

# **STATUTES OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH ENERGY NETWORK**

## **Definitions**

- A Member means any organisation that meets the member criteria as described in the Internal Rules of the Federation and has followed the procedure for becoming a Member in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and established in the Internal Rules of the Federation.
- The General Assembly means the body of the Federation as described in Part 3 of these Statutes.
- The Governing Board means the body of the Federation as described in Part 6 of these Statutes.
- The Secretariat means the body of the Federation as described in Part 7 of these Statutes.
- The Advisory Board means the body of the Federation as described in Part 7 of these Statutes.
- Unless stated otherwise, the quorum of a meeting means that at least 50% of required attendees are present.
- Law means the Belgian Law of twenty-seventh of June nineteen hundred twenty-one, and its revisions on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations.
- The Statutes mean the statute governing the Federation.
- Europe means all the countries of the Council of Europe and Belarus.

## **Part I: Name and Headquarters**

### **1. Name and Logo**

- 1.1. The Federation shall be an international non-profit association (AISBL) governed by the provisions of the Code on Companies and Federation of Belgian Law.
- 1.2. The name of the Federation is "European Youth Energy Network".
- 1.3. The official abbreviation shall be "EYEN".
- 1.4. The decision to modify the name of the Federation requires a modification of the Statutes, which should not be established by notarial deed.
- 1.5. The modification of the name of the Federation should be filed and published in the annexes of the Belgian Official Journal (moniteur Belge-Belgisch staatsblad).
- 1.6. The current logo of the Federation is defined in Annex A to these statutes.
- 1.7. The decision to modify the logo of the Federation requires a modification of the Statutes, which should not be established by notarial deed.

### **2. Registered Office**

- 2.1. The Federation has its registered office in Belgium. Its address is at 1030 Bruxelles – 80 Boulevard Auguste Reyers.
- 2.2. The Federation official web address is <https://youthenergy.eu/>

- 2.3. The Federation official e-mail address is info@youthenergy.eu
- 2.4. The Federation may change its registered office to any other location in Belgium upon decision of the Governing Board.
- 2.5. Each change of the registered office of the Federation shall be published in the annexes of the Belgian Official Journal (moniteur Belge-Belgisch Staatsblad).
- 2.6. The Federation may open offices in all member states of the EU, upon decision of the Governing Board.

## **Part II: Objectives, Activities and Principles**

### **3. Objectives**

- 3.1. The goal of the Federation is to create a youth-led network of European energy-focused youth organisations and streamline their engagement with the energy transition.
- 3.2. This goal will be achieved through actions including but not limited to: connecting youth organisations with governmental, industry and third sector bodies, and promoting intergenerational cooperation and exchange of opportunities on International, European, national, regional and local level.

### **4. Activities**

- 4.1. In order to achieve the Federation's goals and to the extent that the circumstances and resources allow, the Federation will conduct the following activities, which do not prohibit the Federation to perform more activities than the ones stated in the list below:
  - 4.1.1. Establish partnerships with European, national and local actors in the energy sector and collaborate to provide opportunities to Members and wider European youth;
  - 4.1.2. Build a network of national youth energy representatives and manage youth delegations to major energy and climate conferences or gatherings;
  - 4.1.3. Co-create position papers, public consultation responses, reports analyses and events on behalf of EYEN together with its members and partners, covering the implications for youth of relevant policies and programmes;
  - 4.1.4. Promote the energy-related interests of members and the wider European youth community, through communication and collaboration with European decision-making institutions;
  - 4.1.5. Create a platform to store and disseminate knowledge and opportunities for engaging youth in the energy transition;
  - 4.1.6. Support the establishment of new youth-led energy and climate-focused organisations across Europe, through mentorship, promotion and resources.

### **5. Principles**

- 5.1. The Federation pursues its aims without political, religious, social, racial, national, sexual, gender or any other discrimination.
- 5.2. The Federation promotes values of collaboration, equality, respect, democracy and accountability and the ideals of an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable energy sector.
- 5.3. The Federation respects the autonomy of its members.

