

# **Fee Scheme**

## **of**

# **Liquid Legal Institute e.V.**

In December 2018, in accordance with Article 5 of the Articles of Association for the Association, the Members adopted the following new version of the Dues Schedule, which became effective on March 8, 2019, and was amended by resolution of the General Meeting of June 30, 2023:

### **Article 1      Member fees**

- (1) Members, with the exception of honorary members, shall pay annual fees in advance at the beginning of each fiscal year. The amount of this fee is
1. for individual persons EUR 200,00;
  2. for legal entities except No. 3 EUR 2,000.00;
  3. for legal entities that prove to the Association in an appropriate manner that their (group-wide) annual turnover does not exceed EUR 10.0 million, EUR 1,000.00.

Legal entities also include companies, associations of persons and estates which, although they are not legal entities, may be legal entities under the law applicable to them with respect to membership in an association.

The Executive Board may agree on a membership fee exceeding EUR 2,000.00 with members falling under No. 2. In this case, the agreement may also provide for a higher number than that resulting from Article 3 of 15 individual persons who may participate in the activities of the Association and receive benefits. These individual persons may also belong to a group company of the member or, if the member itself is an association, be individual persons who are members of the association concerned or belong to such a member.

- (2) If a member joins the association during the year, one twelfth of the annual membership fee must be paid for each full month remaining in the relevant year after the joining date.

### **Article 2      Authorization pursuant to Article 5 (2) of the Articles of Association**

- (1) The Executive Board is authorized, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to agree with a member on the payment of non-financial contributions in accordance with the following subsections 2 to 4 and to provide that the value of the non-financial contribution shall be offset against the annual fee pursuant to Article 1 and that the latter shall thus be replaced in full or in part by the non-financial contribution.

- (2) Non-financial contributions should be services that the member provides in the ordinary course of business, including to third parties. The performance can be determined by working time (number of billable hours) or by specifying concrete work results or products or a combination thereof (alternatively or cumulatively). The agreement can be made - depending on the type of service to be provided - either before or at the beginning of each fiscal year or once - with the possibility of a later change - for a specific period or for an indefinite period.
- (3) Within the framework of an agreement pursuant to subsection 1, the Executive Board shall determine the extent to which the value of the non-financial contributions is to be offset against or replaced by the annual fee pursuant to Article 1. For this purpose, the Executive Board shall estimate the value of the non-financial contributions, whereby it shall be entitled to exercise due discretion. In doing so, it may be guided in particular by the prices at which the member renders comparable services to third parties in the course of its ordinary business operations. The Executive Board shall also specify in the agreement pursuant to Article 1 when the crediting or replacement of the annual fee (in particular due to the absence of the agreed non-financial contributions) pursuant to Article 1 shall cease in whole or, as the case may be, in part.
- (4) In the case of entry during the year, the agreement pursuant to subsection 1 may already be made in the admission agreement. However, it may also be agreed in the admission agreement that the non-financial contributions are not to be paid until a certain later date. In this respect, depending on the value of the non-financial contributions to be paid at a later date, it may be agreed that the contribution pursuant to subsection 1 is to be paid first.

### **Article 3 Participation opportunities and benefits covered by the fees for legal entities**

- (1) Pursuant to the following provisions:
  1. legal entities which pay a fee pursuant to clause 3 (1) no. 2 as sponsoring members or would pay a fee pursuant to clause 2 (1) in conjunction with clause 3 (1) no. 2 as supporting members subject to clause 2 (2) to (4) may participate in the association with up to 15 individuals,
  2. legal entities which pay a fee pursuant to clause 3 (1) no. 3 as sponsoring members or would pay a fee pursuant to clause 2 (1) in conjunction with section 3 (1) no. 3 as supporting members subject to clause 2 (2) to (4) may participate in the association with up to 10 individuals,

without this resulting in an increase of the fee. The representative of the legal entity within the meaning of article 3 (4) of the articles of association (representative) is included in the number of 15 or 10 individuals respectively. The representative must notify the association of the other individuals. Should more individuals participate in the association on behalf of the legal entity, the board may permit this in return for an appropriate increase of the annual membership fee. The increase can be based on the annual membership fee of an individual.

- (2) In working groups and other bodies, no more than two individuals are to be active on behalf of a single legal entity per working group and body.
- (3) Paragraphs 1 and 2 do not apply for exercising membership rights at or outside of general meetings.

- (4) To the extent that the association requests a participation fee for events (conferences, seminars, etc.) and offers a reduced participation fee to its members, the reduction will apply
  - 1. to up to 15 individuals within legal entities pursuant to paragraph 1 no. 1,
  - 1. to up to 10 individuals within legal entities pursuant to paragraph 1 no. 2.
- (5) If board members, shareholders or employees of a legal entity are also members of the association themselves, i.e. as individuals, they will not be taken into account in this context when applying paragraphs 1 to 4.
- (6) Clause 3 (1) sentence 3 will apply *mutatis mutandis* also in the context of this clause 4.

**Article 5 Effectiveness, term**

- (1) These dues regulations shall become effective as of the beginning of March 8, 2019.
- (2) These contribution regulations are valid for an indefinite period of time.