



Statutory Base

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CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL

Article 1

1. The name of the Association is: European Geography Association for students and young geographers, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The abbreviated name of the Association is: EGEA.

Article 2

2. The registered office of the Association is located in Kraków.

3. The territorial scope of the Association's activities covers the Republic of Poland, and the Association may also conduct its activities outside the borders of the Republic of Poland, within the territory of Europe.

Article 3

4. The Association is established for an indefinite duration and possesses legal personality. It operates on the basis of the provisions of the Act of 7 April 1989 – Law on Associations (Journal of Laws of 2001, No. 79, item 855, as amended) and this document.

5. The Association may become a member of other national and international organizations with similar objectives.

CHAPTER 2 - VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

Article 4

1. Vision - EGEA brings together young geographers in an atmosphere of respect, inclusion and personal development. This inspires global understanding of

environmental and social processes and enables us to bring about a positive impact on society.

Article 5

2. Mission – EGEA targets European students and young professionals in the field of geography to encourage sharing, networking, volunteering and alternative informal peer-learning. Our common identity drives our dedication to build an innovative and better future for all. We aim to strengthen the strategic position of geography in Europe. We empower young geographers and encourage their active participation in decision making processes on a European, national and local level. Together we want to build Europe as a place of friendship across borders, intercultural dialogue, diversity, sustainability and non-discrimination.

Article 6

3. Values:

- a. EGEA is based on Friendship.
- b. We live with respect for other cultures.
- c. We encourage curiosity.
- d. We spread inspiration.
- e. We believe in personal development.
- f. We act non-partisan.

CHAPTER 3 - OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Article 7

1. The Association has as its objectives to offer personal development opportunities to young geographers throughout Europe in order to enable them to achieve their full potential as young scientists. EGEA offers additional and alternative possibilities for learning outside of formal education in geography through the promotion and facilitation of involvement in intercultural interaction and through the development of academic, scientific, cultural and professional activities designed for young geographers on the basis of equality, diversity and non-discrimination. EGEA plays an active role in the advancement of geography

by means of its network capacities and strategic partnerships, with the ultimate objective of strengthening the position of geography in the local communities of its members.

2. The working language is English to the extent possible.

Article 8

1. EGEA seeks to achieve its objectives in the following possible ways:
 - a. The promotion and organisation of congresses, seminars, symposiums, meetings, student exchanges, geography study trips, and related activities in the field of geography that contribute to achieving EGEA's objectives.
 - b. The preparation of geographical information media such as magazines, papers, reports, newsletters, professional journals and official journals.
 - c. Establishing and strengthening contacts with other geographical and non-geographical institutes and organisations.
2. The collection and distribution of information on research and education activities concerning geography as a science.

CHAPTER 4 - MEMBERS - RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 9

1. The rules, rights, and obligations, as well as the criteria regarding the granting, participation, and termination of membership, along with the regulations governing the transitional period for candidates applying for Association membership, are defined in the Membership Regulations of the European Geography Association for students and young geographers, hereinafter referred to as the EGEA Membership Regulations.
2. Any amendments to these rules or criteria require the approval of at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly.
3. The Association admits as members local associations of geography students and young geographers within European cities, hereinafter referred to as 'member entities', at the discretion of the Board.

4. The Association may also admit local associations of geography students and young geographers in European cities as candidate member entities, hereinafter referred to as 'candidate members', in accordance with the Protocol.
5. Member entities have the following rights:
 - a. To express their vote.
 - b. To have representatives on the executive Board and other official positions.
 - c. To apply for participation in all activities organised by EGEA.
 - d. To organise events for the Association.
6. Member entities have the following obligations:
 - a. To accept the Statutory Base and the Protocol and to act in accordance with them.
 - b. To accept the general resolutions of the Board of EGEA
 - c. To respect the opinions of other entities of EGEA.
 - d. To provide other entities with information if and as necessary.
 - e. To pay the membership fees that fund EGEA as defined in Chapter 5.
 - f. To fulfil the membership criteria as described in the Protocol.

Article 10

1. Candidate members are those who have announced their interest in becoming a member of the Association by the means of a written statement to the handling Board.
2. Admission to the Association is granted by a resolution of the General Assembly, adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes.
3. Candidate members are not members of the Association and therefore may not be granted voting rights. Other rights and duties may be defined by the Association's Protocol.
4. The membership of a candidate (including all associated rights and obligations) commences upon the closure of the General Assembly meeting at which the candidate was approved as a member.
5. Membership in the Association ceases:
 - a. as a result of a resignation submitted by a member or a candidate;
 - b. as a result of a notice of termination issued to a member or candidate by the Association;
 - c. as a result of expulsion or immediate termination of candidacy by a decision of the General Assembly of the Association.

