

Pursuant to Article 13, Article 18 and Article 55, Paragraph I of the Law on Associations (Official Gazette no. 74/14); Assembly - the Adriatic Euroregion Adriatic and Ionian Council, at its meeting held on 2nd December 2015, in Brussels, in accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1, item a), indent 1, adopts the Statute:

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## **THE STATUTE OF THE ADRIATIC IONIAN EUROREGION**

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### **PREAMBLE**

Proceeding from stages leading to the creation of the Adriatic Euroregion, in particular:

"The Declaration of Opatija" adopted on the initiative of the Littoral-Mountain Region, Istria Region, Dubrovnik and Neretva Region and the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, in the course of the "Adriatic summer school" of the Assembly of European Regions held in the year 2002 in Opatija with the subject "Contribution of the regions to the process of viability - innovative practice for innovative policies of regional development"

The decisions of the meeting of the presidents of the Croatian Adriatic Regions with the participation of the representatives of the Italian Region of Molise, held in Mošćenička Draga, Littoral-Mountain Region, 25 October 2003

The report (CLRAE - AER) on common activities for the interregional collaboration: aims and results of the Summer school of the Assembly of European Regions and of the Program Centurio - Congress of the local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe

conference held in Pula on 28 June 2004 which confirmed the need of promoting activities of collaboration among regions,

seminar held in Dubrovnik on 06 September 2004 defining a series of sectors such collaboration includes (fisheries, environment, agriculture, tourism and culture, infrastructure and transportation), without excluding the possibility of adding other future fields of work;

conference in Chioggia from 22-24 September 2004 organized by the Parliamentary Assembly entitled "Towards Sustainable Development of the Adriatic: Collaboration Among Local and Regional Institutions" resulting in great consensus and winning a wide participation of Parliamentary members from various parts of the region,

conference in Termoli from 08-09 November 2004 at which the representatives of regions and municipalities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Serbia and Monte Negro and Slovenia signed "The Protocol on the Establishment of the Adriatic/Ionic Euroregion" and considered the first draft of the Statute of the new institution;

conference in Pula dated 22 April 2005 at which the Provisional Council of the Adriatic Euroregion adopted the first draft of the Statute;

seminar in Brussels dated November 2005 entitled "Adriatic Euroregion: Means for European Integration" aimed at presenting the initiative to the European Union and getting its support;

convention in Venice dated 06 February 2006 which shaped the initiative by signing the common political declaration with the enclosed draft of the Statute of the Euroregion;

decision of the State Administration in Istria County, class: UP / I-007-02 / 06-01 / 308, Ref.No.: 2163-06-02-06-2, 20. September 2006., on the registration of the Association of Adriatic Euroregion in the Register of Associations the Croatia

## **CHAPTER I. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **Art. 1**

#### **Contents of the Statute**

This Statute regulates the name of the association, abbreviation, headquarters of the association; territory of the action; representation; trademark of his appearance, the appearance of the stamp of the association; the flag and the logo; aims of the association; areas of the association in accordance with the objectives; activities for the realization of the objectives of the association; way to ensure the publicity of the association; conditions and way of membership in the association, termination of membership, rights, obligations and responsibilities of members, disciplinary accountability of members and the list of the members; bodies, their composition and the manner of convening sessions, selection, recall, powers, decision-making and the duration of the mandate of the governing bodies and the manner of convening the assembly in the event of expiry of the mandate; election and recall of the liquidator of the associations; the termination of the association; its assets, and the method of acquisition and disposal of assets of the association; procedure with assets in case of termination of the association; way of resolving disputes and conflicts of interest within the association and other issues of importance for the Association of Adriatic Ionian Euroregion.

### **Art. 2**

#### **Title, legal status and official language**

- Name of the association in Croatian:: Jadransko Jonska Euroregija (JJE); abbreviated name is: JJE
- Name of the association in English: Adriatic Ionian Euroregion – AIE (abbreviated in AIE)
- Name of the association in Italian: Euroregione Adriatico Ionica – EAI
- Name of the association in Albanian: Eurorajoni Adriatiko Jonian – EAJ
- Name of the association in Greek: Ευρωπεριφέρεια Αδριατικής - Ιονίου – EAI
- Name of the association in Montenegrin: Ionian Adriatic Euroregion – JJE
- Name of the association in Serbian: Adriatic - Ionian Euroregion – JJE
- Name of the association in Bosnian : Adriatic - Ionian Euroregion – JJE

Territory of the action of the AIE is the area of Member States.

