

The European Friends of 3GPP

is seeking your company's commitment to help to host and support more 3GPP meetings in Europe. Save your company money and contribute to the global 3GPP community by joining EF3!



The maths are easy: even a modest contribution to EF3 finances can help ensure additional efficiently-run meetings in Europe, cutting down your company's travel costs and your delegates' time. Please give careful consideration to joining the existing companies in helping to support the running of 3GPP.

Make the difference, and join EF3 at contact@eurofriends3.org

All about the "European Friends of 3GPP"

Created in 2002 on the initiative of several ETSI member companies, the "European Friends of 3GPP" is a project intended to fund the organization and support of 3GPP meetings in Europe.

Meetings of specification activities such as 3GPP are frequently hosted and managed by ETSI member companies at their own expense. However, the worldwide interest in the technologies being specified often leads to very large meetings, and these pose considerable financial and organizational burdens for the host, especially where that host is a single company.

Established to arrange and fund meetings in accessible locations with the support of the active members of 3GPP in Europe, EF3's goal is to reduce the financial and administrative burdens on individual companies, while ensuring that the member organizations based in Europe fulfil their obligations to the global 3GPP community. It also seeks to maintain an appropriate regional balance between the home locations of delegates and the locations where meetings are held, avoiding undue extra cost, time and fatigue for European delegates.

Our Meeting Organizer

Joining EF3 puts the responsibility for organizing meetings into the hands of ETSI, drawing upon the considerable experience and skilled meetings support staff within the Institute. As a founding Organizational Partner in 3GPP, and the home of the Mobile Competence Centre, ETSI has excellent awareness of the needs of the Partnership Project, the participating companies, and individual delegates. It also has a first-class reputation for neutrality. ETSI has accepted to provide the required assistance on a cost-recovery basis. This means the cost of running EF3 has no impact on the ETSI budget and spreads the financial burden of hosting 3GPP meetings more equitably amongst those 3GPP members who contribute to EF3.

Under the EF3 initiative, ETSI works with the signatories to find suitable venues that are accessible to all for 3GPP meetings within Europe and to provide the necessary logistics, the aim being to ensure the most efficient use of resources and a consistent set of services for delegates. EF3 seeks to maximise the efficiency and the effectiveness of the contribution of 3GPP participating companies in Europe.

Membership fee

Financially, EF3 works on a basis of voluntary contributions from the signatory companies. There is a minimum membership contribution of 10 000 € per year and no upper limit to the amount of contribution, and additional payments may be made throughout the course of a year.

Companies may join and leave at any time.

More can be done – with your commitment

As of 2017, twenty companies are signatories to EF3. This represents just 5% of all 3GPP members via ETSI!

Their contributions are sufficient to fund around 33 of the 135 or more meetings of the 3GPP Technical Specification Groups and their Working Groups in 2018. Therefore, fewer than 25% of meetings are being held in Europe. About two-thirds of all 3GPP companies are members via ETSI so arguably many more meetings should be held in Europe. We could host more meetings in Europe if EF3 had access to more funding.

Currently EF3 hosting is financed by only 5% of 3GPP's European Members.

Your company can make a difference!

Obligation & Conditions

Members must sign a [Letter of Intent](#) (LoI).

Members are required to pay a minimum membership contribution of 10 000 € per year. There is no maximum limit for contributions. EF3 Members are encouraged to pay a membership contribution commensurate with the size of their company.

Your company's logo will be advertised on our web site, flyer, meeting invitation form, and announced during welcome speeches. Not only will your company be playing its part in helping to run 3GPP, it will be *seen* to be helping!

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