CHAPTER 5 - MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Each member may be required to pay an annual membership fee, the amount of which is specified in the Protocol.

CHAPTER 6 - FINANCIAL YEAR AND WORKING YEAR

1. The financial year of the Association begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of the following year.
2. The working year of the Association begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th of the following year.

CHAPTER 7 - BODIES OF ASSOCIATION

Article 11

1. Bodies of the Association are:
 - a. General Assembly
 - b. Board of EGEA
 - c. Advisory Board
2. Other bodies of the Association may be defined and regulated in the Protocol.

CHAPTER 8 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 12

1. The highest decisive body of the Association is the General Assembly convened at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly by the Board of the EGEA, hereinafter referred to as the General Assembly.

2. The General Assembly may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. Admission to the General Assembly and its sessions is granted to the member entities, the Board of the EGEA, persons holding official positions within the Association, and individuals invited by the Board or the General Assembly.
4. The General Assembly convenes and conducts its sessions in accordance with the Statutory Base and the Protocol.

Article 13

1. The following matters fall within the exclusive competence of the General Assembly, in particular:
 - a. Defining the strategic directions of the Association;
 - b. Reviewing and approving reports of the Board and the Advisory Board, including financial statements;
 - c. Granting discharge to the outgoing Board;
 - d. Electing and dismissing members of the Board and the Advisory Board;
 - e. Setting the amount of the membership fee;
 - f. Adopting amendments to the Statutory Base of the Association;
 - g. Adopting the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;
 - h. Considering other matters submitted in writing by the Board, the Advisory Board, or at least one-fifth of the members of the Association;
 - i. Adopting resolutions regarding the dissolution, merger, or division of the Association.
2. An Extraordinary General Assembly is convened to consider the matters specified in the agenda for which it was called and may adopt resolutions exclusively within that scope.
3. The Ordinary General Assembly is convened by the Board at least once a year, no later than the end of the working year. The Board is obliged to notify all members of the date, place, and draft agenda of the Assembly at least 30 days in advance. Notifications should be delivered via e-mail.
4. An Extraordinary General Assembly of Members is convened based on a decision of the Board:
 - a. On the Board's own initiative;
 - b. Upon a written request by at least one-fifth (1/5) of the total number of members of the Association.

5. The Board is obliged to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly no later than 28 days from the date of receiving a justified request containing the proposed agenda.
 - a. If the request is not granted within 14 days, the members making the request may convene that meeting of the General Assembly themselves in line with article 13. The persons making the request may then charge others than the members of the Board with the conduct of the meeting and the keeping of the minutes.
6. The Board of EGEA and the Advisory Board are elected by an absolute majority of votes, provided that more than half of the eligible voting members are present.

CHAPTER 9 - BOARD OF EGEA

Article 14

1. The Board of EGEA, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall consist of at least five persons holding the position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Event Advisor.
2. Additional Board members can be defined in the Protocol.
3. If one or more of the Board members resigns or is unable to fulfill his/her task, the remaining members will re-divide the functions among themselves and remain competent. The Board is then obliged to convene a meeting of the General Assembly as soon as possible at which the filling of the vacant post(s) shall be discussed. If the Board as a whole decides to resign or is unable to fulfil its task, or the number of Board members falls below three Board Members, the most recent former President will deal with urgent affairs as interim President, until the next annual meeting of the General Assembly or as soon as a new General Assembly is taking place to appoint at least five persons as acting board. This interim President shall be allowed to appoint assistants.
4. Members of the Board may be removed by the General Assembly at any time, with the reason provided. A resolution on suspension or removal requires a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast by the General Assembly.

5. Members of the Board are appointed at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly. If the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly cannot take place, the Board continues its duties until the next General Assembly.
6. Public announcement of the call for candidates shall be made no later than the first day of the application period. The announcement must include at least information on the available positions, the application submission period, and the methods of submission. The application period shall last a minimum of three weeks. All application requirements must be published together with the recruitment announcement.
7. If, after the application deadline, the number of candidates is fewer than the number of available positions, the application period shall be extended by fourteen days for all relevant positions. Subsequent extensions shall be made in seven-day increments or until a sufficient number of candidates is found.
8. All applications shall be published simultaneously, no later than 24 hours after the end of the application period.
9. After the (extended) application period ends, the candidate promotion period begins, lasting a minimum of seven days and a maximum of thirty days, during which candidates have the opportunity to present their candidacies.
10. Subsequently, without undue delay, the voting period begins, lasting at least one week. All member entities are entitled to vote.
11. The results of the vote shall be announced publicly no later than 24 hours after the voting ends.
12. If no objections to the results are raised within one week, the results shall be considered valid, and the elected candidates shall be recognized as members of the Board.
13. Elected candidates shall familiarize themselves with their duties and responsibilities to ensure an effective transfer of knowledge.
14. Elected candidates assume full responsibilities upon approval by the General Assembly and no later than the beginning of the relevant Association's work year.
15. The Board makes decisions by resolutions passed by a simple majority of votes, with more than half of the Board members present. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President shall be decisive.
16. The organization and operating procedures of the Board shall be determined by the Protocol.