Headquarters of AIE is in Pula, Flanatička 29, Republic of Croatia. The decision to change the seat of AIE must be adopted by the Board, on the proposal of the President.

AIE is a non-profit legal entity registered in the Register of Associations of the Republic of Croatia.

The official languages of AIE are the official languages of the countries to which belong the members of the Association.

### **Art. 3**

#### **Symbols of the AIE**

AIE has a sign, flag, logo and stamp.

- AIE sign is square, consisting of 9 parts. The surface of the lower half of the square is dark blue, while the upper half is light blue. Within the square has a white outline closing the square field (also two-colour) containing the drawing of six white fishes. Six fishes symbolize six countries surrounding the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea.
- Flag of the AIE is the rectangular shape horizontally, divided into two equal sections with the association sign in the centre. The ratio of width to length is 1: 2. If the flag is in the upright position, it is allowed the aspect ratio 1: 4.
- Logo of AIE is green rectangular within which is a white outline, closing the rectangular field containing the white text: EUROREGIONE ADRIATICO IONICA, ADRIATIC IONIAN EUROREGION, JADRANSKO JONSKA EUROREGIJA, JADRANSKO JIONSKA EVROREGIJA, EURORAJONI ADRIATIKO JONIAN, ΕΥΡΩΠΕΡΙΦΕΡΕΙΑ ΑΔΡΙΑΤΙΚΗΣ – ΙΟΝΙΟΥ.
- Stamp of the AIE is round, 38 mm, in its centre is the sign of AIE and along the edge the name of the ADRIATIC IONIAN EUROREGION.

#### **Art. 4 Representation**

AIE is represented by the President.

In accordance with applicable regulations governing obligatory relations, President of the AIE can transfer the authorization to represent, on the basis of written power of attorney, to another person.

About granting power of attorney in the preceding paragraph, the President shall inform the Executive Committee.

The person authorized to represent AIE, represents AIE, individually, independently and without limit and has all powers in legal transactions within business activities of AIE.

### **CHAPTER II: AIMS, SCOPE OF ACTION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Art. 5 Foundation and Objectives**

AIE is an association of territorial government, typically the first level below state level in the area of the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Montenegro, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Greece, which are located on the Adriatic and Ionian Sea and national and international institutions.

Members of the AIE will jointly act towards stimulating, improving and realizing the development in the area of AIE in order to create a perspective of improving the quality of life and standard of its inhabitants.

Members of the AIE aims to the following objectives:

- the establishment and the development of mutual relations of the population and regional institutions as presuppositions for better acquaintance, understanding and cooperation;
- create conditions for economic development that is in harmony with the environment;
- definition of common development interests, preparation, definition and coordination of a joint development strategy;
- creating cultural exchange programs;
- ensure the condition for a successful exchange of experiences and their application with EU programs;

The area of action of the AIE is:

- international cooperation
- sustainable development
- environmental and nature protection
- democratic political culture

#### **Art. 6** **Activities**

In order to achieve the objectives set out in Article 1 of this Statute, AIE performs the following actions:

- Organizes and promotes the development of cooperation in the area of preserving the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea as a valuable natural resource, transport and communications, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, and cultural values;
- Carried out activities geared at promoting and participating in joint international projects;
- Through joint activities and promotes international friendship and other activities of development cooperation;
- Carried out activities aimed at sustainable development of rural and urban areas;
- Carried out other activities in the field of sustainable economic development;
- Carried out activities geared to nature conservation (especially valuable natural areas and natural heritage);
- Carried out activities in the field of environmental energy efficiency and other activities of the Environment and Nature;
- Organizes and conducts activities in the area of civil society, local communities and encourages participatory democracy / participation of citizens in decision-making;
- Organizes joint activities in the field of public information and media, and other activities in the field of democratic and political culture;
- Organize joint activities to promote the richness and diversity that make up the unique value of togetherness;

#### **Art. 7** **Principle of equal territorial representation**

The AIE guarantees to all its members equal geographic representation within its bodies. To this end, within the body of the Association equally are represented western and eastern coasts, north, central and south areas of the Adriatic and Ionian area.

