



## Rules and Regulations ECCE

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According to ECCE Statutes Art. 19, this document reflects the decisions taken by the members of ECCE as put into words by the General meeting and the Committee Meeting. New decisions can be taken, which overrule the old ones.

### **Statutes ECCE:**

#### **Rules and Regulations:**

*Article 19.*

*The General Meeting decides on the rules and regulations which cannot contain stipulations that are contrary to these articles of association and in which arrangements are made that are necessary or desired in the view of the committee or General Meeting.*

The working out of the statutes on main points has been summarized in one document, which is easily to be changed by the General Meeting. The last version was adopted by the members in the General Meeting of May 2009. Time and the way of working of ECCE have been changed since then.. Rules that are not used anymore or proved to be unnecessary are left out and **new additions are written in blue**. The new version has to approved again by the General Meeting.

Quotations from the statutes are *italicized* and put into a frame. Annexed to these quotations the concerned rules and regulations give the working-out.

### **1. About members and observers**

#### **Statutes:**

#### **MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS**

*Article 4.*

*1. The association has:*

- a. full members*
- b. associate members*
- c. supporting members*
- d. observers*

*2. All members and observers are legal bodies or natural persons.*

*Article 5.*

*1. Full members of the association are organisations from European countries which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.*

*2. Associate members are organisations from European countries whose ideas, impulses or activities are not mainly based on anthroposophy, but which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.*

*3. Supporting members are individuals who have expressed their willingness to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and who have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association. They agree to support the association with a minimum amount, as determined by the General Meeting.*

*4.1 Observers are organisations from European countries which wish to promote the purposes, mentioned in article 3 under 2. a) up to and including g) from the in article 3 under 1. mentioned basis and which have been admitted as such in accordance with what is specified in article 6 of these articles of association.*

*4.2 The status of observer is supposed to give the observer the opportunity to get to know the association and gives the opportunity to become full member or not. The status of observer will be given only for one year. After termination a observer has the opportunity to apply for full membership.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

### **Criteria for membership**

The criteria for membership are based on the articles of association.

European organizations can become full members if they fulfil the following criteria:

- They have as its purpose the promotion of the interests and needs of people with special needs (Article 3),
- The essential basis for their work are the ideas and impulses of anthroposophical curative education and social therapy (Article 3),
- They represent organisations on a national or supra-national level,
- They agree with the rights and obligations of the membership (Article 8).

Members are committed to pay an annual contribution as is determined by the General Meeting (Article 8). By joining the association the members acknowledge awareness of the contents of the articles of association, the rules and regulations, together with the stipulations laid down in the decisions taken and/or agreements made).

Observers (Art. 4.1d, 5.4.1 and 5.4.2) are free from paying the annual contribution as mentioned in art. 8.1

## **2. Committee and office**

### **Statutes:**

*Article 11.*

*The committee is entrusted with fulfilling the business of the association.*

*The committee is authorised to enter into all agreements other than those stipulated in art. 11 pt 3 as authorised by the General Meeting.*

*The committee needs the prior approval of the General Meeting to enter into agreements concerning buying, transfer or encumbrance of real estate, to enter into agreements in which the association commits itself to stand surety or severally co-debtor, makes out a cause for a third party or commits itself to standing surety for the debts of a third party. Failing this approval an appeal can be made by or against third parties.*

*Article 12.*

*The association is represented by the committee.*

## **Rules and Regulations:**

The committee has decided to be supported by an office, which is in control of the secretary

The committee works according to an internal division of tasks, which is published to the members.

### **3. ECCE does not interfere in internal affairs of their members, without permission**

Questions of individuals, institutions or parents' organisations which are not a direct member of ECCE will be directed to the national representative. Only after deliberation with and permission of the concerned member the Committee of ECCE may eventually decide to intermedate.

The Committee however may communicate information, opinions and reports about members directly to the concerned member, with an advice on how to deal.

### **4. If a member of ECCE doesn't pay its membership contribution**

#### **Statutes:**

#### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

##### *Article 7.*

1. *Membership may be terminated:*
  - a. *through the dissolution of the organisation concerned;*
  - b. *through the resignation of an member, which should be presented in writing to the committee before the closing date of the current association year;*
  - c. *by the committee giving notice on behalf of the association; this can occur when a member has failed to meet the requirements of membership stipulated in the articles of association, regulations and decisions; if he does not fulfil his obligations to the association, or if in fairness it cannot be demanded of the association to let the membership continue;*
  - d. *through expulsion by the committee when a member acts contrary to the articles of association, regulations and decisions, or causes unreasonable damage to the association. A member who has been expelled remains excluded from future membership.*
2. *An appeal against a decision of expulsion can be lodged at the General Meeting by the applicant concerned within one month of receipt of notification. During the term of the appeal and pending the hearing of the appeal the member is suspended.*

#### **Rules and regulations:**

Unfortunately ECCE is – on a regular base – confronted with members who don't pay their membership contribution. Because of changes in the representatives or in the committee of some member organisations or due to other organisational problems the attention to ECCE obligations of some members gets into a corner. ECCE however, is a low budget organisation who really needs her money and is not able to spend much energy on administrative issues.

The committee has decided to issue a policy concerning members who don't pay their contribution in time. Members who, after being reminded to pay, do not contribute their fees and cannot explain the failure thereof sufficiently before the end of the next year, run the risk of having their membership terminated by de Committee.