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Our Association

EuropeFides is a non-exclusive association of independent small and medium-sized tax advisors, certified accountants, auditors and law firms.

The association was founded in 2008 with the aim of joining forces throughout Europe and worldwide in order to provide better all-round service to our clients.

As markets become more and more international, small and medium-sized businesses also increasingly seek advice on cross-border issues. Being able to fall back on experts, who have longstanding experience in local jurisdictions and offer a comprehensive range of services, becomes indispensable when businesses venture into new countries.

Through their Membership of EuropeFides, Member Firms always have direct access to local experts all over Europe and beyond, allowing them to provide the best possible advice to their clients.

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Since its creation, EuropeFides has grown rapidly as advisory firms recognise the need to participate in networks and associations to be able to serve an increasingly international market.

In 2014, EuropeFides will comprise Members from 14 different countries within Europe as well as China and is actively looking to expand its representation in Europe and other countries. EuropeFides is also cooperating with correspondents outside of Europe, assisting our Members in providing truly international coverage.

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Organisational Structure

- EuropeFides is a French registered company in the form of a Société par actions simplifiée (SAS)
- Each Member Firm holds one share of 100 Euro indicating their vote in the General Members Assembly.
- EuropeFides is managed by a Management Committee – Comité de direction – determining the Association’s strategy.



Organisational Structure: The Management Committee

The Management Committee consists of 7 Members:

- one President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and four Committee Members.

President:

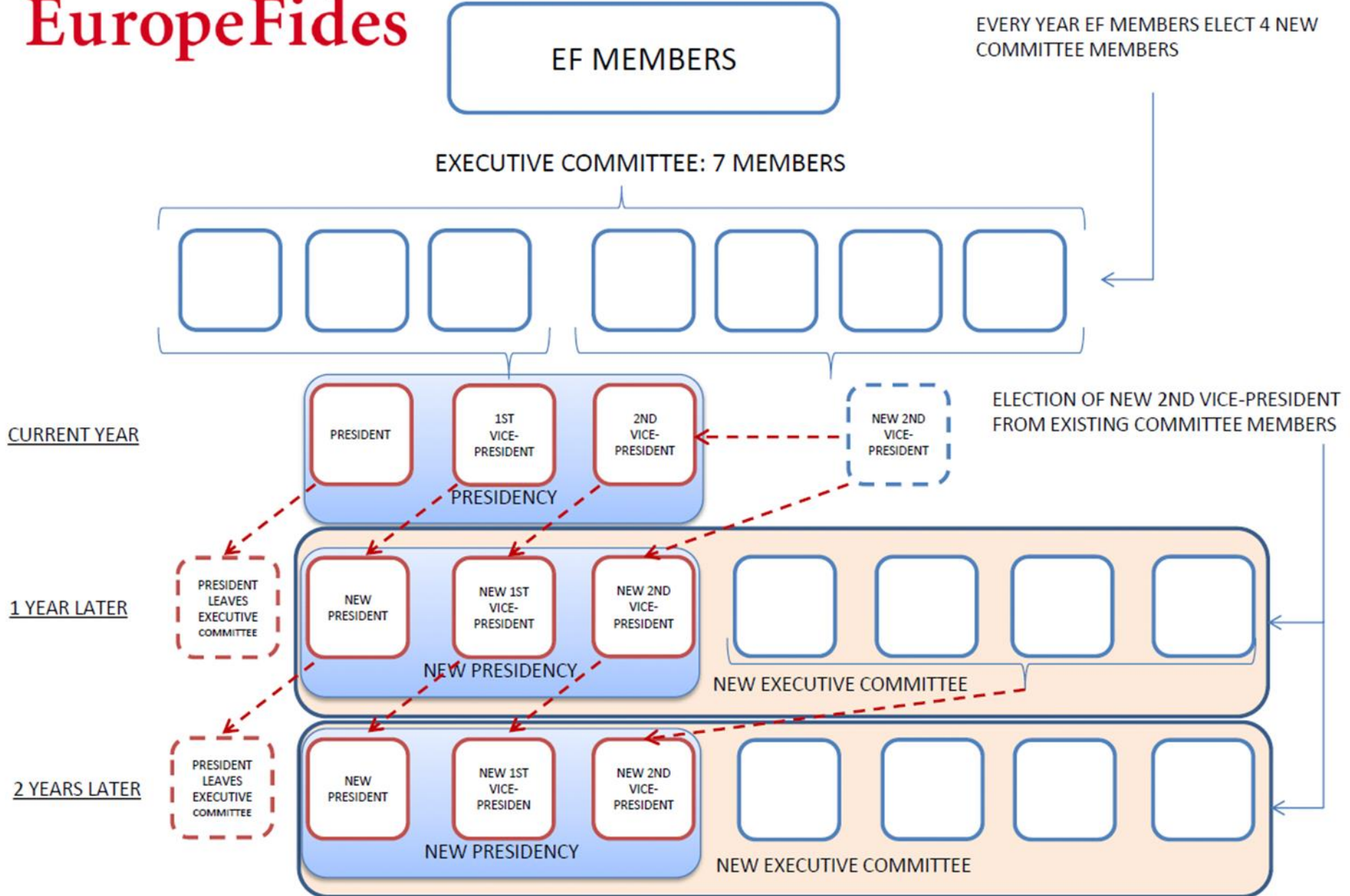
- administers the work of the association and is its representative vis-à-vis third parties.

