
STATUTES

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Here and in all subsequent instances, for the purposes of simplification, the feminine form has been left out. Naturally the Association and all its functions and bodies are accessible to both women and men equally and without restriction.

§ 1 Name, Seat, Financial Year, and Working Languages

1. The name of the Association is "European Network for Education and Training" abbreviated "EUNET". The Association shall be entered in the official register of firms and associations of the Bonn District Court.
2. The seat of the Association is in Bonn. The seat of the association could be changed.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.
4. The working languages of the Association are German and English and other languages to be defined by the Supervisory Board. The German version is legally binding for any type of written declaration.

§ 2 Aims of the Association

1. The Association is an international gathering of educational institutions aimed at fostering educational work relevant to European integration and, in particular, to involvement by the citizens.
2. The Association solely and directly pursues objectives of public interest as set out in the article on "tax-privileged purposes" of German fiscal law.
3. The purpose is to foster education.

In its capacity as umbrella organisation, its purpose is achieved in particular by:

- Representation of common interests in educational policy of the member institutions;

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- Provision of pedagogical and non-material support and advice regarding the activities of the member institutions;
 - Implementation and realisation of general joint tasks in the operation of the member institutions;
 - Representation of the members with regard to authorities, other organisations, and institutions;
 - Co-operation and exchange of information among its members as well as between these and the European Union, the Council of Europe, and other institutions and organisations with similar aims;
 - Provision of advice to its members on obtaining sponsorship from the European Union or from other governmental or non-governmental organisations for current statutory activities;
 - Implementation of educational events or other projects of its own;
 - Procurement of funding to realise the purposes benefiting from tax relief of the member institutions, which are all active in education, within the scope of § 58, [Item] 1 of German fiscal law.
4. To achieve those aims, the Association may co-operate with other organisations benefiting from tax relief with the same or similar goals, or become a member of such organisations.
5. The European information and educational work of the Association and its members is open to all interested people. It is independent of political parties and religious denominations.

§ 3 Status

1. The Association acts in the public interest; it does not primarily pursue commercial objectives.
2. To fulfil its goals, the Association may engage staff according to the terms of § 57, Para. 1, Al. 2 of German fiscal law.
3. Association funds shall be allocated solely to the promotion of its statutory objectives. No portion of income may be transferred to any member. No person shall benefit from

expenses extraneous to the objectives of the Association, or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Membership

1. Regular Membership

- a. The founders of the Association are regular members. The Association's founders are exempt from the membership fee.
- b. Domestic bodies may become regular members if they enjoy tax relief; foreign bodies may become regular members if, as a domestic body subject to regular taxation, they would benefit from tax relief.
- c. Applications for membership shall be made in writing. Admission ensues as a candidate member. The General Assembly decides on the admission of the candidate member by simple majority vote. The rejection of a membership application need not be defended to the applicant.
- d. Following two years of candidate membership, the General Assembly decides by two-thirds majority vote about final membership.
- e. Membership entails a membership fee. The General Assembly sets an annual minimum membership fee. The fee shall be due at the beginning of the calendar year.
- f. Members who fail to pay their membership fees for two years will turn into associated members.

2. Associate membership

- a. Domestic bodies may become associate members if they enjoy tax relief; foreign bodies may become associate members if, as a domestic body subject to regular taxation, they would benefit from tax relief.
- b. Applications for associate membership shall be made in writing. Admission ensues as a candidate associate member. The General Assembly decides on the admission

of the candidate associate member by simple majority vote. If an application is rejected, the grounds for the decision need not be disclosed to the applicant.

c. Following two years of candidate associate membership, the General Assembly decides by two-thirds majority vote about final associate membership.

d. Associate members are exempt from paying a membership fee, they do not enjoy voting rights in the General Assembly and they cannot apply for cooperation projects.

e. Associate members can become regular members.

3. *Honorary membership*

Individuals who have rendered outstanding services to the Association, and friends of the Association, natural persons and legal entities, may be granted honorary membership by the General Assembly at the proposal of the Supervisory Board. Honorary members are exempt from the membership fee and have no voting rights.

