

HETI Live Meeting Summary

Date/Format: Online Zoom meeting (HETI Live) 10.9.25

Facilitator: Vera Lantelme-Faisan (HETI President)

1. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves, sharing their backgrounds and HETI involvement. 11 Countries represented.

2. Main Topic – New HETI Membership Structure (from January 2026)

- **Goal:** Simplify, clarify, and make membership more inclusive, recognising global income differences.
 - **Changes:**
 - Two main types: **Organization** and **Individual** memberships.
 - Organizations divided into **large, medium, small** based on annual turnover (reduced fees for smaller/less economically developed regions).
 - Individual memberships keep current fees; student & senior categories retained.
 - New **3-month free trial** for individual members with automatic continuation unless cancelled.
 - **Federation Membership:**
 - For non-profits only; gives a voting seat on HETI International Council.
 - Federation members help shape strategy, select Executive Committee, host forums, and gain top visibility (ads, social media, Global Gallup).
 - Additional €200 seen as investment in influence and impact.
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3. Website and Online Platform Overhaul

- **New website** launching January 2026:
 - Easier access to resources, member directory, events, invoices, and renewals.
 - Organizations can add multiple team members (tentative numbers: 10 for large, 6 for medium, 3 for small).
 - Streamlined admin tasks to reduce workload for Kirstin.
 - **New online platform** (Mattermost-based) for real-time connection:
 - Accessible via mobile, desktop, and web.
 - Offers interest-based and language-specific groups.
 - Aims to move away from reliance on email/social media for communication.
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4. Discussion & Feedback

- **Rolling/auto-renewal:** Concerns raised by Gisela about accounting; Kirstin explained auto-enrollment should reduce workload and attract members year-round.
 - **Trial memberships:** Maria clarified that it's free for 3 months and auto-charges unless cancelled.
 - **Multiple access for organizations:** Widely welcomed. Octavia supported starting with 10 seats for large organizations to improve outreach.
 - **Website & automation:** Nonna shared positive experience from ACPEA's new website and rolling renewals.
 - General consensus: The changes will improve inclusivity, communication, and efficiency.
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5. Next Steps

- Test-run new system and website with current members in **November 2025**.

- Full implementation for new members in **January 2026**.