AIE is giving public recognitions for the work of promoting the objectives, for outstanding achievements and contribution of particular significance for the development of activities within the scope of AIE.

#### **Art. 8** **Public recognitions**

Public recognition that are granted by AIE, their appearance, the criteria and the procedure governing their assignment are determined by the Assembly.

### **CHAPTER III: PUBLICITY THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Art. 9** **Publicity of work**

Work of the AIE and related documents are publicly available.

The publicity of the work of AIE is ensured:

- Timely and true informing members of AIE on all decisions and other important issues of the action of AIE and through the media;
- Delivery of written materials in the meetings of the Association bodies;
- Public meeting of the bodies of AIE, except when the session is closed to the public as required by law or by a special regulation;
- The use of information and communication technologies (website, social networks, etc.);
- Publishing its own publications, in accordance with the resolution of the authorized body.

All Members are eligible to participate in the work of AIE in accordance with the Statute and the Law and have the right to inspect the work of the bodies and the decisions taken by the bodies of the AIE.

## **CHAPTER IV: ACCESSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

### **Art. 10**

#### **Acquisition of membership status**

Members of the AIE are legal persons and may be regular or honorary members.

Regular members of the AIE are units of territorial self-government on the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea, which accepts this Statute as a rule based on the criteria of representation of the first level below state level.

Honorary members can be national governments and European institutions: The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions.

An observer may be any unit of territorial self-government at the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea on the basis of the criteria of representation of the first level below state level that has not adopted the Act of Accession to AIE and may participate in the AIE without voting rights.

The decision on the participation in the work of observers or supporting institution is adopted by the Executive Committee by a special decision.

### **Art. 11**

#### **Joining procedure**

Accession process begins by submitting a statement or decision of a competent body of territorial self-government, organization or institution of the candidate stating the intention of acceding to AIE and agrees to accept the Statute as the fundamental act of the organization.

The Executive Committee shall consider and propose to the Assembly of AIE the decision on membership, which ultimately consider and decide on membership in AIE.

Based on the positive decision of the Assembly of AIE, a new member of the Association signs a solemn declaration of accession. Member of the AIE becomes the day of signing of the Declaration of accession.

### **Art. 12**

#### **Register of Members**

AIE keeps a list/register of its members. The list of the members shall be kept electronically and contains information about the name of the Member, identification number, date of signature of the Declaration of accession, the date of termination of membership in the AIE, the act of a member of Accession and the data on persons authorized to represent the member.

List of members is managed by the President of AIE in cooperation with the Secretary of AIE.

Members List of AIE is available for review to all members of AIE and competent authorities, at their request.

### **Art. 13** **Legal succession**

In the event of a change of status which changes borders or identity of territorial self-government members of AIE, membership in the AIE is transferred to the legal successor according to the regulations of the country where the unit belongs.

If on the area of the member of the AIE constitutes another unit of territorial government that is not its direct legal successor, it is necessary to initiate, at the request of the unit, a new acceptance procedure.

### **Art. 14** **Rights and obligations of members**

The rights and obligations of the members of the AIE are:

- Participation in the establishment of joint policies and programs of AIE;
- Deciding in funds and property of AIE and other acts in the manner established by this Statute;
- Negotiation and mutual cooperation to achieve common goals;
- Participation in activities of common interest;
- To elect and be elected to bodies of AIE;
- To be regularly and timely informed about the work of AIE and its bodies, and financial operations of AIE;
- Compliance with the provisions of this Statute and other acts of AIE;
- Protect and promote the reputation of AIE;

Members participate in financing AIE through payment of membership fees as determined by the Assembly. The mentioned decision shall determinate the amount and the time frame of the membership fee.

Honorary members, observers and supporting institutions participate voluntarily and optional financing of AIE.

### **Art. 15** **Disciplinary measures**

Members of the AIE are disciplinary responsible for violation of these Statute. Disciplinary proceedings can be initiated by any member of AIE. The disciplinary proceedings shall be determined by the circumstances giving rise to a violation of membership obligations and responsibilities and severity of the violation and the damage caused to AIE.

Disciplinary proceedings and disciplinary measures are adopted by the Executive Committee.

