**BECOMING A MEMBER**

Joining the Iron Age Danube Route means becoming part of an **international network** dedicated to preserving, presenting, developing sustainability, and promoting Iron Age landscapes and sites, as well as the tangible and intangible heritage of the Iron Age in the Danube region.

Through our prehistoric legacy, we convey messages that, among other things, promote European identity, unity, and diversity.

All legal entities and natural persons of legal capacity are eligible to become members of the Association.

**Benefits**

* **Be part of an extensive network** that includes museums, universities, research institutes, open-air museums, institutes of cultural heritage, municipalities, national parks, tourism stakeholders, SMEs, and NGOs related to the theme.
* **Gain international visibility** through the network's joint promotion of sustainable tourism along the Iron Age Danube Route.
* **Exchange best practices** in archaeological heritage and sustainable tourism.
* Implement and share the latest **scientific research** findings; collaborate in scientific and professional conferences, round tables, lectures, and exhibitions.
* **Build capacity** by sharing resources among Iron Age Danube Route members.
* **Collaborate** in the field of Iron Age archaeological heritage.
* Access **funding opportunities** through European projects that aim to strengthen and promote the route in research, cultural heritage valorization, education, and sustainable tourism.

**Commitments and Rights**

Members are obliged to act in accordance with the objectives set out in Article 8, respect the Statute and other Association documents, protect the Association's reputation, and regularly pay the appropriate membership fees.

* **Actively participate** in scientific and educational activities, international dialogue, and cultural tourism efforts of the IADR Association, in line with the goals set in Article 8 of the Statute.
* **Pay the annual fee** set by IADRs General Assembly
* Freely use the **IADR-certified logo** on premises and related products
* Regular members can both elect and be elected to the Association's bodies (Articles 12 and 36 of the IADR Association Statute).
* All members have the right to express their opinions, proposals, and criticisms, and have access to all Association documents and decisions. Members may propose new programs, projects, and activities, and stay informed about the Association's actions.
* Members may terminate their membership at any time.
* In accordance with the criteria of all Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe (see [Resolution CM/Res(2013)67 of the Council of Europe on rules for the award of ‘Cultural Route of the Council of Europe’ certification](https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectId=09000016805c69fe))

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Comply with Resolution CM/Res(2013)67 of the Council of Europe on the rules for awarding the ‘Cultural Route of the Council of Europe’ certification and Article 10 of the IADR Association Statute.
* Applicant/Member agree with and share the values and goals set forth in Article 8 of the Statute.
* Provide evidence that their activities are connected to Iron Age heritage.
* Members must demonstrate willingness to actively participate in IADRA’s activities.
* Branding: Applicant/Member must be willing to use the IADR-certified logo on their premises.

**Categories (including but not limited to):**

* Museum
* University/Research Centre
* Cultural Institution/NGO
* Regional Authority
* Local Authority
* Tourism Stakeholder
* Chamber of Commerce
* Natural Park/Site
* Heritage Site
* SME

**Types of Membership**

Article 10 of the IADR Association Statute establishes three types of memberships: **regular member, associate member, and honorary member**.

**Membership Procedure**

How to Apply:

1. Download the IADRA application form from the webpage: https://www.ironagedanuberoute.com/membership.
2. Submit the completed form to ironagedanuberoute@gmail.com along with a motivation letter and/or a recommendation from one regular IADR member.

**After Submitting the Application:**

The evaluation process consists of three steps:

1. The application will be verified by the International Scientific/Management Committee, which will provide its opinion within 15 days of receiving the documentation.
2. If the Scientific Committee gives a favourable opinion, the application and its evaluation will be ratified and approved by the Management Board (Article 37 of the IADR Association Statute).
3. The secretariat will notify the new member through the appropriate communication channels and include them in relevant mailing lists to stay informed about activities and proposals within the network.