

FnBB e.V. – GERBIO

Subscription scale and Standing orders

These document shall apply subject to the articles of association of FnBB e.V. – GERBIO (German Biogas and Bioenergy Society), which define the tasks and objectives of the Society. Their current version is available for everyone to download on the website <https://fnbb.de/members>. Alternatively, it can be requested from GERBIO's office.

1.) Benefits within the Scope of membership

- **Advice on questions concerning biogas and bioenergy use:** These are carried out to the best of our knowledge and belief. No liability is assumed for correctness and completeness. The duration of the individual member consultation depends on the status of the respective membership. There is no entitlement to written expertise (e.g. expert opinion) within the scope of membership.
- **Free subscription to the journal "SONNENERGIE“:** It is published four times a year in print and online version as well and serves as GERBIO's official organ. Each issue contains specialist articles from the societies office that provide information on current topics in the use of biogas and bioenergy. The volume is two or three pages in each edition.
- **Selective Networking:** The Society collects, processes (storage, modification, transmission) and uses personal data of its members with the use of data processing equipment (taking into account the EU DSGVO) to fulfil the purposes and tasks listed in the statutes. By becoming a member, the member consents to the targeted forwarding of his/her contact data to others members of GERBIO for the purpose of networking. No other use of data is intended.
- **Discount for participation fees:** Participating members of GERBIO have the opportunity to take advantage of reduced participation fees for events which the society organises itself or for external events in which the society acts as co-organiser or cooperation partner. The number of people (and any personal transferability) who are eligible for the discount for the event in question depends on the status of membership. It is graduated as follows:
 - **Single person:** Reduced participation for the respective person (not transferable)
 - **Plant operator small** (Biomass plant currently approved according to Building law – With an installed electrical capacity below 280 kW): Reduced participation for any two persons of the company
 - **Plant operator large** (Biomass plant currently approved according to BimSchG – With an installed electrical capacity from 280 kW): Reduced participation for any two persons of the company
 - **Company small** (less than 50 employees in the bioenergy sector): Reduced participation for any two persons of the company
 - **Company large** (from 50 employees in the bioenergy sector): Reduced participation for any three persons of the company
 - **Student:** Reduced participation for the respective person (not transferable)
 - **Mutual membership** (associations only): Reduced participation on demand
- **Company members receive an additional discount on exhibition fees.** This applies to events organised by GERBIO and its main cooperation partner IBBK Fachgruppe Biogas GmbH.

2.) Annual membership fees

They are based on the status of membership and are broken down as follows:

- **Single person:** 120 €
- **Plant operator small:** 185 €

- **Plant operator large:** 285 €
- **Company small:** 295 €
- **Company large:** 770 €
- **Student:** 50 € (A valid proof must be submitted annually to the office at least four weeks before the end of the calendar year, otherwise entitlement to the reduced membership fee lapses for the following year).
- **Mutual membership** (associations only): free of charge.

The membership year is the calendar year. It ends by death, termination of legal personality or resignation. The latter must be declared in writing at least four weeks before the end of the calendar year. New members joining in the first quarter of the year pay the full annual membership fee (according to their membership status). The membership fee for later admissions (from the second quarter onwards) is reduced by 20 % for the first year of membership for each complete quarter. The scope of services remains unaffected by this discount.

3.) General terms and conditions for participants

a.) Participation in the informative meetings organised by GERBIO is generally against "advance payment", unless otherwise stated in the respective conditions of participation.

b.) The deadlines for withdrawing from an event registration as well as possible cancellation fees are stated in the respective conditions of participation. In the event of late cancellation or no-show, the full event fee has to be paid usually.

c.) GERBIO undertakes to hold the relevant event in accordance with the respective announcement programme and to the best of its knowledge. Subject to applicable law, there shall be no claim for compensation for changes to individual program and event items.

d.) The participant undertakes to behave in accordance with the general safety rules during the event and in particular when visiting excursion destinations (e.g. biogas plants) and to follow the instructions of the plant operators. In the event of non-compliance, GERBIO reserves the right to exclude the participant without reimbursement of costs. Visits to excursion destinations are at the participant's own risk.

e.) The production of photographic, film or sound recordings as well as other recordings that may serve to faithfully reproduce technical equipment requires the prior approval (usually verbal) of the respective plant operator. In the event of non-compliance, GERBIO reserves the right to exclude the participant without refund of fees already paid.

f.) The society assumes no liability for defects arising from services provided by third parties in the context of an information event offered by GERBIO, such as on-site catering.

4.) Voluntary activities

They consist of travel and accommodation expenses as well as additional expenses for meals and can be adequately compensated in accordance with § 3.3 of GERBIO's articles of association, i.e. at the maximum of the currently valid maximum tax rates. With regard to travel costs, the following applies: If public transport is used, the amount of compensation is the regular, unreduced 2nd class rail fare – or 0.35 € per kilometre travelled if you use your own car. In the case of overnight accommodation costs, the actual expenses will be paid according to the invoice. The current table values from the Federal travel cost law BRKG (Federal travel expenses law) apply to the compensation of additional expenses for meals.