

YOUROPE membership requirements

In January 1998, the YOUROPE working committee discussed which festivals should be allowed to become a member of the association and how to make sure that only suitable festivals would join (indoor or outdoor? One day or multiple days? One stage or several stages? Entrance fee or no entrance fee? Music festivals only or all kinds of festivals? Rock festivals only or Jazz, Folk, Classical Music etc.?).

Unfortunately, implementing very strict rules meant excluding many festivals, even if there was only a single argument against them joining. So, according to the wishes of the General Assembly, the elected board members of YOUROPE adapted the criteria in spring 2001 to make it possible for more types of festivals to join.

Since then, in order to become a member, festivals must fulfil 7 basic criteria, score 6 points in the flexible criteria categories and pass the judgment of the board.

A – BASIC CRITERIA

Festivals who want to join YOUROPE must fulfil these basic criteria:

1. The main focus of the festival must be the **presentation of live music**.
2. All events of the festival must take place under the **same name**.
3. The festival must be **at least two years old**, and the last edition must have taken place within the past 12 months.*
4. The festival must have at least **3000 visitors** per qualifying day.
5. The festival must have at least **5 acts** performing per qualifying day.
6. The festival **cannot support a specific political or religious aim**.
7. The festival must be **accessible to all kinds of audiences**.

*If a festival is younger than two years, it might still join as an associated member and become a full member after the second edition has taken place.

B – FLEXIBLE CRITERIA

At least 6 points must be scored from at least three of the following categories:

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| 1. Location: | Indoor: 1 point – Outdoor: 3 points |
| 2. Days of music: | 1 point per day (max. 3 points) |
| 3. Number of stages: | 1 point per stage (max. 3 points) |
| 4. Camping: | No camping facilities: 0 points – Camping facilities: 3 points |

C – JUDGEMENT OF THE BOARD

Even if a festival fulfils the basic criteria and scores at least 6 points in the flexible criteria categories, the final decision if a festival will be allowed to join the association is made by the board of YOUROPE.