Article 15

1. The Board represents the Association externally and manages its day-to-day activities, acting in accordance with the provisions of the Statutory Base and the resolutions of the General Assembly.
2. The specific responsibilities of the Board include:
 - a) supervising the proper implementation of the objectives and tasks specified in the Association's Statutory Base;
 - b) implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - c) managing the assets of the Association;
 - d) convening General Assemblies and preparing agendas, draft resolutions, and informational materials;
 - e) presenting the General Assembly with an annual written report on the activities of the Board, together with a financial report;
 - f) maintaining a register of the member entities;
 - g) promptly publishing the consolidated text of the Association's Statutory Base in the event of any amendments;
 - h) initiating actions aimed at obtaining financial resources, grants, and subsidies for statutory activities;
 - i) performing other tasks arising from legal regulations, the Statutory Base, and resolutions of the General Assembly.
3. The Board may entrust the performance of specific tasks and activities to its members or to bodies and proxies appointed by it, while remaining responsible for their execution.
4. The Board is obliged to maintain documentation concerning its activities and to ensure its availability to the Association's members and supervisory bodies in accordance with applicable legal regulations.
5. The Board members can represent the Association.
6. The Board has the authority to make an agreement with supplementary persons to act as the representational authority, who shall be named EGEA Ambassadors.

Article 16

1. The authority to acquire rights and incur obligations on behalf of the Association is vested in:
 - a. The President, acting jointly with the Treasurer, or
 - b. The Vice-President, acting jointly with the Treasurer.
2. The Board may grant powers of attorney to members of the Association for the purpose of undertaking obligations and performing other legal acts on behalf of the Association, concerning matters of current administration and statutory activities. Such powers of attorney must be granted in writing, with an explicit indication of the scope of authorization and the period of validity.
3. All powers of attorney granted on behalf of the Association must be recorded and kept in the Association's documentation, and the Board shall be responsible for supervising their proper use.

CHAPTER 10 - ADVISORY BOARD

Article 17

1. The Advisory Board is a body appointed by the General Assembly for the purpose of supervising the activities of the Board of EGEA and shall be composed of at least two members.
2. The Advisory Board shall operate on the basis of the Protocol adopted by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER 11 - AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTORY BASE

1. The Statute may be amended solely based on a resolution of the General Assembly convened with a notice in the agenda that an amendment to the Statutory Base will be proposed.

2. The General Assembly may adopt a resolution to amend the Statutory Base by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.
3. An amendment to the Statutory Base shall take effect only after a notarial deed has been drawn up for this purpose. Each member of the Board is authorized to sign the deed amending the Statute.
4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply if all members entitled to vote are present or represented at the General Assembly, and the resolution to amend the Statutory Base has been adopted unanimously.
5. The members of the Board are obliged to submit a certified copy of the deed amending the Statute and the full, consolidated text of the Statutory Base after the amendments to the Chamber of Commerce.

CHAPTER 12 - FINAL DEFINITION

1. All powers concerning the Association that are not granted by law or by this Statutory Base shall belong to the General Assembly.
2. Resolutions of the General Assembly, adopted by a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes, with more than half of the members entitled to vote present, or in other cases provided for by law.
3. When adopting a resolution on the dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly:
 - a. Determines the procedure for the liquidation of the Association;
 - b. Specifies the allocation of the remaining assets of the Association after liquidation, in accordance with the statutory objectives and legal provisions;
 - c. Appoints a liquidator or liquidators from among the members of the Association or from third parties.
4. During the period of the Association's liquidation, the liquidator assumes the rights and obligations of the Board and acts on behalf of the Association to the extent necessary to carry out the liquidation.
5. The Board or the liquidators shall notify the Chamber of Commerce about the dissolution of the Association and the details of the liquidator(s).
6. The assets remaining after the liquidation may not be distributed among the members of the Association.
7. Matters not regulated by this Statute shall be governed by the provisions of the

Act of April 7, 1989 – the Law on Associations, and, in the event that the Association obtains the status of a public benefit organization, by the provisions of the Act of April 24, 2003, on Public Benefit Activity and Volunteer Work.

