



Donations Policy

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1.1 Financial Overheads

The Europe Division is seeking volunteers to donate towards the financial overheads that we incur whilst running the division.

Initially, these overheads only involved a provision of a web server and upkeep of a single domain name. VATSIM Europe currently runs our web systems on a Cloud VPSs (Virtual Private Server) that represents best value for money. As our division has grown over the years, there have been additional areas where funding has been required, for example the provision of Cloudflare, along with upkeep, maintenance and high resource requirement, has resulted in increased maintenance costs for the newly built EUD Core System.

1.2 Bids for money

Prior to funding any aspect of the division a thorough evaluation and comparison of costs is carried out. This review will provide our benefactors with the confidence that expenditure is handled appropriately. In order to conduct this evaluation, members of staff (or those specifically instructed to act on their behalf) requiring money for division matters will be required to present a bid for money that will be reviewed centrally. At a minimum a bid should include:

- An overview of what the bid is for
- The total amount of money required
- What the division will receive in exchange for the payment
- Comparisons of service providers (this may not be possible when funding event attendance)
 - Copies of any existing correspondence or agreements from the service provider

1.3 How to Donate

If you are interested in donating towards the running of the division, please submit your donation directly through our link [VATEUD - VATSIM Europe - Open Collective](#)

By submitting your donation you automatically adhere and agree to the terms laid out herein.

Our Agreement

When accepting donations, VATSIM Europe agrees:

- Every cent donated will be utilised to fund necessary resources and events within the division. Donations will be accepted via Open Collective and as such your financial commitment will be guaranteed.
- To continue to work proactively to grow our community and will do its utmost to constantly improve the experience that members receive.
- To publish, at specific request of a member, the income and expenditure of the division on a yearly basis via our website.
- Not to disclose the personal details of anyone that has donated.
- Not to treat those who do and don't donate any differently.
- Not to pay individuals for any work conducted in relation to the division.
- To hold excess donations in reserve for when they are required in future financial years.

Your Agreement

By donating towards the EUD division, you agree:

- That your financial contribution is solely an act of goodwill and that such a contribution **do not grant you** with any higher say in how the division is run.
- That you will never use the fact that you have made a financial contribution as a tool to attempt to influence or intimidate staff members or the general membership.
- Not to use the fact that you have made a financial contribution for elevating your status within the division, not to attempt to “bribe” the division into granting you special privileges or expect any return or preferences in this process.
- Not to advertise or disclose your donation in any public communication medium.
- That any monetary donation will have no bearing on disciplinary proceedings being carried out by a Supervisor, DCRM or member of Staff.
- That once your donation has been processed, you have surrendered your right to claim your money back at any time.