


Excerpt from the articles of association concerning the membership and the organisational structure

The membership of the Association

Any natural or legal person, or unincorporated organisation who or that accepts the **objectives** of the Association and undertakes to actively participate in the activities of the Association by signing the **entry form**, and to pay the membership fee can become the member of the Association.


The Executive Board of the Association decides on the admission of the full members based on their written application for admission. The undersigned **application for admission** may also be submitted in a scanned, digital format attached to an e-mail in .odf, .jpg., .tif and .png formats. The application for membership cannot be withdrawn for six months in order to be able to evaluate the statistics concerning the number of members.

The rights and obligations of the full members of the Association:

- They can make remarks and proposals; give their opinion concerning the operation of the Association.
 - Full members may ask for clarification regarding the activities of the Association, and the Association shall respond to such requests within 30 days.
 - Full members shall have a right to vote in adopting the decisions of the general assembly.
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- They can make recommendations on negotiations issued concerning the Association.
- They can participate in the activities and events of the Association.
- Full members have a right to elect, and can be elected to be an officer of the managing and representative bodies of the Association.
- They can table a motion for the agenda items of the General Assembly and the Meetings of the Executive Board of the Association
- They have a right to access the records of the Association.
- A third of the members may initiate in writing the convening of an extraordinary General Assembly or an extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Board of the Association.

The conditions of exercising the right to vote

- a) Every member of the Association has an identical right to vote. Every member can only exercise his right to vote personally, authorisation is not an option.
 - b) The condition of exercising the right to vote is membership in the Association, and in the case of holding a General Assembly a further condition is the personal attendance of the member.
 - c) In order to practice the right to vote payment of the annual membership fee shall be certified.
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In case an organisation intends to join the Association, such organisation shall denominate a representative.

Termination of the membership

The membership shall terminate:

- with the death of the member, or in case of a member that is not a natural person with the termination of such member,
- with the termination of the Association,
- with the member's quitting,
- with the member's exclusion.

The possibility of exclusion

The member of the Association undertakes to comply with the rules and regulations of the local authorities and with the binding recommendations of the Association. In case a member behaves in a way that materially or repeatedly violates any statute, the articles of association of the Association or General Assembly resolution the Executive Board – upon the initiation of any member or body of the Association – may conduct a procedure against such member leading to exclusion from the Association, in case the articles of association stipulated the rules ensuring fair proceeding. In case of a non-compliance the Executive Board initiates the exclusion of the member. The Executive Board may only initiate the exclusion with giving sufficient reasons. In case the member of the Association does not agree with the reasoning of the exclusion, he may appeal a lodge in writing within 10 days.

Any activity damaging nature and/or violating nature conservation or local environmental regulations, negligent work causing bodily injuries, or infringement of the regulations of the Association results in the immediate termination of membership.

The Executive Board shall exclude from amongst its members the following:

- Any member failing to pay his unpaid, due membership fee within 60 days following the related written notice of the Executive Board.
- Any member sentenced by the court to a final and executory sentence penalty involving deprivation of liberty and civil rights.
- Any member who fails to cease his activities being self-endangering, unsafe, or having high environmental or local conservation risks despite having received formal notices.
- The member about whom it demonstrably turns out that he damaged the Association morally or financially.
- In case the member of the Association does not agree with the reasoning of the exclusion, he may lodge a written appeal within 10 days, and in case two-thirds of the Technical Committee accepts such an appeal, the membership of such member may persist. In case more than one third of the Technical Committee abstains or requests the deletion of the membership, then the appeal shall be rejected.
- The Technical Committee shall have 30 days to examine the appeal.

Options of withdrawal

- The intention to withdraw shall be indicated to the Executive Board in writing. Any withdrawing member shall be deemed to be withdrawn from the fifth day following the receipt of the statement of withdrawal.

The organisation of the Association

1. General Assembly

2. The Executive Board

3. Control Committee

4. Technical Committee

5. The Executive Board, the Technical Committee and the Control Committee jointly make up the **Management**. The management is not a separate body, only a collective name of the bodies managing the Association.