



Application for Organisational Membership

Note: Please **read carefully the following information and instructions** to determine which membership you may apply to. Please also refer to the **Membership Policy** available at www.endfgm.eu.

Fundamental principles

- **To be a member of the End FGM European Network, an organisation must:**
 - Work on the issue of FGM or on other issues that are relevant to FGM: violence against women and girls (VAWG), women's rights, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), migrants' rights
 - Subscribe to the vision, mission statement and values of the Network
 - Sign the Charter of the Network and respect the principles spelled out therein
 - Be committed to engaging in transnational work, advocacy and campaigning to end FGM in the European Union
- **All members commit to:**
 - Advance the interests of the Network and avoid any action which might discredit or damage the Network or interfere with the achievement of its aims
 - Support the Network's objectives and activities as described in the strategic plan and annual work plans
 - Agree with and respect their membership rights and responsibilities

Becoming a member

- **The End FGM European Network has three types of membership with distinct rights and responsibilities**
 - Full member
 - Associate member
 - Observer member
- **Which membership could your organisation apply for?**

Full membership eligibility criteria

To become a **full member**, an organisation must:

- Be a national Civil Society Organisation working on FGM with a human rights-based approach and,
- Be legally registered in one of the European Union Member States and,
- Work in accordance with the laws in force within their country and,

- Have governing bodies elected by their members and,
- Ensure that its statements and positions reflect the views and opinions of its memberships, and that consultation procedures with the membership are in place and,
- Dedicate a significant part of its annual activities on FGM in the EU Member State where it is legally registered

Fulfilling the criteria? Please contact the Network at info@endfgm.eu

Associate membership eligibility criteria

To become an **associate member**, an organisation must:

- Be a European Union formal or informal CSO or research organisation or private body working on FGM or,
- Be a European formal or informal CSO or research organisation or private body working on FGM or,
- Be an International formal or informal CSO or research organisation or private body working on FGM or;
- Be a national CSO working on FGM and fulfilling criteria for full membership, but which cannot become full member due to country quotas already achieved. **NB: National CSOs fulfilling criteria for full membership should complete the application form for full membership. It is the Board that will determine whether, due to country quota the applicant organisation will rather have associate membership.**

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Observer membership eligibility criteria

To become an **observer member**, an organisation must:

- Be a national CSO working on FGM with a human rights-based approach and be legally registered in a country that has candidate status to the European Union or in an EEA country or,
- Be a national CSO working on at least one of the following areas: violence against women and girls (VAWG), women's rights, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), migrants' rights and
 - Be legally registered in one of the EU Member States and work in accordance with the laws in force within this country and;
 - Have a strong interest to initiate and work on FGM in the EU country where it is legally registered

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