

Association “European University for Volunteering”

Articles of Association

I. Name, domicile and purpose

Art. 1

The Association named “European University for Volunteering (EUV)” is non-profit Association in the sense of Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, based in Basel.

Art. 2

The Association follows the tradition of the “Travelling University”, which was established by the “Association pour le Volontariat à l'acte gratuit en Europe (AVE)”, created in 1993.

The EUV bases its activities on the ideas of the medieval travelling university, thereby offering a university education on topics related to civil engagement and civil society to volunteers and professionals working in the field of volunteering; this happens in interdisciplinary lectures and seminars taking place at irregular intervals.

Therefore:

- the Association transfers the implementation of an EUV event to local organising institutions,
- the Association gives local organising institutions support in implementing an EUV event,
- the Association maintains an archive on past EUV events.

The Association is not profit-orientated and is independent of commercial interests.

II. Membership

Art. 3

Members can be individuals or legal persons that acknowledge the purpose of the Association and are willing to support it.

The admission of new members is subject to the decision of the Board.

The resignation from the Association can be given to the Board in writing and at any time.

The Board can exclude members from membership, if they have acted contrary to the purposes of the Association. Prior to such a decision, the respective member is to be granted the opportunity to be heard.

Art. 4

There is an annual membership fee. The amount is fixed at the General Assembly of the Association.

III. Financing

Art. 5

The Association is financed by annual membership fees, donations, contributions of sponsors, event proceeds, legacies, surpluses and other income.

For the liability of the Association, the capital of the Association is the only guarantee. Any personal liability of the members is excluded.

IV. Organisation

Art. 6

The General Assembly and the Board are the organs of the Association EUV.

a) The General Assembly of the Association EUV

Art. 7

The General Assembly is the highest organ of the Association EUV. The General Assembly takes place in years when an EUV event is organized. Any extraordinary meetings shall be convened as required.

The General Assembly is convened by the Board and announced by means of a written invitation to all members. The invitations are to be sent at least fourteen days before the date of the Assembly.

Art. 8

The General Assembly of the EUV has the following powers:

- Advising on fundamental issues, especially concerning the concept of the University for Volunteering
 - Acceptance of the Board's report
 - Acceptance of the Auditors' report
 - Acceptance of the Annual report and the Annual accounts
- Election of the Board and the auditors
- Fixing of the amount of the membership fee
- Changing the Articles of the EUV Association
- Dissolution of the EUV Association

b) The Board

Art. 9

The Board consists of at least three members of the Association who are elected by the General Assembly. The Board constitutes itself.

The Board appoints a President and a Treasurer from among its own members. The accumulation of roles is admissible. In addition, the Board can create a Secretariat to perform operational activities.

Members of the Board are elected for the duration of three years. Re-election is possible.

The maximum term of office is 12 years.

The Board can set procedural rules in a regulatory document.

Art. 10

The Board represents the Association externally. The Board designates those members who will have the legally binding authority to sign on behalf of the Association, and determines the kind of signature.

A decision is passed by majority vote of the members present.

The powers of the Board extends across those areas that are not covered by the law or by the Articles of Association or that are not expressly reserved to the rights of the General Assembly or the auditors.

In a year of activity, the Board will present the annual accounts and the annual report of the respective preceding year to the ordinary General Assembly of the Association for acceptance. In years when the Association is not active and the General Assembly does not convene, no annual accounts nor annual report are presented.

The Board evaluates applications for the implementation of an EUV event and decides on the transfer procedure to the local organising institutions.

Art. 11

The Board can appoint special working groups and committees to deal with certain tasks. Their members do not have to be members of the Board. Furthermore, the Board can appoint a delegate. Tasks and competencies are decreed by the Board.

V. Change of the Articles of Association and dissolution of the Association**Art. 12**

Any changes to the Articles of the EUV Association, as well as the dissolution of the Association are passed only by a majority vote of at least two thirds of members present at the General Assembly.

In the case of dissolution of the Association, decisions on the allocation of the assets of the Association are taken by the General Assembly. Any surplus of funds is - in each and every case - to be allocated to an institution that has a similar purpose to that of the dissolved Association. A return of the Association's members is excluded. This regulation cannot be changed.

These Articles of Association were approved and brought into force at the Association's founding Assembly on 17 October 2012. They were amended on 5 September 2013.