where a CEBR member is operating.
- Get CEBR support for internationalization activities, providing new opportunities to your SMEs.

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