

**MIO-ECSDE Membership Application Form**

We herewith wish to apply for:

full

***choose only one***

corresponding

membership to MIO-ECSDE, knowing and accepting its objectives, principles and by-laws and stating our commitment for the protection of the environment.

We attach:

1. **a copy of our statutes** (if not in English or French send a ½ page English abstract)
2. **an activity report of the last two years**

and provide the following information:

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|  | **Name of the organisation and official abbreviation in the original language** |  |
| **in English** |  |
| **in any other language**(optional) |  |

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|  | **Year of establishment** |  |

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|  | **Address** |  |
| **City and Country** |  |
| **Tel** |  |
| **Fax** |  |
| **E-mail** |  |
| **Web-site** |  |

**YES NO**

1. **The organisation is: Governmental**

**Non-Governmental**

**Semi-Governmental**

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|  | **Type of legal entity**  (state clearly under what law: association, society, trust, federation, union, group of persons…) |  |

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|  | **Main objective of the organisation** |  |

***If your organisation is a member of the EEB, answer only points 1 to 6 of the application form. If not, please continue.***

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|  | **Geographical area where the organisation is operative** (e.g. entire country, region, city, etc.) |  |

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|  | **Number of "direct", active membership** (specify if persons or organisations) |  |
| **Approximate number of citizens represented** (for federations) |  |

1. **More explicitly the organisation is:**

**YES** **NO**

**A political party, part of it or institutionally linked to it**

**A commercial enterprise or part of it**

**A religious organisation**

**A professional organisation**

**A non- profit organisation**

**A funding organisation**

**An educational institute**

**A research institute**

**An international organisation**

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|  | **Regular publication(s), if any**  (name(s) and frequency) |  |

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|  |  | **paid** | | **volunteers** |
|  | **Number of full time staff** |  | |  |
| **Number of part time staff** |  | |  |
| **Others** (specify) |  |  | |

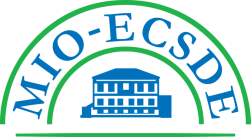
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|  | **Person(s) representing officially the organisation, name(s) and title(s)** |  |
|  | **To whom the correspondence should be addressed** (name and title) |  |
|  | **Is there a MIO-ECSDE organisation we can address for a reference?**  If yes, please provide name, e-mail and tel. |  |

**I, the official representative of ....................................................** (***name of applicant organisation***) **certify that all the above information is correct.**

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| Place and date: |  |
| Name of the official representative of the organisation: |  |
| Signature of the official representative: |  |

Excerpt from the *Internal* *Rules and Regulations of MIO-ECSDE*

1. Scope

The **M**editerranean **I**nformation **O**ffice for **E**nvironment, **C**ulture and **S**ustainable **D**evelopment (MIO-ECSDE), was established as a network of Mediterranean Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for Environment and Development from 1993 till 1996 and since then functions as a Federation.

MIO-ECSDE acts as a technical and political platform for the intervention of NGOs in the Mediterranean scene. In co-operation with Governments, International Organisations and other socio-economic partners, MIO-ECSDE plays an active role for the protection of the environment as well as the tangible and intangible cultural heritage and the promotion of the sustainable development of the Mediterranean Region and its countries.

The seat of the organization is in Athens, Greece, at 12, Kyrristou str and Mnisikleous. Other offices, branches, etc. can be established elsewhere in Greece and in other countries, upon decision of the Executive Bureau, in order to effectively promote the objectives of MIO-ECSDE.

In order to better achieve its objectives (as described in the Statutes), MIO-ECSDE can host and/or facilitate the functioning of other networks, secretariats and initiatives of thematic relevance.

The Statutes of the MIO-ECSDE Federation specify all the necessary basic operational rules and therefore are the guiding text of reference throughout the below described processes.

1. Membership

At the moment of setting these rules and regulations (2007) the MIO-ECSDE membership is 105 Members from 24 countries.

1. The member organisations of MIO-ECSDE are classified in two categories: full or corresponding. Only full members have the right to vote in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Member-Organisations.

The criteria for MIO-ECSDE membership nomination are as follows:

1. Any international, regional and national non-governmental, non-profit organization of a riparian Mediterranean country of no political, religious or commercial affiliation could become a full member.
2. All others (local, governmental, profit-making, non-Mediterranean, etc.) could be accepted as corresponding members.
3. Very new organizations (with less than 2 years of operation) are also placed normally in the category of corresponding members.
4. Every corresponding member could apply for upgrading to full membership after at least serving as correspondent for one year and providing the additional appropriate justification and supporting evidence.

All members retain their rights and privileges as long as they pay their annual membership fees which are decided by the AGM upon proposal by the Executive Bureau (EB). Since 2004 they are:

* + 100 Euro for full membership and
  + 75 Euro for corresponding membership

The documents needed to be submitted to the MIO-ECSDE Secretariat for an organisation to become a member, are the following:

1. The “Membership Application Form” filled in. It should be clarified that “Full” members (with membership fees 100 Euro per year) and “Corresponding” members (with membership fees 75 Euro per year) share the same benefits, except the voting rights.
2. Copy of the By Laws and Legal Statutes of the applicant organization formally translated into English or French.
3. Information material about the applicant organisation’s activities, of the past two years.

Each application is presented to the Executive Bureau Meeting. The EB appoints two scrutiny organizations: one from the applicant country and one from the same area of competence (e.g. wildlife protection, etc.). The Executive Bureau Member of the same country also has the right provide additional information. The report and recommendation are then reviewed and evaluated in the next MIO-ECSDE Executive Bureau Meeting. The decision is taken with 2/3 majority and is forwarded for confirmation by the AGM. The applicant is then informed of the decision and is accordingly integrated into the MIO-ECSDE structure.

Following prior notification, members can be removed if they do not participate actively and regularly in the work of the Federation for three years, or for actions that are not compatible with its objectives. Removal of members requires a consensus decision of the Executive Bureau.