TeleTrusT **EBCA**
European Bridge Certificate Authority

Subscriptions

for members of the
TeleTrusT European Bridge CA

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1 Introduction

TeleTrusT is the body responsible for the European Bridge CA (EBCA) and is in charge of managing the initiative. Although TeleTrusT is a recognized not-for-profit organization and hence does not run the EBCA on a profitable basis, it still needs to ensure that the costs incurred are covered.

The participating organizations (e.g. businesses, public authorities and institutions) therefore pay an appropriate financial subscription to TeleTrusT which is assessed as described below.

2 Basis of assessment

The subscriptions used to co-finance the EBCA are based on the size of the connected Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). The basis of assessment is decided individually.

The basis of assessment for:

- non-public PKIs (own application, in-house PKI, closed user group) is the number of employees (or members of the user group) with personal certificates in the PKI;
- public PKIs (Certification Authorities) is the number of certificate holders using EBCA services.

If assessment cannot be carried out unambiguously using these guidelines, the basis of assessment is to be by adopting a similar approach.

To determine the basis of assessment, at the beginning of each calendar year and every time a participant's PKI is registered, the expected average number of users by the end of the calendar year is to be estimated by the participant. At the end of the year, the operator of the EBCA is to be notified of any significant deviations from the estimate. Alternatively, the estimate can be carried out by the EBCA's operator.

The financial subscription is calculated solely on the basis of the total connected user certificates, not the number of registered root and CA certificates of a participant organization.

If only part of a very large company or a Germany-wide public authority (e.g. a regional branch or a regional authority) is a member of the EBCA, only the employee certificates of the actively involved participant organization count.

3 Tariff scales

The annual subscriptions for participating organizations are divided into a number of tariff scales reflecting the number of users (or employee certificates) in accordance with the basis of assessment. A different tariff is charged for small participants to enable them to also join the EBCA. As a result, there are three groups of tariffs. The 'K' tariff includes membership of the EBCA and the associated validations and administrative expenses. 'K+' includes 'K' membership of the EBCA complete with connection to the EBCA's repository service of participants' own PKI. As a cost-reduced variant the third group of tariff 'K100' allows participants to upload up to 100 certificates (minimum contract period 3 years) in EBCA partner store. TeleTrusT members get a reduction of € 100 in 'K100' tariff**.**

Tariff scale	Number. of certificates issued	Annual subscription
K100	≤ 100 certificates, uses of EBCA partner store (min. contract period 3 years) for TeleTrusT members (reduction of € 100)	€ 900 € 800
K	≤ 300 certificates, linking participants' external repository service (TSP)	€ 500
K+	≤ 300 certificates, linking participants' own repository service	€ 2,100

Costs of standard membership of the EBCA including use of the repository service

Tariff scale	Number of certificates issued	Annual subscription
GI	Non-profit institutions	€ 3,750
BF	Education and research institutions	€ 3,750
EB	New members in the first year € 2,750 Subscription + € 1,000 Entrance Fee	€ 3,750
UN1	< 1,000 certificates issued	€ 7,500
UN2	< 2,000 certificates issued	€ 10,000
UN3	< 5,000 certificates issued	€ 13,000
UN4	> 5,000 certificates issued	€ 17,500

In certain exceptional cases, such as charitable organizations and time-limited use, participants' subscriptions may be reduced.

Connection to the EBCA repository service can for instance take place via the participant's external repository service or an externally accessible certificate store. The cost of providing certificates is not covered by EBCA membership and is to be paid separately by participants. The EBCA can advise participants regarding the external provision of certificates. The EBCA repository service is connected to a certificate store where participants can issue their certificates on special terms.

4 Date and method of payment

The first payment is due immediately after the registration of a new participating organization (or its certificates), accordingly to the remaining time for the current year.

Subsequent payments are always to be paid at the beginning of each year for the whole year in advance. Once the subscription level has been set, TeleTrusT always invoices the participating organization for this amount.

5 Usage of subscriptions

The subscriptions paid are used to cover the following costs:

- Registration/deregistration of participating organizations and their root and CA certificates
- Administration and distribution of the Certificate Trust List (CTL) and the Sub-Root List
- Administration and distribution of revocation information
- Organization and documentation of interoperability testing
- Operation of the EBCA Internet platform(s)
- Operation of the repository service (Bridge-LDAP) at a professional data center
- Management, administration, development, internal reports and public relations (presentations, publications, press releases, website and trade show presence)
- Operation and implementation of body meetings, expert placement and networking