

Rules of Contribution

according to § 4 number 3 of the Statutes of the Association

1. General Remarks

- 1.1 The General Meeting of KI Park e.V. (the “Association”) adopted these Rules of Contribution on May 16, 2024 in accordance with § 4 number 3 of the Association’s Statutes. These Rules of Contribution are not part of the Statutes of Association. They regulate the contribution obligations of the members, and may only be changed by the general meeting.
- 1.2 All members of the Association shall pay a regular membership fee. Ongoing membership fees are generally annual fees payable in advance. Founding members are exempt from ongoing membership fees.
- 1.3 Natural or legal persons, commercial companies, authorities and foundations may become members of the Association. The prerequisite for membership is that the member’s activities correspond to the tasks and objectives of the Association.
- 1.4 Legal entities and natural persons who engage in entrepreneurial planning and decision-making activities, including freelancers, are companies within the meaning of these membership dues regulations. Companies whose primary business activity is the development or offering of solutions in the field of AI and which have fewer than 50 employees are “startups” or “scaleups” within the meaning of these Rules of Contribution. The determination of the present number of employees shall be governed by the provisions of Section 23 (1) KSchGⁱ.
- 1.5 Companies whose purpose is, in particular, capital participation or also operational support services in other companies are “venture capital companies” within the meaning of these Rules of Contribution.
- 1.6 Natural persons who financially participate in companies while also supporting them with expertise and contacts are “business angels” within the meaning of these Rules of Contribution.
- 1.7 Natural individuals within the meaning of these Rules for Contributions are natural persons who are not entrepreneurially active.
- 1.8 The association is politically, ethnically, and denominationally neutral. Wherever function designations are used in these Rules of Contribution, they apply to all genders.

2. Ongoing Membership Fees

- 2.1 The ongoing regular membership fees are, for

- 2.1.1 Organizations and companies whose services consist of **equity capital** with

- Assets under Managementⁱⁱ (AuM) < EUR 250m EUR 10,000.00
- EUR 250m < AuM < EUR 500m EUR 20,000.00
- EUR 500m < AuM < EUR 1bn EUR 30,000.00
- AuM > EUR 1bn EUR 50,000.00

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| 2.1.2 Business Angels | EUR 1,000.00 |
| 2.1.3 Startups and Scaleups with | |
| • 0 – 9 employees | EUR 250.00 |
| • 10 – 24 employees | EUR 750.00 |
| • 25 – 49 employees | EUR 2,500.00 |
| 2.1.4 Companies with | |
| • Revenue ⁱⁱⁱ < EUR 100m | EUR 10,000.00 |
| • EUR 100m < Revenue < EUR 500m | EUR 25,000.00 |
| • EUR 500m < Revenue < EUR 5bn | EUR 50,000.00 |
| • Revenue > EUR 5bn | EUR 75,000.00 |
| 2.1.5 Banks in the legal form of public-law institutions and corporations | |
| • Balance sheet total < EUR 5 Mrd. | EUR 10.000,00 |
| • EUR 5 Mrd. < Balance sheet total < EUR 50 Mrd. | EUR 25.000,00 |
| • EUR 50 Mrd. < Balance sheet total < EUR 500 Mrd. | EUR 50.000,00 |
| • Balance sheet total > EUR 500 Mrd. | EUR 75.000,00 |
| 2.1.6 Natural Persons | EUR 250.00 |
| 2.1.7 Membership fees for non-profit and non-charitable associations, societies, foundations and professional bodies as well as public-law institutions and corporations shall be determined by the Board of Directors based on objective reasons and in accordance with the member's ability to pay. | |
| 2.1.8 The regulation from 2.1.7 does not apply to banks in the legal form of public-law institutions and corporations or to universities and research institutes that are organized in the legal form of non-profit and non-charitable associations, foundations and public-law institutions and corporations. For these, the current membership fee according to 2.1.4 shall apply instead. Legally non-independent research institutions may assume the representation of their respective umbrella organization in KI Park e.V.; the respective umbrella organization shall become a member of KI Park e.V.. An umbrella organization can also be represented in KI Park e.V. by several legally non-independent research institutions. The respective membership fee is determined by the executive board. The amount of the respective membership fee shall be based on the performance of the legally non-independent research institution(s) representing the respective umbrella organization in KI Park e.V. (e.g. cumulative annual budget, research budget, etc.). | |
| 2.2 Fees do not include applicable sales tax. | |
| 2.3 If a member joins the Association during the year, the annual membership fee shall be calculated pro rata for the remainder of the year in accordance with section 3.1 above. | |