### **Part III: General Assembly**

#### **6. Composition**

- 6.1. The General Assembly is the highest authority and decision-making body of the Federation.
- 6.2. The General Assembly is composed of all Members of the Federation.

#### **7. Powers**

- 7.1. The General Assembly shall:
  - 7.1.1. Approve or Reject the Statutes and Internal Rules of the Federation;
  - 7.1.2. Approve or Reject the budget and annual accounts of the Federation;
  - 7.1.3. Approve or Reject plans of action, policies and resolutions;
  - 7.1.4. Approve or Reject Governing Board candidates;
  - 7.1.5. Approve or Reject Governing Board discharges;
  - 7.1.6. Confirm membership status of candidate members;
  - 7.1.7. Confirm the appointment of members of the Advisory Board;
  - 7.1.8. Confirm the formation of Standing Committees;
  - 7.1.9. Discuss all proposals brought forward by members of the federation.

#### **8. Meetings**

- 8.1. A General Assembly Meeting may be either ordinary or extraordinary:
  - 8.1.1. Ordinary Meetings will be called according to the Internal Rules of this Federation and held once every six months, within the corresponding financial year.
  - 8.1.2. Extraordinary Meetings will be called according to the Internal Rules, by decision of the Governing Board or if at least one-third of the Members agree upon the necessity to call one.
- 8.2. The General Assembly Meeting will be duly constituted if at least half of the members are present or duly represented (online or offline).
- 8.3. Decisions shall be validly taken if approved by a majority of more than a half of the Members present or duly represented.
- 8.4. The General Assembly Meetings must be chaired by the President and the Vice-President of the Governing Board. If one or both chairs cannot attend the Meeting, they shall each be substituted by a member of the Advisory Board, with no voting right, chosen in advance for that respective Meeting alone.

- 8.5. The General Assembly decides on the locations and dates for the next General Assembly Meetings, as stated in the Internal Rules.
- 8.6. The General Assembly Meeting can be held at distance by electronic means that guarantee the identity of the attendants.

## **Part IV: Members**

### **9. Definition and Founders**

- 9.1. Members are organisations that have the right to vote in any General Assembly Meeting.
- 9.2. There shall be no limit to the number of Members of the Federation.
- 9.3. All Members that attend the first General Assembly Meeting, where these Statutes are approved, constitute the Founding Members of the Federation.

### **10. Powers**

- 10.1. Every Member can bring forward proposals related to matters that are relevant for EYEN and the Members, to be voted by the General Assembly;
- 10.2. Every Member organisation has the right to vote every proposal brought forward in a General Assembly Meeting, in accordance with the Internal Rules of this association.

### **11. Admission of Members**

- 11.1. Organisations can apply to be Members by submitting an application to the Secretariat but the acceptance shall be made by the Governing Board.
- 11.2. Once the admission process is accepted by the Governing Board, the organisation shall be referred to as Candidate Member.
- 11.3. Shall be accepted as Candidate Members:
  - 11.3.1. Organisations active in Europe whose mandate is to represent youth in energy or climate policy making;
  - 11.3.2. Organisations active in Europe whose mandate is to engage youth with energy or climate policy making;
  - 11.3.3. Organisations active in Europe whose mandate is to educate youth on energy and sustainability;
- 11.4. The Candidate Member shall present itself in the General Assembly Meeting and the confirmation as a Member shall be done by voting in the General Assembly Meeting.
- 11.5. Once the membership is approved, Candidate Members become Members and thus have voting rights.

### **12. Resignation and Exclusion**

- 12.1. A Member can resign from the Federation, by notifying the Governing Board in writing at least 3 months in advance.
- 12.2. A Member can be expelled from the Federation, if it does not comply with these Statutes, or does not anymore fulfil the Member criteria, and/or

harms or threatens to harm the interests, good reputation, name and/or fame of the Federation.

