



European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates

Active Group Membership is open to

- National societies, groups or federations which represent the interests of gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses and endoscopy associates based
- in a geographic European country (see definitions below)
- **Note:** Jordan and Israel have the status of active group members as they are founding members.

Benefits of the ESGENA Active Group Membership

Communication & Information

- Access to the ESGENA membership area with a national access code
- Listing in ESGENA member society directory
- Announcement of society meetings on the ESGENA website and at ESGENA booths during ESGENA Conferences
- ESGENA E-NEWS (12x per year): National groups have the responsibility to distribute the ESGENA E-NEWS to their members
- Regular updates: ESGENA group members are regularly updated on ESGENA activities, on-going guidelines, statements and curricula.

Education

- National members of the ESGENA group members have access to the ESGENA clinical grant programme
- Every European country having an active group membership holds one seat in the ESGENA Education working group (EEWG)
- Representatives of national groups are involved in the development of ESGENA guidelines, statements and curricula.

ESGENA Annual General Assembly

- Each European country with active group membership has the right to
 - nominate one delegate for the annual general assembly who has the right to vote on behalf of his/her country
 - Note: In order to ensure equal rights between countries and to prevent the dominance of any single countries, each country has the right to cast one vote in elections and decisions,

- National members of the ESGENA group members have access to the ESGENA Annual General Assembly with the right to
 - submit topics for the agenda
 - attend and to speak at the Annual General Assembly
 - stand for office if they are based in a European country (see definitions below)

ESGENA Membership Application and Fees

In order for a society to become a member,

- Please complete the online application form and submit it as directed.
- After ESGENA Governing Board approval an official letter is issued, and a membership ID number is assigned.
- The annual fee for ESGENA Group Membership depends on the number of members (see table below)
- An official invoice will be issued.
- Groups with > 100 members should pay by bank transfer ONLY (no cash, no payment by cheque).

Membership Fees

Membership Fees	
Individual membership:	30 €
Group membership (number of members):	
< 50	30 €
51 - 100	55 €
101 - 250	105 €
251 - 500	205 €
501 - 750	405 €
751 - 1000	605 €
> 1000	755 €
Affiliated membership:	55 €

- Bank transfer should be the preferred way for payment of membership fees.
- As a special concession, especially to individual members and small groups, ESGENA offers the membership fee payment by cash at the European conference.
- Groups which have more than 100 members should pay by bank transfer ONLY (no cash, no payment by cheque).
- Payments for a period of up to three years can be made in order to save / reduce transfer costs.

Definitions

European Countries

According to the United Nations geoscheme, created by the United Nations Statistics Division, the following countries are defined as European countries:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Vatican City.

This geographical division does not imply any assumption regarding political or other affiliations of countries, e.g. membership in the EU.

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Non-European countries

In these statutes, non-European countries are defined as countries outside the geographic borders of Europe.

Group members

National societies, groups or federations which represent the interests of gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses and endoscopy associate are

- Are professional / non-profit organisations recognised as official representatives for gastroenterology and endoscopy nurses and associates in the respective country
- have statutes with aims focused on nursing in Gastroenterology and Endoscopy
- have a governing board
- have defined membership categories
- hold a General Assembly annually