- 2.4 The membership status in accordance with section 2.1 on the due date shall be decisive for the amount of the contribution.
- 2.5 In individual cases, the Board of Directors may by resolution exempt a (new) member, including for a limited period of time, from the obligation to pay ongoing fees if there is an objective reason for doing so. In such cases, the Board of Directors may determine the payment of a one-time allowance in an appropriate amount.
- 2.6 The Executive Board may, on a case-by-case basis, by resolution, exempt startups participating in or having participated in startup-oriented programs of KI Park members or their affiliates, as well as winners of challenges of KI Park e.V., from the current membership fee obligation for a period of one (1) year. If these members, who are exempt from membership fees for one year, leave the association after the end of the first year, their membership shall end at the end of the calendar year and they shall continue to be exempt from the current membership fee obligation until then.
- 2.7 If a membership is terminated, the member shall remain obligated to pay membership dues through the date of termination. There shall be no refund of membership fees already paid.

3. Foundation performance

Founding Members shall make a one-time contribution (“**Founding Membership Fee**”) in the amounts set forth in Annex 1.

4. Maturity and Delay

- 4.1 Membership fees are due upon notification by the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 In the event of an overdue notice, the Association is entitled to charge a reasonable reminder fee.

5. Changes

- 5.1 In the interest of the association’s welfare, each applicant and each member is obligated to provide the office with truthful information about the data required for the proper collection of the membership fee. This includes, in particular, notifications regarding a change in status in accordance with section 2.1 of these membership fee regulations; such notifications can be made in text form. If such information or notifications are omitted, the Board of Directors shall be free, after notification by the administrative office, to classify the members in their highest contribution category. The burden of proof of notification shall rest with the member .
- 5.2 Members who entrust the Association with the collection of membership fees shall bear all costs incurred through their own fault as a result of non-redemption by the bank drawn upon, or due to other non-feasibility of the collection.

6. Effectiveness, Entry into force; Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

- 6.1 These Rules of Contribution were adopted by resolution of the General Meeting of May 16, 2024, and came into force with immediate effect.
- 6.2 Any enactment, abolition, and amendment of the Rules of Contribution shall be made exclusively by resolution of the General Meeting of Members.
- 6.3 Should any provisions of these Rules of Contribution be or become invalid, the remaining provisions of these Rules of Contribution shall remain unaffected.

Annex 1

Founding member	Founding member dues	To be paid in
Celonis SE	EUR 150,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 75,000.00
Deloitte KI GmbH	EUR 400,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 200,000.00
Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	EUR 400,000.00	Four annual installments of EUR 100,000.00
Gauly Advisors GmbH	EUR 150,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 75,000.00
German Entrepreneurship GmbH	EUR 150,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 75,000.00
Humboldt Innovation GmbH	EUR 157,500.00	Three annual installments. Year 1: EUR 90,000.00; Year 3: EUR 45,000.00; Year 4: EUR 22,500.00
Investa KI GmbH	EUR 400,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 200,000.00
Diamant Software GmbH	EUR 150,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 75,000.00
Schaeffler AG	EUR 400,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 200,000.00
VDE Verband der Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik e.V.	EUR 400,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 200,000.00
Volkswagen AG	EUR 400,000.00	Two annual installments of EUR 200,000.00

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- ⁱ Full-time employees are considered with a factor of 1 and part-time employees with a factor of 0.5 (up to 20h/week) or 0.75 (up to 30h/week), depending on their weekly working hours.
 - ⁱⁱ “Assets under management” is to be understood as the sum of the capital committed by the Limited Partners (LPs) across all active funds of an equity capital company.
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Revenues from commercial operations.