
STATUTES

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Here and in all subsequent cases, the feminine form has been omitted for the sake of simplicity. It goes without saying that the association and all its functions and bodies are open to both women and men on an equal footing and without restriction.

§ 1 Name, SiQ, financial year and working languages

1. The association bears the name "European Network for Education and Training", abbreviated to "EUNET". It shall be entered in the register of associations at the Bonn Local Court.
2. The registered office of the association is Bonn. The registered office of the association may be changed.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.
4. The official languages of the association are German and English. Additional working languages may be determined by the executive committee. In the case of written declarations of any kind, the German version shall be binding.

§ 2 Objectives of the Association

1. The association is an international association of educational institutions with the aim of promoting educational work on European integration and, in particular, the participation of citizens in this process.
2. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
3. The purpose is to promote education

As an umbrella organisation, the purpose is realised in particular through

- o representing the common educational policy interests of the member institutions,
- o providing educational and conceptual support and advice for the activities of member institutions
- o carrying out and performing general joint tasks arising from the operation of the member institutions



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- O representing members vis-à-vis authorities, other organisations and institutions.
 - O Cooperation and exchange of information between its members and between them and the European Union, the Council of Europe and other institutions and organisations pursuing similar objectives.
 - O Advising its members on how to apply for funding from the European Union or other governmental or non-governmental organisations for activities in accordance with its statutes.
 - O organising its own educational events or other projects
 - O raising funds for the realisation of the tax-privileged purposes of the member institutions, all of which are active in educational work, within the framework of § 58 No. 1 of the German Tax Code.
4. In order to fulfil these tasks, the association may cooperate with other tax-privileged organisations with the same or similar objectives or become a member of such organisations.
 5. The European policy information and education work of the association and its members is open to all interested persons. It is independent of political parties and religious communities.

§ 3 Non-profit status

1. The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic goals.
2. The association may employ auxiliary persons within the meaning of § 57 to fulfil its tasks.
Paragraph 1, sentence 2 of the German Tax Code.
3. The association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with its statutes. Its members shall not receive any payments from the association's funds in their capacity as association members. No person may benefit from expenses that are not related to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

1. *Full membership*

a. The founders of the association are full members. The founders of the association are exempt from membership fees.

b. Full membership is open to domestic corporations that enjoy tax privileges, or to foreign corporations if they received tax privileges as domestic corporations subject to unlimited taxation.

c. Applications for membership must be submitted in writing. Admission is granted as a candidate member. The general meeting decides on the admission of candidate members by a simple majority. The rejection of an application for membership does not need to be justified to the applicant.

d. After two years of candidate membership, the general meeting shall decide on final membership by a two-thirds majority.

e. Membership requires the payment of a membership fee. The general meeting sets a minimum annual fee. The fee is due at the beginning of the calendar year.

f. Members who have not paid their membership fees for a total of two years will become associate members.

2. *Associate membership*

a. Domestic corporations that are eligible for tax relief or foreign corporations that would be eligible for tax relief if they were domestic corporations subject to unlimited tax liability may become associate members.

b. Applications for membership must be submitted in writing. Admission is granted as a candidate associate member. The general meeting decides on the admission of candidate associate members by a simple majority. The rejection

an application for admission does not need to be justified to the applicant.

c. After two years of candidate associate membership, the general meeting decides on final associate membership by a two-thirds majority.

d. Associate members do not pay membership fees, have no voting rights in the general meeting and cannot apply for cooperation projects.

e. Associate members may become full members.

3. *Honorary membership*

Individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the association and friends of the association, both natural and legal persons, may be awarded honorary membership by the general meeting upon the recommendation of the executive committee. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees and have no voting rights.

4. *Representation at the general meeting*

Legal entities shall appoint their representative for the General Meeting, who shall receive his mandate from the member. He may be represented by another person from his own organisation or by the representative of another member.

5. *Termination of membership*

a. Membership shall end in the case of natural persons upon death, resignation or expulsion, and in the case of legal entities upon resignation, expulsion or dissolution of the legal entity. Membership shall also end if recognition as a non-profit organisation is withdrawn.

b. Resignation from the association is only possible at the end of a calendar year. It must be notified to the executive committee in writing at least three months in advance.

c. The general meeting may, with a three-quarters majority of the votes cast, expel members who

- no longer pursue the objectives of the association,
- have impaired or damaged the work or reputation of the association in public, or whose behaviour gives rise to such concerns,
- have not paid their membership fees for two years,

Until a decision is made, the executive committee has the right to suspend membership. Before the association's governing bodies make any decisions, the member must be asked to submit a written statement within a period of three weeks. The decision must be communicated to the member concerned in writing, stating the reasons.

§ 5 Organs of the association

1. The general meeting
2. The Executive Committee

§ 6 **General meeting**

1. The General Meeting consists of the ordinary members who have paid their membership fees for all financial years. It shall be convened by the President or, in his absence, by one of the Vice-Presidents in writing or by email.



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2. The general meeting shall be convened at least once a year. The invitation period is four weeks. It must be convened if one third of the members so request.
 3. The general meeting has the following tasks:
 - a. Election of the executive committee
 - b. Discharge of the Presidium
 - c. Discussion and approval of the annual report and annual plan
 - d. Passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association
 - e. Setting the membership fee
 - f. Appointment of honorary members
 - g. Admission and exclusion of members
 - h. Dissolution of the association
 4. The general meeting shall constitute a quorum if it has been duly convened, regardless of the number of members present.
 5. Each member has one vote. Votes may be transferred by written proxy. Each member may represent up to two other members in addition to themselves.
 6. Resolutions of the general meeting are passed by a simple majority. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is required for amendments to the statutes.
 7. The general meeting is chaired by a member of the executive committee.
 8. Minutes of the general meeting shall be taken and signed by the minute-taker and the chair of the meeting.

§ 7 Presidium

1. The Presidium consists of a President, a First Vice-President, who is usually also responsible for finances, a Second Vice-President, two further Vice-Presidents and two further members. The Director (§ 8) is a member of the Presidium in an advisory capacity.



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2. The Presidium is elected by the General Meeting for a term of three years in accordance with the applicable election regulations. The members of the Presidium remain in office until a new Presidium is elected.
 3. Membership of the Executive Committee is personal. It is not transferable to other persons. It ends with membership of the legal entity represented.
 4. The Executive Committee manages the association's affairs within the framework of the law, these Articles of Association and the resolutions of the General Meeting. The Executive Committee regulates its affairs under its own authority.
 5. The Executive Committee shall appoint an auditor to audit the financial management of the association.
 6. The Executive Board, as defined by the German Civil Code (BGB), consists of the President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents. The Executive Board is represented jointly by two of its members.
 7. The Executive Committee shall decide by a simple majority of votes, regardless of the number of members present.

§ 8 Management

1. The Presidium may appoint a director as managing director to manage the day-to-day business. This person is a special representative of the association in accordance with § 30 BGB.
2. The scope of the managing director's authority and the procedures for exercising management powers shall be determined by the Presidium.

§ 9 Finances

1. The association's expenses are covered by:
 - a. Membership fees and contributions
 - b. Donations and
 - c. grants



§ 10 Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the association may be decided upon at a general meeting convened specifically for this purpose with a three-quarters majority of the votes cast.
2. In the event of dissolution of the association or discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the association's assets shall be distributed in equal shares among the domestic member bodies recognised as tax-privileged at the time of the decision to dissolve the association. The members shall use these assets directly and exclusively for tax-privileged, charitable purposes.