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Do I and my company have to support my TSG/WGs Work Items?

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Who can become an Individual Member of 3GPP and how much does it cost?

Individual Members are by definition members of the Organizational Partners of 3GPP. This means that members of standardization bodies such as ETSI, ARIB, TTA, TTC, ATIS and CCSA have a right to take part in 3GPP. If your company becomes an ETSI member, please be informed that for participation in 3GPP you need to pay 3 units of contribution as a minimum except SMEs, Users, Universities, Public Research Bodies who should pay 2 units (instead of 1).

ETSI Members' and associate members' fees are calculated by class. The class is derived from the member company's annual ECRT band (Electronics Communications Related Turnover) – see ECRT definition.
Each class corresponds to a number of units. This number determines the contribution payable.

Example: If your organization declares an annual ECRT of up to 135€ million, you would need to pay 2 Units of Contribution (corresponding to 9380€ per year) plus an additional UoC for participation in 3GPP of 3380€ (see fees table). Members joining ETSI during the 2nd half of the year benefit from a 50% rebate on the membership fee of the current year. In this case, you would pay 12760€ minus 50% = 6380€ for yyyy.

Who may participate in 3GPP meetings?

To attend a 3GPP meeting, you must be a 3GPP Individual Member (i.e., you must be a Member of one of the Organizational Partners involved in the project; ARIB, CCSA, ETSI, ATIS, TTA , TTC or TSDSI). A non-member company should seek membership with one of the above partners to be eligible to contribute and participate at 3GPP Meetings.

Who shall fill in the 3GPP Individual Member Application form?

The person legally responsible for the requesting company shall fill in the form.

What shall I do if a 3GPP company or official contact details change?

All changes of correspondence should be notified to ETSI Membership and 3GPPMembership.
In case of change of official contact an ETSI Online (EOL) account will be created for the new contact.
Please note that as official contact person you can view and modify your personal and organization's contact details via the "Manage my membership" web interface.

What are the different membership categories?

The different membership categories of 3GPP are described in Article 4 of the 3GPP Working Procedures.

Who may become an observer?

The status of Observer may be granted by the Organizational Partners to an entity which has the qualifications to become a future Partner (see also 3GPP Working Procedures Article 10)

Who may become a 3GPP Guest Member and do guests have to pay any fees?

The 3GPP Guest status is for potential Individual Members who may be granted permission to participate in 3GPP for a maximum period of 6 months. Guest status is granted on a case-by-case basis by the Organizational Partners (see also 3GPP Working Procedures Article 10). If you like to apply for a Guest status, please complete the on-line 3GPP Application form.

No membership fees are requested for Guest applications. The Guest status is a one time only membership which is used to enable a company to decide whether or not they wish to become a full member (by joining one of the Partners).

Who can apply for market representative Partnership?

Organisation who have the ability to offer market advice to 3GPP and to bring into 3GPP a consensus view of market requirements (e.g., services, features and functionality) falling within the 3GPP scope (see also 3GPP Working Procedures, Article 7).

Can an ETSI Observer become an Individual Member of 3GPP?

An ETSI Observer cannot become an Individual Member of 3GPP. An ETSI Observer may "observe" all activities, but their participation is limited to the ETSI General Assembly only. Therefore, ETSI Observers have no participation rights in 3GPP. ETSI Observers have access to ETSI documentation and of course to 3GPP documentation since that is openly published on the web.

3GPP does have it's own category called "Observer" but that is entirely different and is used for potential Partners.

Can an ETSI Applicant apply for 3GPP Membership?

YES, an ETSI Applicant means that your request to become an ETSI Member will be addressed (and normally approved) at the next General Assembly and that the company has specified they want to participate in 3GPP activities. See also above regarding 3GPP fees.

Can an ETSI Member apply for 3GPP Guest status?

Yes, any ETSI Member can apply for a 3GPP Guest status by filling in the on-line 3GPP Application form.

Are there discussion archives for the 3GPP exploder lists?

Yes! To see the complete list please have a look here: Home page of listserv and scroll down until you find the list you are interested in. For example, the archives for the main RAN email list.

How do I subscribe to the 3GPP exploder lists?

All 3GPP email exploder lists can be found at list.3gpp.org. In order to subscribe to any of the lists, scroll down until you find the list you are interested in, then click on the link and on the right side of the page you will find Subscribe or Unsubscribe. Click on the link and follow the simple instructions. Delegates who already have an ETSI username and password should use the list management application on the ETSI site.

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