For established violation of membership obligations and responsibilities may be imposed the following disciplinary measures:

- Warning
- Exclusion from AIE

Exclusion from AIE as a disciplinary measure may be taken only in the cases and reasons when a member of AIE acts contrary to statute, goals, decisions and tasks, causing a serious damage to the existence and operation of AIE.

The decision to exclude members of the AIE must make the Assembly of AIE and warning as a disciplinary measure may adopt the Executive Committee.

Against the decision of the Executive Committee may be, within 15 days of the receipt of the Decision, submitted a complaint to the Assembly. The Assembly shall resolve the complaint within 30 days from the day of delivery.

The Assembly decision is definitive.

### **Art. 16**

#### **Termination of the status of Member**

Membership in AIE stops with:

- Dissolution of the AIE;
- Cessation of the existence of a territorial self-government member of AIE, in the case of Article 13, paragraph first;
- Withdrawal of the written statement by the member of AIE;
- Expelling a member of the AIE.

## **CHAPTER V: DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Art. 17**

#### **Dispute and conflict of interest**

The dispute / conflict of interest in AIE exists when it comes to the rights and interests of members the AIE, where members can freely exercise and affecting work of AIE as a whole, or if they relate to issues of common concern to all members.

Members of AIE in all the work of importance to AIE must act honorably, honestly, conscientiously, responsibly and impartially abiding own credibility and the credibility of the Association.

In carrying out activities of AIE and executing its objectives and tasks, the Member shall not put his interest above the interests of AIE.

For disputes / conflict of interest, the Assembly shall appoint an arbitration panel between members of AIE. The composition, mandate and decision-making of the panel shall be the Rules adopted by the Assembly.

The arbitral tribunal in its work appropriately applied the Law on Mediation.

The decision of arbitration panel is final.

## **CHAPTER VI: MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND BODIES**

The bodies of the Association are:

1. The Assembly
2. The President
3. The Vice-President
4. The Executive Committee
5. The Supervisory Board
6. The Commissions
7. The Secretariat
8. The Liquidator

### **Art. 18** **The Assembly**

The Assembly is the highest governing body of AIE and it is organized on a democratic basis.

The Assembly consists of all the founders of AIE and all members of AIE subsequently join.

Representative of legal person of AIE is the person authorized to represent the legal person or his deputy, with the same powers in the work of the Assembly.

Assembly acts as the Adriatic-Ionian Council.

Status of representatives of members of the Adriatic-Ionian Council is acquired by submitting a written act of appointment by members of the Authority, in accordance with procedures prescribed in each country.

Former Presidents of the AIE attends the Assembly, as honorary members.

### **Art. 19** **Work domain and competence**

Assembly of the Association:

a) provides:

1. the Statute and its amendments;
2. other general acts necessary for the operation of the Association and their amendments;
3. work plan and financial plan for the following calendar year;
4. the statement of work for the previous calendar year;
5. annual financial report;
6. the decision on admitting new members and awarding the status of observers or supporting institution;
7. Decision on joining federations, communities, networks and other forms of linking associations;
8. Decision on changing the goals and activities, economic activities, and the termination of the distribution of the remaining assets of the association;
9. Decision on status changes;
10. Decision on distribution of the remaining assets of the Association;
11. The decision on awarding public recognitions of the Association;
12. Any other activity that the statute does not expressly assigned to other bodies;

b) elect and dismiss

1. President and Vice President;
2. Members of the Steering Committee;



3. Secretary of the proposal of the President;
4. Members of the Commissions;
5. Liquidator;

c) consider

1. implementation of the program of activities and other acts of the Association;
2. Report of the Supervisory Board;
3. Report on the work of the Association;
4. other issues of importance to the activities of the Association;
5. resolves appeals to members' second degree.

d) establishes

1. Basic elements of the policy of the Association contained in its programs;
2. Way insurance, distribution and use of funds available to the Association to achieve its goals;
3. Establishment and powers of the commissions, as well as the procedure for the appointment and term of office of members.

## **Art. 20** **Sessions**

A session of the Assembly can be regular, electoral and extraordinary.

Regular meetings take place at least once a year and usually every time, on a rotating basis, in the territory of another Member of AIE, and it may be convened by the President, Executive Committee, Supervisory Board or at least three members of AIE.