1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents:

- carry out the management of the association as General Directors.

Our Structure - How it works

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General Members Assembly

Two Assemblies are held every year:

- Annual General Meeting in January
- Half-Yearly Meeting in June/July

During these Meetings

- Members vote on various matters relating to the Association (e.g. approval of annual accounts and election of new Committee Members).
- Firms have the opportunity to network and attend Seminars.
- potential new Member Firms may attend and give presentations.

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Membership: Rights and Obligations

- Each Member Firm subscribes for one share of EuropeFides, thereby obtaining one vote in the General Members Assembly.
- The right to Membership can be lost by death, retirement, exclusion or termination of professional activity.
- A Member who leaves will receive the return of nominal value of their share.
- Each Member Firm has the right to use the EuropeFides name and logo.

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Membership: Rights and Obligations

With their Membership of EuropeFides, Firms commit to

- respect of professional obligations towards regulating bodies.
- active participation in the life of the Association.
- paying an annual Membership Fee as determined by the Board.

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Code of Conduct

- A license agreement is entered into for the use of the EuropeFides name and logo by each Member wishing to include “EuropeFides” in the name of their company.
- Such Members should include the EuropeFides name in the registered name of their firm if the law permits.
- Each Member nominates a primary EF contact.
- Members will ensure that business referred by another Member is prioritised as it would be if it came from a most esteemed client.

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Client introduction process:

- Non-exclusive obligation to refer.
- The Responding Member will only accept referrals where they have the appropriate professional expertise, experience and resources to meet the request of the client. Otherwise they will introduce another person in its jurisdiction who is able to respond to the query.
- Conflict of interest exercise must be undertaken and cost estimate must be given.
- A Referring Member is not responsible for the advice of the Responding Member.



Admission of new Member Firms

- 1) The Management Committee proposes new Member Firms to the General Assembly of Members.
- 2) The admission of a new Member to EuropeFides requires the approval of 2/3 of the attending Members.
- 3) An electronic voting procedure will be introduced in the near future. The results of electronic votes will be formally confirmed at the following Members Assembly.
- 4) Once a new Member Firm is admitted to the Association, it will subscribe for one share of EuropeFides SAS (at a value of 100 Euro).



Cessation of Membership

A Member Firm may terminate the Membership at any time by providing the relevant notice to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee may terminate a firm's Membership if

- Membership Fees remain unpaid for more than 90 days.
- Member persistently fails to respond to communications of the Management Committee.
- there are persistent complaints about the Member's quality of work.
- the Members fails to attend 3 consecutive Members' Meetings.



Membership Fees

- Members pay an annual Membership Fee based on the turnover of the Member from its activities:

Turnover	Annual Membership Fee
< 1 Million Euro	1,800 Euro.
≥ 1 Million Euro	3,500 Euro.

- Included in the annual Membership Fee is the participation of one person per Member Firm in two Meetings per year.
- There is no entry fee for new Member Firms.

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If you wish to join EuropeFides or would like to get more information, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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