



**GO!PHA**

Global Organization for PHA

**Contribution options  
and  
Membership Application Form  
2023**

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## Membership

Membership of **GO!PHA** is open to all companies, investors, non-profits, and other entities actively engaged in the design, development, production, and adoption of PHA polymers or materials with similar properties. This includes organizations that have a broader interest in renewable, durable and/or biodegradable plastics, mitigating global warming, enhancing the circular economy or reducing plastics pollution.

### Benefits

Join **GO!PHA** and become part of a global and action-oriented network that drives future-proof solutions. Members and benefactors influence the **GO!PHA** agenda and can participate in programs and committees, receive regular updates, reports and results from its activities and are exposed to collaboration and joint communication opportunities.

More specifically GO!PHA members get:

- Quarterly member meetings and community updates
- Participation in working groups on Advocacy & Legislation, Communication and Science & Technology, including monthly meetings and data sharing
- Participation in communication resources and campaigns
- Access to PHA-related new policy and legislation tracking (weekly and monthly updates)
- Access to document databases, including global legislation on PHA and PHA-related articles
- Access to the growing PHA community and its members
- Speaking and presentation opportunities at GO!PHA and affiliated events, conferences and webinars
- Option to start and participate in programs
- Option to apply for a Management Board seat

### Admission process

To apply for membership:

- Fill out the membership application and sponsorship form
- The Executive Board will review the application and inform the applicant within 30 days of the outcome
- If the membership is approved, the application form will be signed for approval



## Membership Fees

<i>Membership Categories (Appendix A)</i>		<i>Annual Membership fee (Euro)</i>
1	Academia, non-profits, foundations and individuals	1,500
2	Small and Medium-sized <sup>1</sup> companies and PHA manufacturing startups (pre-revenue)	3,000
3	Small and Medium-sized PHA manufacturers	5,000
4	Large-sized enterprises, including large PHA manufacturers	10,000

## Membership terms

- Memberships are tacitly renewed on an annual basis on the date of membership approval.
- Membership fees including membership renewal fees are billed on or after the approval of application date.
- Memberships can be terminated by giving us written notice at any time, however we apply a 30-day notice period before the next renewal cycle.

## Code of Conduct and governance

- GO!PHA is a member-driven initiative. As a member you can co-decide on the directions of our activities through the general membership meetings and working groups
- GO!PHA operates in alignment with its code of conduct and anti-trust statement, which includes guidelines to ensure:
  - o an inclusive, transparent and equitable collaboration place
  - o explicitly working on matters of mutual interests as opposed to competitive interests
  - o explicitly abstaining from anti-competitive activities and discussions
- GO!PHA governance structure is structured to provide optimal transparency and guidance from its members. As such, the Statutes and Regulations recognize a variety of governance bodies, such as the Advisory Board, the Participants Council, the Meeting of Participants, and the Finance Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> SME as defined as: 'The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million. For companies that are part of an industrial conglomerate, the financials of the parent company or holding are leading in defining the appropriate membership fee.'



## Donations and sponsorship

For organizations that want to make a donation, a benefactor program is in place. Benefactors are not required to be members and members can make additional donations in addition to the membership fees.

Donations are used to strengthen our across the globe, increasing our presence, providing resources and setting up collaboration infrastructure.

Do you have a specific purpose for your donation? We can certainly discuss and allocate your donation to a specific cause within our organization.

<i>General sponsorship</i>	<i>Sponsorship Fees (Euro)</i>
Bronze Sponsor	5,000
Silver Sponsor	10,000
Gold Sponsor	25,000

Donations are on a one-off basis. For repetitive donations, please contact us directly.

## Program-based funding

GO!PHA engages in program development and execution with partners and members. Most programs are funded outside the GO!PHA general fund, by the partners and members that engage in the program.

Programatic sponsorship always benefits industry overarching objectives, such as research, collaboration and communication programs.

### *Funding control*

Programs funding and execution will have separate oversight by the benefactors. For each program a separate fund is created to ensure targeted allocation to the program objectives. Benefactors can appoint a controller to oversee financial execution.

## Running programs

### *PHA is Natural program ([link](#))*

In line with current policy debate on the definitions of a Natural Polymer, GO!PHA started the PHA is Natural Program. The program started in 2022 and has so far delivered:

- 2 book chapters
- 3 technical review papers
- 1 experiment with the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)

The program is still fundraising to expand on the experiment with NIOZ, to run biodegradation tests in various marine habitats with PHA and control materials. Your contribution will contribute to scale up the experiment and provide crucial scientific data.

