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New ECN fee structure

The new fee structure is based on the current fee levels and differentiates between the following membership types: “*Biowaste organisation (BIOO)*”, “*Commercial organisation (CO - Company)*”, “*Governmental body (GOV)*”, “*Academic institutes(ACI)*”, “*Non-profit environmental organisation (NPEO)*” and “*Students(STUD)*”.

As an European umbrella organisation of “*Biowaste organisations*” and “*Commercial organisations*” in biological waste management the European Compost Network showed a very diverse membership structure. With the new fee structure the fees should be adjusted more clearly. Therefore it was decided to use the national biowaste potential and the number of employees in future for the categorisation.

The membership fees for “*Biowaste organisation*” is based on the calculation of a national 30 % biowaste portion in the total amount of municipal solid waste (in tonnes; Source: EUROSTAT 2010) in the European Countries multiplied with 0,001 Euro. According to this calculation now 4 different levels of membership fees are defined.

Biowaste organisations are defined as organisations supporting the sustainable management of biowaste and the recycling of organic materials. This includes waste management organisations, compost/soil improver organisations and biogas/digestate organisations, as well as quality assurance organisations in the field of organic material recycling. In comparison to the membership type “*Biowaste organisation*” (BIOO) the membership type “*Non-profit environmental organisation*” (NPEO) does not work specifically in the field of biowaste or organic recycling.

The fees for the “*Commercial organisations*” are divided into seven categories. Only those employees which work in the organic waste sector, including MBT, are accounted for the membership fees of “*Commercial organisations*”.

It is agreed that in some cases (like implementing of biowaste management or starting separate collection in countries) the fee can be increased in 3 steps (by 25, 50, 75 %) in the first years with an annual revision of the development by the Board.

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Abbrev.	Membership types	New Annual fee	Current Annual fee
BIOO ¹⁾	Biowaste Organisation	basis is the calculated 30 % biowaste input of municipal solid waste in the EU Country	minimum 1000 Euro depending on size
	≤ 1.000.000 t Biowaste per year	1.000 Euro	
	≤ 2.000.000 t Biowaste per year	2.500 Euro	
	≤ 5.000.000 t Biowaste per year	5.000 Euro	
	≤ 12.000.000 t Biowaste per year	8.000 Euro	
	> 12.000.000 t Biowaste per year	12.000 Euro	
CO ²⁾	Commercial Organisations		
CO 0	1 employee	250 Euro	
CO I	2 to 10 employees	750 Euro	750
CO II	11 to 25 employees	1.250 Euro	1500
CO III	26 to 50 employees	2.500 Euro	
CO IV	51 to 100 employees	5.000 Euro	2500
CO V	101 to 200 employees	8.000 Euro	5000
CO VI	> 200 employees	12.000 Euro	10000
GOV	Governmental body	250 Euro	250 Euro
ACI	Academic institutes	250 Euro	250 Euro
NPEO	Non-profit Environmental Organisation	250 Euro	250 Euro
STUD	Students	50 Euro	50 Euro

¹⁾ The fee schedule for Biowaste Organisations (BIOO) is based on the current published waste statistics of the EU (EUROSTAT 2010). 30 to 40 % of municipal solid waste is biowaste. For the calculation of fees 30 % of municipal waste is taken into account (1.000 t biowaste/a * 0,001 Euro). In some cases (like implementing of biowaste management or separate collection in countries) the fee can be increased in 3 steps (25 %, 50 %, 75 %) in the first years with an annual revision of the development by the Board

²⁾ The fees of Commercial Organisations (CO) are based on the amount of employees.

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