



2026 Budget for the Video Games project

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1. Background information

On 4 November 2025, the European Audiovisual Observatory's Executive Council adopted a 2026 Action Plan, governance and budget for the implementation of the Video Games project (VG project).

Implementing the Video Games Action Plan 2026 will constitute an additional European Audiovisual Observatory activity financed exclusively by participating members through voluntary contributions (hereafter VG contributions). 2026 will be the first year of a 3-year pilot project that will ideally result in video games being permanently integrated into the Observatory's activities.

The list of members willing to join the project was not settled at the date of the Executive Council meeting, and members were offered an extended deadline to confirm their participation. As of 12 November, the list has 25 members.¹

This document, which complements the information provided in the adopted paper and provides the budget for the implementation of the 2026 VG project, is submitted to the Financial Committee in the interest of transparency and with a view to easing the integration of video games into the Observatory's activities, should the pilot project be successful and members decide so.

2. Budget

2.1. Receipts

Based on the list of members that have confirmed their participation to the VG project and the mechanism for calculating VG contributions endorsed by the Executive Council, the contributions are as follows²:

¹ Some members were still awaiting from their authorities' feedback to give a final answer as to their participation from 2026.

² The figures may be slightly amended should further members join before the Financial Committee meeting. The VG contributions presented in the table are ceilings.

Budget of receipts Participating members' contributions	2026		
	% CoE scale RES(94)31	Prorata scale %	Contribution (EUR)
Albania	0,1500	0,1752	369,76
Austria	1,3982	1,6335	3 446,65
Belgium*	1,7497	2,0441	4 313,12
Croatia	0,2618	0,3059	645,35
Denmark	1,1254	1,3148	2 774,18
Estonia	0,1500	0,1752	369,76
France	12,7700	14,9189	31 478,85
Germany	12,7700	14,9189	31 478,85
Hungary	0,6591	0,7700	1 624,72
Ireland	1,4341	1,6754	3 535,15
Italy	12,7700	14,9189	31 478,85
Luxembourg	0,2255	0,2634	555,87
Malta	0,1500	0,1752	369,76
Montenegro	0,1500	0,1752	369,76
Netherlands	3,0034	3,5088	7 403,57
North Macedonia	0,1500	0,1752	369,76
Norway	1,4062	1,6428	3 466,37
Slovak Republic	0,4077	0,4763	1 005,01
Slovenia	0,1994	0,2330	491,53
Spain	4,6293	5,4083	11 411,51
Switzerland	2,2936	2,6796	5 653,87
Ukraine	1,1787	1,3770	2 905,57
United Kingdom	12,7700	14,9189	31 478,85
European Union	12,7700	14,9189	31 478,85
Morocco	1,0241	1,1964	2 524,47
Total	86%	100%	211 000,00
* Breakdown of Belgium contribution			
French Community	49%		
Flemish Community	49%		
German-speaking Community	2%		

2.2. Expenses

The VG Project activities in 2026 will mainly entail staff costs, data purchase for the Department for Market Information (DMI) activities and input from national experts for the Department for Legal Information (DLI).³

Budget of expenditure (EUR)	2026			
	Staff	DMI	DLI	Grand Total
1. Staff	116 000			116 000
2. Support costs	-	-	-	-
3. External services		-	-	-
4. Marketing		-	-	-
5. Documentation		-	-	-
6. Investments		-	-	-
7. Partnership and network		50 000	45 000	95 000
8. Flexible allocation		-	-	-
Grand Total	116 000	50 000	45 000	211 000

³ The figures may be slightly amended should further members join before the Financial Committee meeting.

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Budget for the 2026 VG project		
New table of contributions including Lithuania		

Budget of receipts Participating members' contributions	2026		
	% CoE scale RES(94)31	Prorata scale %	Contribution (EUR)
Albania	0,1500	0,1748	368,75
Austria	1,3982	1,6290	3 437,26
Belgium*	1,7497	2,0386	4 301,37
Croatia	0,2618	0,3050	643,60
Denmark	1,1254	1,3112	2 766,62
Estonia	0,1500	0,1748	368,75
France	12,7700	14,8782	31 393,10
Germany	12,7700	14,8782	31 393,10
Hungary	0,6591	0,7679	1 620,30
Ireland	1,4341	1,6709	3 525,52
Italy	12,7700	14,8782	31 393,10
Lithuania	0,2338	0,2724	574,76
Luxembourg	0,2255	0,2627	554,36
Malta	0,1500	0,1748	368,75
Montenegro	0,1500	0,1748	368,75
Netherlands	3,0034	3,4992	7 383,40
North Macedonia	0,1500	0,1748	368,75
Norway	1,4062	1,6384	3 456,93
Slovak Republic	0,4077	0,4750	1 002,27
Slovenia	0,1994	0,2323	490,19
Spain	4,6293	5,3936	11 380,43
Switzerland	2,2936	2,6723	5 638,47
Ukraine	1,1787	1,3733	2 897,65
United Kingdom	12,7700	14,8782	31 393,10
European Union	12,7700	14,8782	31 393,10
Morocco	1,0241	1,1932	2 517,59
Total	86%	100%	211 000,00

*** Breakdown of Belgium contribution**

French Community	49%
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