



Membership in J&E

Benefits, Criteria and Procedure

Justice & Environment (J&E) is a network of public interest environmental law organizations based in Europe. We aim for a stronger environmental legislation and implementation on both the national and the European Union stages to protect the environment, people and nature. The organisation expanded from having 4 members in 2003 at its founding to 12 members as of today. Below you can read a brief summary of our membership structure, rules and procedures for becoming a member of J&E and contact information.



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Membership Benefits

The most important benefits of being a member of J&E are

- **connectedness and networking**
- **information exchange and sharing of legal cases and strategies**
- **joint projects and works**
- **increased impact of work and profile via working in a transnational network**
- **access to decision-makers in the EU and nationally**
- **participation at meetings and gatherings**

Membership Criteria

You can join our network if you accept the objective of J&E

"to improve the environment and the rule of law in Europe through the use of European law and exchange of information".

Rights of members encompass participation in J&E projects, right to initiate voting on matters, participation at the Annual General Meetings of J&E, and access to the mailing list and file sharing platform of J&E.

Duties of members are to respect the organization's by-laws and to pay membership fees.

There are two different membership categories at J&E:

- a) full member, and
- b) associate member.

Associate membership applicants do not necessarily become full members if they do not wish so.

Associate members have no voting rights, have access only to a limited mailing list and file sharing while they pay only a reduced membership fee.

The applicant must be an environmental legal NGO or must deal with environmental law. The applicant must demonstrate that it possesses sufficient capacity and reliability to participate meaningfully in projects and networking. Applicants must also have their seats in Europe. For applicants only applying for associate membership, the seat and legal status criteria do not prevail given that they are not-for-profit entities.



Membership Types

J&E has 2 types of members: full members and associate members. An applicant organization normally must become an associate member before advancing to full membership.

When an organization applies for membership in J&E, it can either apply for associate or for full membership. Full membership applicants are supposed to be in the position of associate membership though for a certain period of time to prove that they are capable of being full J&E members.



The Procedure

The membership application must be submitted to the Executive Committee of J&E in writing, clearly stating for which membership category (full or associate) the applicant applies. There are a number of required attachments to the application that need to be sent to J&E that will be specified during the application process.

The application must contain:

- Name and identification data of the applicant
- Which membership category the applicant applies
- A description regarding the organizational profile of the applicant:
 - o Mission
 - o Objectives
 - o History
 - o Organizational structure
 - o Composition of its bodies
 - o Staff and other human resources
 - o Current activities (projects, partners)
 - o Former major projects or activities
 - o Relationship to other stakeholders, especially to government and business
- The statute of the applicant
- The last audited financial statement
- The logo

An NGO can become full member after being an associate member for at least 1 year. An NGO can become a full member directly by invitation of the Executive Committee, or by its own application submitted to the ExComm. The decision will be made by the Annual General Meeting.

Membership applications can be sent here:

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