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# Welcome to GFMD Membership

## Become a member today!

Join a global community dedicated to advancing media development, freedom of expression, and independent journalism. As a GFMD member, you will benefit from a network of professionals, resources, and collaborative opportunities.

## How to join GFMD

### 5 easy steps to become a member:

- 1. Fill in the [membership form](#) (takes only 10 minutes!):**
  - Identify at least [one existing GFMD general member](#) who can provide a reference for your organisation.
  - Link to the editorial and ethical standards your organisation adheres to.
  - Agree to respect and abide by [GFMD's Code of Practice](#).
- 2. Application review:**
  - The Secretariat reviews your application for the Membership Committee's vetting process.
- 3. Approval by the Steering Committee:**
  - Your application must be approved by the Steering Committee.
- 4. Onboarding:**
  - If accepted, receive all necessary GFMD documents, join relevant groups, and get contacted regarding membership fees.
- 5. Engagement as a GFMD Member:**
  - Foster a mutually beneficial relationship through active engagement.

## Categories of Membership

### General Membership:

- **Criteria:** Open to independent organisations focusing on journalism and media support.
- **Membership rights:** Stand and vote in GFMD elections and matters.

## Affiliate Membership:

- **Criteria:** Open to smaller journalism and media organisations associated with GFMD members and partners.
- **Membership rights:** Cannot vote or stand in GFMD elections.

## Membership Fees

Find out more about annual membership fees in the table below:

Membership type		Description	Size & fee of an organisation (based on # of employees)		
			Small (1-9)	Medium (10-50)	Large (>50)
General membership	Global	Organisations with an international focus and working on journalism and media sector support in a wide range of countries in at least three of the seven GFMD regions.	€1000	€2,500	€7,500
	Regional	Organisations based in and conducting the majority of their activities in a particular region.	€200	€750	NA
	National	Organisations based in and conducting the majority of their activities on a national level.	€200	€750	NA
	Topical/Policy	Organisations that focus on topics such as freedom of expression, ethics, diversity, investigative journalism or sustainability - and working in a wide range of countries in at least three of the GFMD regions.	€200	€750	NA
Affiliate		Journalism and media organisations, partners and grantees of GFMD general members and other organisations associated with existing GFMD members.	€50		

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## Why Join GFMD?

### Become part of a diverse global community

At GFMD, you'll join a vibrant global community of media organisations, journalists, media development experts, civil society groups, and dedicated individuals from 78 countries. Together, we share a commitment to advancing media development globally. With 199 members and growing, GFMD offers you a chance to connect with like-minded professionals who share your passion for media freedom and development.

[Check out the full list of our members here.](#)

### How does GFMD support advocacy efforts?

#### ★ *Advocacy that matters*

When you join GFMD, you add your voice to a collective force advocating for media development, press freedom, and access to information worldwide. We amplify your advocacy efforts, helping safeguard and strengthen media freedom on a global scale.

### What role can my organisation play in shaping international media policy?

#### ★ *Influence international media policy*

As a GFMD member, you can actively participate in discussions and initiatives that shape international media policy. Your contributions can create a more favourable environment for media development and journalism globally.

### How does the GFMD community support journalists in crisis?

#### ★ *Coordination of media support*

GFMD is committed to supporting journalists and ensuring their safety, especially in times of crisis. By becoming a member, you contribute to these vital efforts and stand in solidarity with journalists worldwide.

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## What are the networking opportunities like at GFMD?

### ★ *Global connections and engagement*

GFMD connects you with a worldwide network of media development organisations, journalists, advocates, and experts. Engage in meaningful conversations, share insights, and collaborate on impactful projects that advance media development initiatives.

## How can GFMD help increase my organisation's visibility?

### ★ *Global exposure and collective strength*

As a GFMD member, you gain global exposure for your initiatives, attracting potential collaborators, funders, and supporters. Leverage the collective strength of GFMD's membership for greater impact on projects addressing issues like media sustainability, literacy, and safety.

## What resources and funding opportunities are available through GFMD?

### ★ *Access to resources and funding*

GFMD provides access to valuable resources, knowledge, and funding opportunities, helping you navigate the complex landscape of media development. Stay updated on the latest industry trends and best practices, leveraging GFMD's expertise and connections.

**[Join our network and become a GFMD member today!](#)**