

Membership Fee

Effective from 01.12.2020

**Spitzenverband Digitale Gesundheitsversorgung e.V.**  
 (hereinafter referred to as "Association")

## § 1 Financing of the Association

Membership in the Association is subject to fees. The Association finances its activities through membership fees and payments for services exchanged (sponsorship).

Starting from the contribution year 2021, the SVDGV will collect fees from its regular members (standard membership in § 2 in categories 1-3) and its supporting members (supporting membership in § 2 in categories 4-6) according to this fee schedule. The aforementioned members are obligated to pay contributions to the SVDGV as per § 6 of the Articles of Association. Personal members, founding members, and honorary members are not subject to the contribution obligation.

## § 2 Contribution Assessment for Standard Membership with Simple Voting Rights

Category	Description	Annual Fee
<b>Regular Membership with Simple Voting Rights</b>		
1	Up to 5 employees (FTEs)	EUR 1.000,00
2	From 6 employees (FTEs)	EUR 250,00 per FTE
3	More than 160 employees (FTEs)	Max. EUR 40.000,00
<b>Supporting Membership without Voting Rights</b>		
4	For public corporations	EUR 3.000,00
5	For associations, federations, non-profit organizations and companies	EUR 100,00 per FTE
6	For associations, federations, and companies with more than 160 employees (FTEs)	Max. EUR 16.000,00

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## Notes

### - Regarding employee-based assessment basis:

The number of employees is determined according to § 285 No. 7 HGB.

The Board of the Association will, upon request, apply a reduced contribution rate considering the following criteria if:

- The number of employees is less than 1,000,
- The annual turnover is less than EUR 10 million,
- The member is not part of a group with at least three group companies,
- Engagement for the Association on a substantive level (engagement in working groups and in the tasks defined in the Articles of Association) has already been provided or credibly announced.

The reduced contribution rate is to be calculated based on the DGV employees. An employee is considered a DGV employee if they are predominantly and not just temporarily engaged in providing digital healthcare services. The number of DGV employees must be certified by an auditor or sworn accountant or credibly demonstrated in another suitable way.

DGV employees are considered to be particularly - but not exclusively - those employees who

- Develop, program, process, or make available a service (an app, software, or platform related to the health sector) to customers, or
- Support customers in operating an app, software, or platform related to the health sector, or
- Market, distribute, or otherwise exploit an app, software, or platform related to the health sector, or
- Deal with issues of evidence, interoperability, reimbursement, data protection, industrial property rights, prevention, each in connection with digital healthcare, or
- Make significant contributions to the provision of digital healthcare services in other ways.

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If the classification of an employee as a DGV employee is unclear for the member, the member will describe this doubtful case to the Association. The Association will then decide on the classification of the employee in question to the best of its knowledge and belief. In the decision-making practice developed through the decisions to be made, the Association will observe the principles of equal treatment and transparency.

The employee-based assessment basis is determined by multiplying the number of relevant employees by a factor. The factor is EUR 250.00 per employee per year for standard members (as of 2019) and EUR 100.00 per employee per year for supporting members.

The Association can annually request the verification of the number of (DGV) employees for the assessment basis.

#### - **Minimum Contribution**

The minimum contribution is EUR 1,000.

#### - **Supporting Membership**

Supporting members who wish to support the development of digital solutions for healthcare more strongly can contribute financially beyond the minimum contribution.

### **§ 3 Payment Method**

The contribution is paid annually against an invoice. Members who join the Association during the year will receive an invoice for the proportional annual contribution upon confirmation of membership.

### **§ 4 Payment Deadlines**

According to the Articles of Association, contributions are due on March 31 of the year. Members admitted after this date during the year must pay the contribution within 14 days after invoicing.