4. *Representation in the General Assembly*

Legal entities choose their representative, who holds his mandate from the member, for the General Assembly. He may be represented by another person from his own member or by the representative of another member.

5. *Termination of membership*

a. Membership of a natural person ends with the decease, withdrawal, or exclusion of that person; membership of a legal entity ends with the withdrawal, exclusion, or dissolution of that entity. The membership also ends, if the recognition as a non-for-profit organisation is withdrawn.

b. Withdrawal from the Association shall take place only at the end of a calendar year. The Supervisory Board must be notified at least three months in advance.

c. The General Assembly may, with a three-fourths majority of the votes cast, exclude members who

- no longer pursue the aims of the Association,

- have publicly impaired or prejudiced the work or reputation of the Association, or whose behaviour leaves that to be feared,
- have not paid membership fees for two years.

Until the final decision, the Supervisory Board has the right to let membership rest.

Prior to the relevant decision by the bodies of the Association, the member shall be requested to submit a written statement within a period of three weeks. The decision must be transmitted in writing to the concerned member and include a justification.

§ 5 Bodies of the Association

1. The General Assembly
2. The Supervisory Board

§ 6 General Assembly

1. The General Assembly consists of the regular members who have paid their membership fees for all business years. The Assembly is convened by the President or, if he is unable to do so, by one of the Vice-Presidents, in writing or by e-mail.
2. The General Assembly shall be convened at least once a year. Invitations shall give four weeks' notice. The Assembly must be convened when one third of the members demand it.
3. The General Assembly is responsible for the following:
 - a. Election of the Supervisory Board
 - b. Discharge of the Supervisory Board
 - c. Discussion and approval of the annual report and annual planning
 - d. Decisions on amendments to the Statutes
 - e. Setting the membership fee
 - f. Appointment of honorary members
 - g. Acceptance and exclusion of members
 - h. Dissolution of the Association
4. The General Assembly has a quorum when it has been convened in due order, regardless of the number of members attending.

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5. Each member has one vote. Voting rights may be transferred by a proxy in writing. Each member may act on behalf of no more than two members other than himself.
 6. Resolutions of the General Assembly shall be passed by simple majority vote.
 7. The General Assembly shall be chaired by a member of the Supervisory Board.
 8. Amendments to the Statutes require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.
 9. The General Assembly shall be recorded in minutes, to be signed by the secretary and the chairman of the meeting.

§ 7 Supervisory Board

1. The Supervisory Board consists of one President, one first Vice-President who is usually also responsible for financial affairs, one second Vice-President, two other Vice-Presidents and two other persons. The Director (§ 8) is a consulting member of the Board.
2. The Supervisory Board is, according to the valid election rules, elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. The members of the Supervisory Board stay in office until new elections of the Supervisory Board.
3. Membership in the Supervisory Board is personal. It is not transferable to other persons. It is restricted to the affiliation to the legal entity.
4. The Supervisory Board runs the business of the Association in accordance with the law, these Statutes, and the decisions of the General Assembly. The Board deals with its affairs on its own behalf.
5. To examine the financial management of the Association, the Supervisory Board shall engage an auditor.
6. The Supervisory Board according to the BGB (German Civil Law) is constituted by the President and the first and second Vice-President. The Board is jointly represented by two of its members.
7. The Supervisory Board takes decisions by simple majority vote, regardless of the number of members present.

§ 8 Management

1. To deal with ongoing business, the Supervisory Board may appoint a Director as manager. He will be the special representative of the Association according to § 30 BGB.
2. The scope of management powers and procedure for fulfilling management responsibilities shall be determined by the Supervisory Board.

§ 9 Finances

1. The expenses of the Association are met by:
 - a. Fees from, and cost-sharing by, the Members;
 - b. Donations; and
 - c. Contributions.

§ 10 Dissolution

1. The dissolution of the Association may be decided by a General Assembly convened specifically for this purpose, with a three-fourths majority of the votes cast.
2. If the Association is dissolved, or if aims that enjoyed tax relief disappear, its property shall revert in equal shares to the domestic member bodies who, at the moment of the decision to dissolve the Association, are recognised as benefiting from tax relief. The members shall apply the assets directly and exclusively to charitable/non-profit purposes that benefit from tax relief.