

POLIS Membership conditions

General

Membership shall be granted upon approval by the POLIS Management Committee. All requests for membership can be sought by written application to the POLIS Secretariat in Brussels. The written application must be made on a standard application form from the local authority.

Cognisant of the Terms of Reference (Statutes) and the Internal Rules of POLIS, as well as of the scale of membership subscription for the year of commencement of membership, copies of which have been provided, the POLIS Membership applicant commits to complying with the provisions of the Statutes and Internal Rules of POLIS and other decisions taken by the General Assembly, to contribute to the activities of the association and to acquit payment of the yearly membership fees. The membership fee is due within **3 months** from the date of sending the invoice **and in any case before 31 December of the year to which the fee relates**.

Membership is based on the calendar year (1 January – 31 December). Fees are applied as follows:

1. Membership starting January to June

Members joining between 1 January and 30 June will pay the full membership fee for the current calendar year.

2. Membership starting July to 15 October

Members joining between 1 July and 15 October will pay 50% of the membership fee for the current calendar year and will be invoiced for the full membership fee for the following full calendar year.

3. Members joining after 15 October

Members joining after 15 October of the current year will not be charged until the following year. They will be able to take part in POLIS activities but are required to pay the POLIS conference fees for the ongoing year, should they want to join. The membership fee (including three tickets for the POLIS conference) will be due the following year.

Members are free to **resign** from the Association **by giving written notice** via special means of communication, **at the latest by 30 September of each year**, to the Secretary General. The resignation shall be effective on 31 December of the year during which the written notice has been sent. As of 1 January 2026, as voted by the POLIS General Assembly in November 2025, yearly fees will be indexed on the basis of the Belgian yearly indexation.

Full membership

Full membership is open to European cities, regions, local and regional transport authorities with a democratically elected government, and related local or regional publicly owned legal entities having the character of a local authority.

Associate membership

Associate Membership is open to non-profit entities which are not eligible for full membership, such as non-European cities and regions, associations, research centres and universities with an interest in local and regional transport. Associate members do not take part in the POLIS internal decision-making process and do not vote at the General Assembly.



Table 1: Full membership fees for cities			
Population size	Fees Categories	2025	2026
City with a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants	FMC1	3.811,50 €	3,895.73 €
City with a population between 100,000 and 299,999 inhabitants	FMC2	6.352,50 €	6,492.89 €
City with a population between 300,000 and 499,999 inhabitants	FMC3	10.164,00 €	10,388.62 €
City with a population between 500,000 and 999,999 inhabitants	FMC4	11.434,50 €	11,687.20 €
City with a population between 1,000,000 and 1,999,999 inhabitants	FMC5	12.705,00 €	12,985.78 €
City with a population between 2,000,000 and 2,999,999 inhabitants	FMC6	13.975,50 €	14,284.36 €
City with a population of more than 3,000,000 inhabitants	FMC7	15.246,00 €	15,582.94 €

Table 2: Full membership fees for regions (more than one urban area)			
Population size		2025	2026
Region whose largest city has a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants	FMR1	6.352,50 €	6,492.89 €
Region whose largest city has a population between 100,000 and 299,999 inhabitants	FMR2	10.164,00 €	10,388.62 €
Region whose largest city has a population between 300,000 and 499,999 inhabitants	FMR3	11.434,50 €	11,687.20 €
Region whose largest city has a population between 500,000 and 999,999 inhabitants	FMR4	12.705,00 €	12,985.78 €
Region whose largest city has a population between 1,000,000 and 1,999,999 inhabitants	FMR5	13.975,50 €	14,284.36 €
Region whose largest city has a population greater than 2,000,000 inhabitants	FMR6	15.246,00 €	15,582.94 €

Table 3: Associate members fees			
		2025	2026
	ASS.	3.811,50 €	3,895.73 €