Membership Committee report, summary - 2025/2026

Sep 8, 2026

The following actions have been taken to date: Coordination of the reviewing process for a) Czech Republic b) France c) Italy d) Hungary and e) continuation of the prolonged reviewing process of the Netherlands

A. Czech Republic

- Reviewing countries were Belgium and Lithuania, the process started according to the general schedule and the Czech Republic sent the documents required.
- Both reviewing countries requested a clean and proofread translation of the official statutes
- The membership committee transmitted the request and received clarified documentation, which was then approved.
- Therefore we, in the membership committee, **recommend voting at the GA for Czech to continue as a Basic Full Member**.

B. France

- The peer review of France was conducted by Finland and Slovenia
- The review process involved several rounds of communication and clarification to ensure that the peer reviewers had the information required for their assessment
- Slovenia reviewed the supplementary information and provided an approval together with comments and observations where further clarification was considered useful
- Slovenia also noted that some information required further explanation
- Finland confirmed that most of the requirements are met and identified some essential points where further clarification was needed, particularly regarding:
    - professional development opportunities for DMT practitioners;
    - the length of DMT programmes eligible for associate/professional membership; and
    - the content of the programmes in relation to the association's training standards.
- The outstanding questions were communicated to France, with the aim of ensuring that the peer reviewers had sufficient and clear information to complete their assessment.
- The Membership Committee experienced some challenges in obtaining additional information and clarification from France, which required several follow-ups and extended the time needed to complete the review.
- The situation regarding France was presented to the Board which scheduled a meeting with France but the French representatives did not show up.
- Finally, France did not send the additional documentation requested.
- Based on the documentation reviewed and the outcome of the peer-review process, the Membership Committee recommends that the General Assembly **vote for France to move** from Basic Membership **to Associate Membership level, in accordance with the applicable membership criteria.**

C. Italy

- The membership status review for Italy was initiated on October 22. Peer reviewers from Estonia and Germany responded and confirmed their acceptance of the assigned tasks.
- The Membership Committee received the completed forms from Italy one month ahead of the required deadline (February 17).
- Germany reviewed and approved the documentation within the required deadline, by April 30.
- Estonia also completed the documentation review process and returned the form within the required deadline. Following several questions and comprehensive responses from our colleagues in Italy, the process was successfully completed with approval granted on May 26.
- As all the documentation confirms that Italy fulfills the requirements for full professional membership level, we, in the membership committee, **recommend voting at the GA for Italy to continue as a Full Professional Member.**

D. Hungary

- Membership status review was initiated on October 22nd. Peer reviewers countries, UK and Latvia, responded acknowledging the tasks.
- Hungary submitted documents by March 12th.
- Latvia confirmed the review was completed, giving their approval by April 23rd.
- UK delegates reviewed and completed their feedback, giving approval by April 27th.
- As all the documentation confirms that Hungary fulfills the requirements for full professional membership level, we, in the membership committee, **recommend voting at the GA for Hungary to continue as a Full Professional Member.**

E. Netherlands

We held three meetings regarding the ongoing process and discussions concerning the status of the Netherlands: one with representatives of the Membership Committee and of the Netherlands, one with the EADMT Board, the Membership Committee, and Training Standards Committee, and one with the entire extended group.

As a result of the first meeting, The Dutch delegates submitted a report summarising their position and outlining the discrepancy between the EADMT requirements and the applicable Dutch national requirements regarding the number of hours of personal psychotherapy required for DMT therapists.

In view of the ongoing and extensive discussions on this matter, and following the most recent meeting, the Netherlands were invited to provide documentation outlining the full process of education and training of dance movement therapists in accordance with the requirements of national regulations, together with a rationale explaining how this process may be considered equivalent to the EADMT requirements. The documentation should also include a documented commitment to the aims, standards, and principles of the European Association, as this aspect is also required to be considered as part of the overall assessment.

As the documentation and its implications require further consideration and careful reflection, **we suggest voting in favour of extending the current arrangement for one additional year**. This would provide sufficient time for all parties to further consider the matter and work towards a satisfactory and mutually acceptable resolution.

The Membership Committee Organisational Aspects

We held ten internal meetings to discuss the ongoing country review processes and to process replies to general info requests of information regarding membership statuses and association procedures from several countries. Additionally, three consultation meetings were held with the delegates from the Netherlands, the Board, and the Training Standards Committee.

Of the four current committee members, two will be stepping down: Mette Orbaek and Małgorzata Wiśniewska.

Therefore, we require at least one new member to join the committee. We warmly invite interested members to join the committee.

Tasks for next year

A. Coordinate the renewal process for professional full membership designated for 2027.
    - Greece (Italy and Poland)
    - UK (Netherlands and Russia)

B. Coordinate the renewal process for basic full membership designated for 2027
    - Ukraine (France - maybe Austria or Spain - and Croatia)
    - Finland (Czech rep. and Israel)

C. Update the format of the Schedule of the membership statuses reviews and send it to communication for uploading on the EADMT's webpage.

General Suggestions:

- For the next review, we strongly recommend having the document professionally translated or at least thoroughly proofread before sending.
- Reflecting on the possibilities that basic members in the future prepare a little bit detailed information about training programme hours.
- Working on updating the guidelines to ensure countries meet the deadlines

General Considerations:

- The turnover of 4 countries under review each year means that 8 associate countries are also engaged in the process as reviewers, that makes a total of 12 countries out of the 24 total. It is a reflection worth making if this is a rhythm that is sustainable and in the best interest of everybody.

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