<i>PHA is Natural Program</i>	<i>Sponsorship Fees (Euro)</i>
Bronze Sponsor	10,000
Silver Sponsor	25,000
Gold Sponsor	50,000

The PHA is Natural Program has a separate fund with oversight.



# Region-specific advocacy funding

GO!PHA does not engage in direct lobby activities, but facilitates its members to work with policy specialists in various regions.

GO!PHA has set up two advocacy funds where GO!PHA members and non-members can contribute. As part of the contribution, the funds have oversight by members and are managed outside of the general fund.

Do you wish to contribute to the advocacy fund, then enter your requested amount and make sure to apply to join the Advocacy Working Group, where the content of the engagement is prepared.

<i>Advocacy funds</i>	<i>Sponsorship Fees</i>
Advocacy fund USA	<i>USD</i>
Advocacy fund Europe	<i>EUR</i>







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## GO!PHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND SPONSORSHIP FORM\*

### Company / Organizational details

Legal name: .....  
Acronym: .....  
Country of incorporation/registration: .....  
Address: .....  
.....  
Postal/Zip code: ..... City: .....  
Country: .....  
VAT no.: .....  
Website: .....

### Contact Person Details

First name: .....  
Last / family name: .....  
Title: .....  
Telephone: .....  
Email: .....  
Additional contact/assistant/accounting: .....

### GO!PHA Membership

<b>Membership category</b>	<b>Annual Membership Fees</b>	<b>(Mark choice)</b>
Academia, non-profits, foundations and individuals	1,500 Euro	
Small and Medium-sized <sup>2</sup> companies and PHA manufacturing startups (pre-revenue)	3,000 Euro	
Small and Medium-sized PHA manufacturers	5,000 Euro	
Large-sized enterprises, including large PHA manufacturers	10,000 Euro	

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**Sponsorships and donations**

<i>General sponsorship</i>	<i>Sponsorship Fees</i>	<i>(Mark choice)</i>
Bronze sponsor	5,000 Euro	
Silver sponsor	10,000 Euro	
Gold sponsor	25,000 Euro	

<i>Program-based funding</i>	<i>Sponsorship Fees</i>	<i>(Mark choice)</i>
Bronze sponsor	10,000 Euro	
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**Participations in Working Groups**

Please select for which Working Groups your organization would like to be involved in and contribute.

<i>Working Groups</i>	<i>(Mark choice)</i>
Advocacy working group	
Communication working group	
Science and technology working group	

I hereby declare the following (mark if you agree):

- I agree to share my contact details with other GO!PHA members looking for details regarding my work
- I agree to share my contact details with non-members looking for details regarding my work

Name and signature of authorized representative

Signed for approval by GO!PHA

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Name:

Name:

Date:

Date:



## Appendix A.

### GO!PHA Membership Categories

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#### **Academia, non-profits, foundations, and individuals – 1,500 Euro**

Academic organizations, non-profit research organizations, non-profit organizations, (non-) governmental organizations, and individuals not affiliated with companies.

#### **Small and Medium-sized (SME) companies and PHA manufacturing startups (pre-revenue) – 3,000 Euro**

- Non-PHA manufacturing Small and Medium-sized (SME) companies. SME is defined as: 'The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million. For companies that are part of an industrial conglomerate, the financials of the parent company or holding are leading in defining the appropriate membership fee.
- PHA manufacturing startups that have no revenue from commercial activities yet, including product sales and technology licenses.

#### **Small and Medium-sized PHA manufacturer – 5,000 Euro**

- PHA manufacturing Small and Medium-sized (SME) companies. SME is defined as: 'The category of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is made up of enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million. For companies that are part of an industrial conglomerate, the financials of the parent company or holding are leading in defining the appropriate membership fee.

#### **Large-sized enterprises, including large PHA manufacturers – 10,000 Euro**

- Large-sized enterprises, including PHA manufactures. Large-sized enterprise is defined as: 'The category of large-sized enterprises is made up of enterprises which employ more than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total exceeding EUR 43 million. For companies that are part of an industrial conglomerate, the financials of the parent company or holding are leading in defining the appropriate membership fee.





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