

STATUTES

Association

EEU - European Engineers United

To ensure equal treatment, all functional designations are gender-neutral and valid for all genders (m/f/d).

The German version is legally binding. An English translation is provided for informational purposes.

§1 Name, Registered Office, Fiscal Year

1. The Association bears the name ****EEU - European Engineers United****.
2. It shall be entered in the Register of Associations and thereafter carry the suffix „e. V.“
3. The registered office of the Association is ****Remseck am Neckar - Germany****.
4. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§2 Purpose of the Association

- 1 The purpose of the Association is to promote science, research, and education in the fields of technology and engineering in Europe.
- 2 The Association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of Sections 51 et seq. of the German Fiscal Code (AO).
- 3 The purpose of these statutes is realized in particular through:
 - 3.1 Establishing and operating a non-profit digital platform for collecting, classifying, and prioritizing technological future topics for Europe.
 - 3.2 Creating and publishing roadmaps for Europe's technological development.
 - 3.3 Promoting exchange between engineers, scientists, institutions, and the public.
 - 3.4 Organizing events, workshops, and conferences.

- 3.5 Networking existing development projects and initiatives.
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- 3.7 Considering ecological sustainability, social responsibility, and ethical standards.
- 3.8 Aligning with the ethical core values of the engineering profession such as responsibility, integrity, innovation, and sustainability.
- 3.9 Upholding the fundamental values of the European Union such as human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law, and human rights.

4 The Association is politically and religiously independent.

§3 Selflessness

- 1. The Association acts selflessly; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- 2. The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the statutes.
- 3. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds.

§4 Membership

- 1. Any natural or legal person who supports the goals of the Association may become a member.
- 2. Membership may also be digital. Participation in meetings and voting is possible via electronic communication tools.
- 3. Supporting members (e.g., companies, universities, organizations) may be admitted and support the Association ideologically and financially, without voting rights.
- 4. The Board decides on the written application for admission.
- 5. Membership ends upon resignation, expulsion, death, or dissolution of the legal entity.
- 6. Resignation must be declared in writing to an authorized Board member. The written notice of resignation must be submitted with one month's notice, effective at the end of the fiscal year.
- 7. Expulsion may only occur for good cause. Good causes include, in particular, conduct detrimental to the Association's objectives, violation of statutory obligations, or arrears of contributions for at least one year. The Board decides on expulsion.
- 8. The member has the right to appeal the expulsion to the General Assembly, which must be submitted in writing to the Board within one month. The General Assembly makes the final decision within the Association. The member retains the right to seek judicial review. Filing an action with a regular court has a suspensive effect until the court decision becomes final.

§5 Contributions

1. Contributions may be levied from members. The amount and due date of the contributions shall be determined by the General Assembly

§6 Benefits

1. No person may be favored by expenditures that are unrelated to the purpose of the Association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§7 Organs of the Association

- 1 The organs of the Association are:
 - 1.1 The General Assembly
 - 1.2 The Board
 - 1.3 Advisory Board or Scientific Committee
(optional and appointed by the General Assembly as needed)
 - 1.4 Project Groups or Working Committees on specific topics
(optional and appointed by the General Assembly as needed)
 - 1.5 Ethics and Transparency Commission
(optional and appointed by the General Assembly as needed)

§8 General Assembly

- 1 The General Assembly is the supreme body of the Association.
- 2 It shall take place at least once a year in the first quarter.
- 3 It is particularly responsible for:
 - 3.1 Electing, discharging, and removing the Board
 - 3.2 Receiving the Board's reports
 - 3.3 Electing the Auditor
 - 3.4 Passing resolutions on amendments to the statutes
 - 3.5 Determining membership contributions and their due dates
 - 3.6 Passing resolutions on the dissolution of the Association
 - 3.7 Deciding on admission and expulsion of members in appeal cases
 - 3.8 Establishing project groups, committees, and the Ethics and Transparency Commission
 - 3.9 Other tasks arising from the statutes or by law
- 4 Resolutions in the General Assembly require a simple majority (50% + 1). Abstentions and invalid votes are disregarded.

- 5 The Board is obliged to convene an extraordinary General Assembly if at least one-third of the members request this in writing, stating reasons.
- 6 The General Assembly is convened by the Board with one month's notice by email or, upon special request of a member, in writing, stating the agenda.
- 7 The notice period begins on the day following the dispatch of the email/invitation letter.
- 8 The email/invitation letter is deemed delivered if sent to the last email address or postal address provided to the Association.
- 9 The agenda shall be supplemented if a member submits a written request no later than one week before the scheduled date. The supplement shall be announced at the beginning of the meeting.
- 10 Motions for the removal of the Board, amendments to the statutes, and dissolution of the Association that were not included in the invitation may only be decided at the next General Assembly.
- 11 General Assemblies with fewer than three members present (quorum) shall be postponed. A postponed General Assembly is valid regardless of the number of members present and may pass resolutions by the leading Board member alone. This does not apply to newly added agenda items.
- 12 The General Assembly is chaired by a Board member.
- 13 At the beginning of the General Assembly, a secretary shall be elected.
- 14 Each member has one vote. Voting rights may only be exercised personally or by proxy with a written authorization.
- 15 Minutes of the resolutions of the General Assembly shall be prepared and signed by the chairperson and the secretary (electronic signature is permitted).

§9 Board

1. The Board, within the meaning of Section 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB), consists of four persons: the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
2. The Board is elected for a term of two years.
3. The Board conducts the day-to-day business of the Association.
4. They represent the Association in and out of court. Two Board members jointly represent the Association.
5. Re-election of Board members is permitted.
6. The Board remains in office until a new Board is elected.

7. Membership in the Association must exist for holding office; if membership ends, the Board position also ends.
8. Board members work on an honorary basis. They are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses and disbursements.

§10 Auditor

1. The General Assembly elects an Auditor for a term of one year.
2. This person may not be a member of the Board.
3. Re-election of the Auditor is permitted.

§11 Amendment of the Statutes

1. Amendments to the statutes require a two-thirds majority of the members present.

§12 Dissolution of the Association

1. In the event of dissolution or termination of the Association, or if its tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets of the Association shall be transferred in the order listed below (§10.1.1 ff.). This applies provided that the beneficiaries are charitable at the time of dissolution or loss of tax privileges and that the funds are used directly and exclusively for charitable or benevolent purposes. If the criteria of the named organizations cannot be met, the assets shall be transferred to another tax-privileged organization within the meaning of the German Fiscal Code.

List of beneficiaries in the event of dissolution:

1.1 European Academy of Sciences (EURASC)

Interdisciplinary academy for excellent research and technological innovation, independent NGO in Belgium.

1.2 European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI)

Network for the promotion of engineering education in Europe.

1.3 EARTO (European Association of Research and Technology Organisations)

R&D institutes in Europe for cooperation in public, industrial, and societal research.

1.4 European Science Foundation (ESF)

Independent NGO for steering and evaluating scientific programs in Europe.

1.5 COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

Funding organization for international research networks in Europe.

§13 Data Protection and IT Security

1. The Association undertakes to protect personal data in accordance with the DSGVO (GDPR) .
2. The digital platform and communication tools are operated in compliance with current security standards.
3. The role of Data Protection Officer (DSGVO/GDPR) is generally assumed by the President. However, this task may be delegated to another member of the Association, provided that the person has the required expertise.

§14 Foundation

The Association is established on this day.

Place, Date:

Signatures of the founding members

By signing, we confirm our acceptance of these statutes.