

FITCE.be - General information and membership types

Update association statute 2024 in compliance with the new Belgian law regarding non-profit organizations, and confirmed by the General Assembly of 10/06/2023

Mission

VZW/ASBL is the Belgium-based broadband connectivity and services community, that focuses on connecting and inspiring stakeholders, knowledge sharing and networking. We bring together industry professionals, academics and authorities, to exchange views and gain new insights into the developments and challenges related to the technical, regulatory, societal, and economic aspects of broadband – both fixed and mobile. During our in-person and virtual events, and through other channels, we explore important trends in the field and discuss evolutions on the international stage and how they translate to the Belgian context.

Vision

In doing so FITCE.be contributes to the development of an advanced technological communication infrastructure providing superior connectivity and world class broadband services in Belgium. This is, more than ever, a precondition for societal development, economic growth and wealth creation, sustainability, and attractiveness for foreign investment.

Values

As an association, FITCE.be is driven by values of free, social and sustainable entrepreneurship.

International connection

FITCE.be is the Belgian member of the European FITCE.eu umbrella federation (“Fédération des Ingénieurs des Télécommunications de la Communauté Européenne” (www.fitce.eu)).

FITCE was founded in 1961 as an international non-profit federation with national associations from Belgium, Luxembourg, France and the Netherlands. Membership is open to all European countries. It creates a network to its members of international ICT, Telecoms and Media experts.

FITCE Organises an annual international Congress which facilitates the exchange of information and knowledge, news from the latest fields in industry and academia as well as providing networking opportunities amongst its attendees.

Governance

General assembly

The members of FITCE.be have an equal voice and vote in the annual General Assembly. The GA a.o. approves the accounts and the budget, and appoints and dismisses the members of the Governing Board.

Governing Board

FITCE.be is run by the Governing Board composed of enthusiast digital professionals which duly represent all stakeholders, and who are nominated by the General Assembly.

Advisory Board

Since 2018 the Advisory Board, composed of C-level representatives of all stakeholders, delivers strategic guidance to the FITCE.be Governing Board, i.e. on the priority activities, the product portfolio, and topics that will become trending in the telecom and connectivity sector

FITCE.be community

The FITCE.be Community is the place to be for all stakeholders in the development of broadband connectivity, fixed and mobile, for Belgium. Individuals can join the community free of charge.

With this Community FITCE.be offers these stakeholders a personal connection to the wider telecom and connectivity community, and a channel in which relevant information is shared, such as:

- trends in broadband connectivity in the market;
- selection of content of past events;
- interviews with leading figures in the Belgian telecom arena;
- interesting extracts of presentations of recent events
- interviews with top speakers at past events;
- interactions between members of the FITCE.be Community on social media channels of FITCE.be;
- information on upcoming events, interviews with key note speakers;
- highlights on very specific domains linked with broadband connectivity.

Who should be part of the FITCE.be Community?

Stakeholders in the development of broadband connectivity (fixed and mobile) in Belgium, digital professionals from network operators, service providers, tech suppliers, fiber deployment companies, digital infrastructure companies, universities, research groups, utilities, local, regional and federal authorities, telecom & media regulators, important private users of telecom infrastructures and broadband services (ports, airports, industries, public safety providers, public transport,...)

New interested persons can join the FITCE Community for free by registration on the website FITCE.be. According to the articles of association, they are not members of the legal entity FITCE.be and therefore have no voting rights in the annual general assembly.

The companies, now effective member, are automatically included in the FITCE.be community: all individuals from those companies or institutions which are included in the FITCE.be database, e.g. which have already participated in our events, are automatically part of the FITCE.be Community.

FITCE.be Membership

Who can become member of FITCE.be VZW / ASBL

Legal entities a.o. companies, organisations, public services, associations, universities, research groups,... which commit:

- to play an active role in the functioning of the association, or
 - to significantly support the association in another way,
- and which are admitted as such by the governing body.

Types of membership:

1. Supporting Company Members

Benefits.

- Supporting (Company) Members are mentioned on the website with their logo and hyperlink to their own website
- their name and logo are also displayed at events and in our marketing mailing
- they get 2 free tickets per year for events organised by FITCE.be (European FITCE congress is not included)
- they enjoy a member benefit in buying tickets for FITCE.be, FITCE.eu and partner organisations events.
- they also get a member benefit on event sponsor packages
- they are consulted on a yearly basis on their expectations and priorities for FITCE.be

The fee for 2024 is 2400 €.

2. Company Members

This type of membership is in principle only for SME's, Academic and Research entities, Governmental or Public services and non-profit associations.

Such organizations that belong to that category, but are willing to provide additional support to our organization, can of course also be part of our exclusive group of "supporting company members".

Benefits:

- are mentioned on the website with their logo and hyperlink to their own website;
- they enjoy a member benefit in buying tickets for FITCE.be events (FITCE.be or partners)

The fee for 2024 is 350 €

3. Individual Members

The new articles of association of FITCE.be still incorporate individual members, but this type of membership is from now on exclusively reserved for persons who are explicitly contributing to the daily working of FITCE.be.

Physical persons interested in our activities can join the FITCE.be community for free.

Membership termination.

The membership is in principle of indefinite duration. Members and associate members can freely leave the association at the end of a calendar year. Their resignation must be reported to the association by email no later than September 30 to be effective at the end of the same calendar year. If the resignation is submitted after September 30, the resignation will be effective at the end of the following calendar year.