Election sessions take place every two years.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly will be held as needed. At the special session will include only those questions for which it was convened. President of AIE can convene extraordinary Assembly on its own proposal at the request of the majority of members of all members of the association or at the request of the Steering Committee or the Supervisory Board with written reasoned grounds for extraordinary Assembly and the proposed agenda.

If President do not convene the Assembly at the request of applicants in the previous paragraph, within 15 days of the request, it shall be convened by the proposer.

Session of the Assembly leads the President, in his absence, Vice President. The Assembly can elect a working presidency and entrust it with the conduct of the session.

Assembly is convened by the President of the Association by submitting written invitation to the members at least 30 days before the session maintained.

Call contains information about the time and place of the meeting and the proposed agenda. With call shipped and materials on issues on the agenda. Working material is submitted at least 10 days before the session.

The President is responsible for the execution of the decisions and documents adopted by the Assembly.

## **Art. 21** **Expiry of mandate**

In the case of the expiry of the mandate of bodies of AIE under this Statute they shall have the right to convene an assembly of AIE, AIE Assembly may convene every member.

## **Art. 22** **Decision-making**

A session of the Assembly may be held if at least half of the members plus one member of the Assembly is present.

The Assembly normally makes decisions by unanimous vote of the members present, except in cases when this Statute or other act adopted by the Assembly, prescribe a different majority.

Decision on changing the Statute may be made if at least half of the members of the Assembly are present.

Decision on changing the Articles of Association shall be adopted by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members of the Assembly. If a member is unable to attend a session may be replaced by deputy.

Exceptionally, at the proposal of the President, in the event that a delay or failure to hold the Assembly caused damage to a particular part or AIE as a whole, may be on particular issues within the competence of the Assembly held on the electronic means and by correspondence via email. Thus, decisions must be verified at the next session.

Voting at meetings of the Assembly shall be public. The Assembly may decide on certain matters on secret voting.

The minutes of the meeting are written for each Assembly session, which is signed by the recording secretary (secretary), and shall be permanently kept in the archives of AIE.

AIE can join alliances of associations, communities, networks and other forms of linking associations. The decision on it is adopted by the Assembly.

## **Art. 23** **President and Vice presidents**

The association has a President, a Vice President Vicarious and a Vice President.

President and Vice Presidents are elected by the Assembly for a term of two years, having in mind that the President and the Vice President Vicarious are from different countries of the two sides of the Adriatic and Ionian Seas.

The President and Vice Presidents are elected by a majority vote of those present at the meeting.

A candidate for President, Vice President Vicarius and Vice President can be any Member of the Assembly. The candidate for the position of President, 10 days before the Electoral Assembly, has to submit his/her candidacy in writing to the Secretariat with written support of minimum of six (6) members, representing the Members of the Assembly.

The President:

1. convene and preside over meetings of the Steering Committee and propose the agenda;
2. Represents the AIE and he/she is responsible for the lawful operation;
3. manages the affairs of AIE in accordance with the decisions of the Assembly unless the statute otherwise provided;
4. determines proposal of the Statute;

5. signs their acts,
6. coordinates the work of the AIE;
7. present the annual financial report to the Assembly;
8. submit the minutes of the regular session of the Assembly of the competent office, which runs the Register of Associations;
9. enter into contracts and undertake other legal actions on behalf of the association;
10. report on the work of the Association Assembly;
11. perform other duties in accordance with the law, the statute and regulations of AIE.

In the case of absence the President is replaced with the Vice President Vicarius.

For his work President is responsible to the Assembly.

#### **Art. 24** **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee is the executive body of AIE and it has eight (10) members. The former Presidents of the AIE are “ex officio” members of the Committee.

Executive Committee is elected by the Assembly for a term of two years.

It consists of the ten members, the President, the Vice President Vicarius and the Vice President of AIE are “ex officio” members of the Committee. The President of AIE is the President of the Committee, the Vice President Vicarius of AIE is the Vice President of the Committee, and the Vice President is member while the rest are elected from the membership of AIE.

#### **Art. 25** **Liability of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee reports to the Assembly within the limits of the powers and duties entrusted to it.

