

Minor Updates to National Member Dues System

The CODATA Executive Committee recommends several minor updates to the national member dues implementation that will not change dues but will render the dues calculation easier to manage and more transparent.

The current CODATA dues strategy and implementation was designed in 2013 and, following General Assembly (GA) approval, implemented in 2014.

The 2014 strategy defined 10 bands each corresponding to percentage ranges of the total sum Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of all members. The non-linear band ranges and dues amounts were designed to limit change from the existing dues, establish a reasonable band population, and define fair dues amounts in light of the broad non-linear range of member GDP and ability to pay.

To maintain the 2014 system:

- 1) Every year, dues amounts are adjusted based on the 3-previous-year average of the OECD G7 inflation index.
- 2) Every 2 years, to ensure dues track member GDP, dues band membership was to be recalculated.

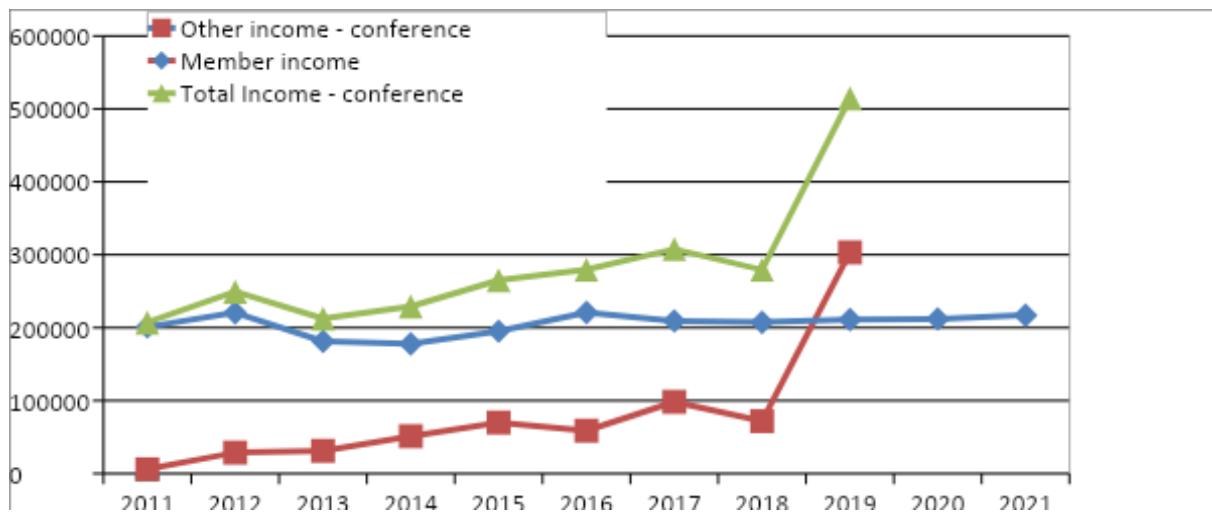
In 2016, a minor change to member dues calculation was approved at the GA. Following the 2014 implementation of the new dues calculation, several members communicated a desire for their dues to remain as consistent as possible. CODATA also recognized that the dues calculation formula shifted members to lower dues bands as membership grows.

In 2016, the GA approved changing the interval between dues band membership recalculations from 2 to 10 years. The next dues band membership recalculation is due in 2024.

2014 Band Limits & Dues and Inflation-adjusted 2021 Figures.						
Band	Lower Band Limit		Upper Band Limit		Dues	
	Euros 2014	Euros 2021	Euro 2014	Euro 2021	Band Euros 2014	Band Euros 2021
1	€ -	€ -	€ 127	€ 142	1,000 €	€ 1,114
2	€ 127	€ 142	€ 254	€ 284	2,000 €	€ 2,228
3	€ 254	€ 284	€ 509	€ 569	4,000 €	€ 4,457
4	€ 509	€ 569	€ 763	€ 853	6,000 €	€ 6,685
5	€ 763	€ 853	€ 1,018	€ 1,138	7,000 €	€ 7,799
6	€ 1,018	€ 1,138	€ 1,272	€ 1,421	10,000 €	€ 11,142
7	€ 1,272	€ 1,421	€ 1,527	€ 1,706	15,000 €	€ 16,713
8	€ 1,527	€ 1,706	€ 2,545	€ 2,844	20,000 €	€ 22,284
9	€ 2,545	€ 2,844	€ 5,090	€ 5,688	30,000 €	€ 33,426
10	€ 5,090	€ 5,688	€ -	€ -	50,000 €	€ 57,274

CODATA Member Dues Income

Member dues income has remained stable for the last decade. The graph below shows income trends from 2011-2021 based on audit information.



Income Trends 2011-2021 (Euros)

Recommendations for Minor Updates to the CODATA Member Dues Calculation

Based on a decade of experience with the current member dues system the CODATA Executive Committee recommends the below minor changes to the member dues calculation that will render it easier to maintain and more transparent without any significant change to dues amounts.

- 1) Given that CODATA dues income has remained stable for the past decade, fix band limits and dues for each band at the current 2021 levels.
- 2) The CODATA Secretariat and Treasurer monitor member GDP as compared to band limits. If a member's GDP is outside of a band boundary for four consecutive years, steps will be taken to inform the member country that it's dues will be changing. Members will be given one year of advance notification of the coming dues increase to allow time for administrative adjustments.
- 3) The G20 is a more accurate representation of CODATA global membership; therefore, CODATA is to use the 3-year average of the G20 rather than G7 inflation index.
- 4) Member dues bands and amounts become accessible to the public on the CODATA web site.