

Summary of key information and conditions for becoming a Member of ECTRI

WHO SHOULD JOIN ECTRI?

Research establishments (e.g. research centres/institutes or universities) with the following key characteristics:

- a. head offices in Europe;
- b. full legal status and identity;
- c. tasked with activities of public interest in the field of transport and mobility research;
- d. conducting considerable research activities in transport and mobility (in a sustainable and multimodal perspective);
- e. is well recognized in its field in its country.

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME AN ECTRI MEMBER?

ECTRI is the sole all-inclusive Organisation representing multimodal transport research Organizations in Europe. There are many benefits and added value from being a Member of ECTRI. For a summary of representative benefits, read the relevant section below. It is also highly recommended that you read the following documents (available on www.ectri.org):

- [Statutes](#)
- [Strategy paper](#)
- [About ECTRI](#)

REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF MEMBERS' BENEFITS

- Access to, exchanges among, and consistent cooperation with all other ECTRI Members (currently 28 Members in 21 European countries);
- Representation in various fora and initiatives for increasing Members' visibility and recognition;
- Participation in ECTRI's Thematic Groups and Task Forces and through them access to effective processes for consortia buildings and for knowledge exchange;
- Increased European collaborative opportunities in training (Young Researcher Seminar), education, mobility, and in sharing research infrastructures;
- Profiting from the well-established relations of ECTRI and its information dissemination mechanisms with the European Commission (EC) services especially the Directorates General (DGs) dealing with transport research (foremost the DGs: Research and Innovation (RTD), Mobility (MOVE), and Information Society (CONNECT));
- Influencing the development and updates of Research Framework Programme and work programmes, and the formulation of EU policies in the fields of transport and research through position papers, meetings with Commission officials, reply to open consultations, and other interventions;
- Access to key European Technology Platforms active in all transport modes ([ERTRAC](#), [ERRAC](#), [WATERBORNE](#), [ALICE](#), [ACARE](#)), via active representation in their Plenaries, Committees, Working Groups, for Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and roadmaps' elaboration and access to relevant European partnerships ([2ZERO](#), [CCAM](#), [ZEWT](#), [EUROPE'S RAIL](#)) via membership and experts' participation in activities;
- Develop closer ties with major European transport related associations such as [EARPA](#), [ERTICO](#), [UITP](#), [POLIS](#), [EUROCITIES](#), [EUCAR](#), [UNIFE](#), [WATERBORNE](#), etc, foster cooperation with [FEHRL](#), [FERSI](#) and Networks of Excellence [EURNEX](#) and [HUMANIST](#) through the European Transport Research Alliance ([ETRA](#)) and with the Association for European Transport ([AET](#)) with whom ECTRI has a Memorandum of Understanding;
- Pursue International partnerships with the [US-TRB](#) (with whom ECTRI has an ongoing active MoU-Memorandum of Understanding), and with [OECD-ITE](#);
- Assure wide and effective dissemination of Members' scientific knowledge and research results; and support participation and visibility of our Members' research in major European and International Conferences such as [TRA](#), [ETC](#), [TRB](#) or [ITE](#).
- Receiving advanced and targeted information on ongoing and/or planned developments in European transport research, calls for proposals, workshops, seminars, and conferences, European transport research policies, etc;
- Access to bookable meeting rooms in the centrally located ECTRI Brussels office.

In addition, ECTRI has introduced the first European open-access online journal, the "European Transport Research Review" ([ETRR](#)). It is published by Springer Verlag since 2009. ECTRI strives to make it the leading

widely recognized channel for the dissemination of transport and mobility research results. Covered by Clarivate indexation indices with **Impact Factor of 4.2 (2024)**, in JIF Q2 - ranking 20th (of 61) transportation category journals and 26th (of 77) in transportation science and technology category in the SSCI. **ECTRI Members are entitled to financial support from ECTRI for publishing in ETRR.**

MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

ECTRI membership also creates some duties and obligations for Members which are depicted in the ECTRI's Statutes. Those can be summarised as follows:

- Support of the vision, mission, and objectives of the Association as set in the Strategy Paper,
- Commitment to the ECTRI Statutes and internal rules,
- Acceptance of the ECTRI fee structure and payment of all dues when so invoiced,
- Active participation in the activities of the Association including in-kind contributions pertinent to the means and capacities of the Organisation in order to further the goals of ECTRI.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Any organisation depicting the above characteristics and interested in joining ECTRI should complete the [application form](#) and send it together with an accompanying letter to the ECTRI Office via regular post or email.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Once an application is received, a dialogue process is launched between the applicant and the ECTRI Board who appoints for this purpose at least three Members of ECTRI as its representatives, including one Member from the applicant's country, if already represented in ECTRI. The dialogue is coordinated by the ECTRI Secretariat and aims to check the applicant's added value for the Association. Depending on the outcome of the dialogue, the admittance or refusal of this application is recommended to the ECTRI Assembly for final approval. A decision of admittance is taken by the Assembly of Members within six months of the application. The President of ECTRI officially informs the applicant in writing about the decision of the Assembly.

ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE

The ECTRI fee system is based on fairness and affordability of each Member. There are 5 different levels of fees.

| Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 | Level 5 |
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| 2 498 € | 6 246 € | 12 455 € | 18 740 € | 24 986 € |

Two indicators are taken into account to evaluate the "affordability" of each Member and the related level of fees:

- the volume of activities as measured by the number of employees related to transport research.
- the income level per capita in the country.

The budget is annually adjusted based on the inflation rate in the Euro zone.

A note explaining each indicator, as well as the expected level of fees for the applicant, can be obtained from the ECTRI Office.

OTHER COSTS

Other costs resulting from ECTRI membership (besides the annual fees) are:

- Travel costs (mainly for: attending up to two ECTRI General Assemblies per year and the meetings of the ECTRI Thematic Groups to which the Member chooses to participate, and the Board meetings if the Member becomes a member of the Board)
- "In-kind" contributions (i.e., through participating in various ECTRI activities and contributing via labor force, for example in the case of chairing/participating in working groups, drafting position papers, or organizing sessions or webinars, etc.)