The Executive Committee and each of its members can be revoked if:

1. fails to fulfill obligations set forth in this Statute;
2. acting contrary to the provisions of this Statute and guidelines determined by the Assembly. Individual member of Steering Committee shall terminate if the unit of territorial self-government, which is no longer a member AIE.

#### **Art. 26** **Tasks of Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee:

1. ensures the implementation of this Statute, other acts and guidelines determined by the Assembly;
2. lays down the proposal of the financial plan and annual financial reports;
3. carries out financial plan, cares about the proper use of funds and the adoption of implementing decisions;
4. organizes and coordinates cooperation with other organizations;
5. submits an annual report on the work;
6. proposes to the Assembly of the liquidator;
7. proposes the amount of compensation to the liquidator in the liquidation;
8. follows the work of Commissions and considers their proposals;
9. regulates and organizes publishing and informational activities of the Association;

10. states the organization of performing professional activities of the Association and adopts the respective acts;
11. establishes professional committees, commissions and other bodies to help achieve the objectives of the Association;
12. performs tasks entrusted to him by the Assembly necessary for a regular functioning of the Association, using already existing structures that work in the field of cross-border cooperation.

#### **Art. 27**

#### **Sessions of Executive Committee**

Executive Committee regularly meets at least once every six months and, as a rule, each time in a different member.

The session may be held if the majority of members of Executive Committee, and valid decisions shall be taken by a majority vote of the Committee members.

Notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee shall be sent 30 days before the meeting.

The Executive Committee shall be convened by the President of the Association for its decision, or at the request of Vice President, or when requested by one third of the members of the Executive Committee or the Supervisory Board.

If a member is unable to attend the session, may authorize a third party with the right to vote. One person may have a power of attorney.

Exceptionally, at the proposal of the President AIE, Meeting of the Committee may be held electronically or by correspondence via e-mail, when warranted by special circumstances that may cause damage to an individual member or AIE as a whole.

Thus, decisions of Steering Committee of AIE should be subsequently verified.

#### **Art. 28**

#### **Revocation of the Executive Committee**

Executive Committee, the President and Vice President, the Assembly of AIE may resolve before the expiry of the mandate if they exceeded their powers, do not fulfill their duties conscientiously and call for their dismissal before the expiration of the term for which they were elected.

If it dismisses the entire Executive Committee, the Assembly at the same meeting elects a new full term Committee, and if it dismisses individual members of Steering Committee, the Assembly shall elect new members of Executive Committee for the time until expiry of the term of the present Committee.

Executive Committee and each of its members are responsible to the Assembly.

Each member of Executive Committee can ask for his dismissal before the expiration of the term for which he was elected, provided that he is obliged to perform his duties until the decision on dismissal. The Assembly shall make a decision on the request for dismissal on the first session.

#### **Art. 29**

#### **Commissions**

Within the Association operates 7 thematic Commissions:

1. The Commission for Tourism and Culture;

2. The Commission for Fisheries;
3. The Commission on Transportation and Infrastructure;
4. The Commission for Environmental Protection;
5. The Commission for Productive Activities;
6. The Commission for Social Affairs;
7. The Commission on Institutional Affairs and Awards;

Each Commission is chaired by the president with the help of two vice-presidents, and can articulate internal thematic working groups on specific topics.

The operational headquarters of the Commission is the one that belongs to the President.

Territorial unit in which it is established must ensure and guarantee the operation and oversight of its activities.

Establishment and powers of commissions, as well as the procedure for the appointment and mandate of members shall be defined by a decision adopted by the Assembly.

### **Art. 30** **Supervisory Board**

AIE established Supervisory Board to protect the regularity of operations.

The Supervisory Board has a president and two members elected by the Assembly for a term of two years.

The Supervisory Board members may not be members of the Executive Committee.

### **Art. 31** **Activities of the Supervisory Board**

The president and members of the Supervisory Board may be dismissed under the certain conditions and in the manner prescribed for the Steering Committee and its members.

The Supervisory Board supervises the implementation of laws and decisions adopted by the bodies of AIE and legality of the material and financial operations.

About their work and results of the monitoring the Board reports to the Assembly.

### **Art. 32** **The General Secretariat**

The General Secretariat of AIE is managed by the Secretary General appointed by the Assembly on the proposal of the President of AIE. Elected for a term of three years to carry out administrative work of AIE.

The rights and obligations of the Secretary General shall be determined by the rulebook on internal organization of the Secretariat.

The Secretary General shall keep the register of members and their representatives and deputies in the Assembly and is responsible for the orderly conduct of business records and financial reports according to current regulations.

Financially-material and similar tasks are typically performed by a Secretary General, and may be delegated to other bodies, companies and organizations for the empowerment provided.

The organization and manner of performing duties and tasks the Secretary General and Secretariat, qualifications, experience and number of staff in the Secretariat are defined by the Executive Committee.

### **Art. 33**

#### **Task and Activities of the Secretariat and Secretary General**

The Secretary General:

- Organizes and coordinates the activities, initiatives and activities of AIE;
- Assist the work of bodies of AIE and support the implementation of their activities;
- Contribute to the preparation of the agenda of the session of the Assembly and Steering Committee and prepare AIE sessions, performing technical and administrative duties;
- Provides organizational support to the program of activities adopted by the AIE Assembly by promotion and by encouraging cooperation between Member States;
- Carries out activities related to the preparation and control of their execution.

The operational headquarters of the secretariat of AIE defines the General Assembly on the President's suggestion.

The Secretariat has the administrative liaison office with the European Union institutions in Brussels (Belgium), at Rue de Toulouse no. 47.

## **CHAPTER VII: PROPERTY, ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY**

### **Art. 34**

#### **Acquisition of financial resources**

To achieve the objectives set out in Article 1 of the Statute of the Association, it secures the funds from the following sources:

1. the membership fee of each member, in a manner defined by the Assembly;
2. international and other funds intended for financing projects and activities;
3. grants, donations and other voluntary contributions or optional;
4. other sources.

In case of projects granted by the association financed under EU programmes or other public financial programme, each Member of the Association can make available human resources and materials (such as office and equipments) to the Association.

For specific activities and programmes the Executive Board can solicit extraordinary financial contribution to the Member who will decide freely their participation in these programmes and its financing.

### **Art. 35**

#### **Assets of the association**

The Association may dispose of its assets only to meet the goals and performance of certain articles of association, in accordance with the law.

In the remaining association assets after satisfaction of creditors and liquidation costs, court and other proceedings association, institution, foundation or other legal entity that was established to achieve the same or similar objectives in accordance with the decision of the Assembly in accordance with the statute.

The association has no right to the property association to share their founders, members of the association, the persons authorized to represent the company, employees or related persons.

The Association manages the assets pursuant to the provisions on material and financial operations of nonprofit organizations.

All income and expenses are determined by the financial plan, which is adopted for one calendar year and is valid for one year for which it is passed.

Upon completion of the year for which adopted the financial plan, prepares the annual accounts.

Association financial year begins on January 1 and ends on 31 December of the same year.

## **CHAPTER VIII: TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND PROCEDURE WITH THE ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Art. 36**

#### **End of the association**

The AIE ends to exist in case all the reasons set out in Article 48 of the Law on Associations and the decision of the Assembly, due to withdrawal of all other member states if only remain the members from one country.

In the case of ends of existing by the decisions of the Assembly, the assembly shall decide on the dissolution of the AIE with two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members of the AIE Assembly.

### **Art. 37**

#### **Liquidation**

Liquidator is elected by the Assembly on the proposal of Steering Committee.

The Liquidator may be a person who is not a member of the Association and shall have appropriate professional (financial and legal) knowledge to be able to take care of the distribution of the assets of the Association.

The Liquidator represents the organization in the process of liquidation and opening of liquidation procedure is entered in the register of associations as well as the person authorized to represent the organization to the completion of the procedure and the deletion from the register of associations.

The mandate of the Liquidator continued until the completion of liquidation proceedings and deletion from the register of associations, or to his impeachment by the Assembly.

## **CHAPTER IX: TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 38**

The Statute is the basic general act of the Association and all other acts of the Association shall be in accordance with the provisions thereof.

The interpretation of the provisions of the statute is given by the Assembly.

Amendments to the Statute may be proposed by any member of such.

Assembly adopts the Amendments to the Statute.

**Art. 39**

To all matters which are not regulated by this Statute applies the provisions of the Law on Associations.

**Art. 40**

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption and shall apply as of the date of certification by the competent state administration offices.

*Brussels, 02 December 2015*