## **Part V: Officials**

### **13. Definition and Admission**

- 13.1. An EYEN Official is an individual that occupies a position within the Secretariat, Standing Committees, or Task Forces and has no voting rights in the General Assembly.
- 13.2. All EYEN Officials must work according to these Statutes and the Internal Rules of the Federation and must promote the principles and objectives of the Federation.
- 13.3. All people, who meaningfully contributed to the foundation of EYEN, can become EYEN Officials before the first General Assembly. The list of EYEN Officials will be published by the Secretariat and approved by the first Governing Board in good faith and recognising individual contributions given before the establishment of the Federation.

### **14. Resignation and Exclusion**

- 14.1. An EYEN Official can resign from their position or the Federation, effective immediately, by notifying the Governing Board in writing.
- 14.2. An EYEN Official can be expelled from the Federation, if they do not comply with these Statutes and the Internal Rules of this Federation, and/or harms or threatens to harm the interests, good reputation, name and/or fame of the Federation.

## **Part VI: Governing Board**

### **15. Composition and Powers**

- 15.1. The Governing Board shall manage the Federation. It is responsible for the day-to-day decisions, and the coordination and management of the organisation.
- 15.2. The Governing Board of the Federation is composed of at least three persons:
  - 15.2.1. The President, who is responsible for the coordination of the work of the Federation;
  - 15.2.2. The Vice-President, who is responsible for the coordination of the work of the Federation in case of absence of the President, and is responsible for helping the President in the coordination of the work of the Federation;
  - 15.2.3. The Treasurer, who is responsible for the financial affairs of the Federation.
- 15.3. The Governing Board is entitled to officially represent the Federation.
- 15.4. The Governing Board delegates tasks to the Secretariat but will remain accountable for these tasks at all times.

## **16. Meetings**

- 16.1. The Governing Board shall meet at least once a month. These meetings can be convened at the initiative of the President, Vice-President or Treasurer.
- 16.2. The invitations for this meeting shall be sent by email at least seven days before the date of the meeting, indicating the date, time and place where the meeting will be held and the agenda.
- 16.3. Decisions by the Governing Board shall be made by a simple majority of the attending members, and shall be recorded in the Governing Board minutes.
- 16.4. Governing Board meetings can be held at distance by electronic means that guarantee the identity of the attendants.

## **17. Mandate**

- 17.1. The Governing Board is elected by the General Assembly for a 2-year term.
- 17.2. The individuals eligible for a position on the Governing Board are:
  - 17.2.1. All individuals belonging to previous Governing Boards;
  - 17.2.2. All individuals who belong to an EYEN member organization;
  - 17.2.3. All EYEN Officials.
- 17.3. The right to apply for a position on the Governing Board is subject to the considerations detailed in the internal rules of the Federation.
- 17.4. A Governing Board member will cease to hold office:
  - 17.4.1. At the end of their term;
  - 17.4.2. By a voluntary written resignation;
  - 17.4.3. By removal from office by courts in cases provided for in the law;
  - 17.4.4. By removal from office by a decision of the General Assembly, in accordance with the Internal Rules of the Federation;
  - 17.4.5. By their death.

## **Part VII: Secretariat and Advisory Board**

### **18. Secretariat**

- 18.1. The Secretariat shall manage the day-to-day operations of the Federation, including but not limited to organising meetings and issuing communications.
- 18.2. The Secretariat reports to the Governing Board.
- 18.3. The Secretariat composition will be decided by the Governing Board.
- 18.4. A Director of the Secretariat may be appointed by the Governing Board.
- 18.5. The Director of the Secretariat shall be responsible for the successful operational leadership and management of the Network, including its Secretariat.
- 18.6. Individuals can apply for a position by submitting an application to the Secretariat, as stated in the Internal Rules of EYEN.

### **19. Advisory Board**

- 19.1. The Advisory Board is responsible for supporting the Governing Board, by giving requested and unsolicited advice, in defining all aspects of their strategy and in adopting necessary and relevant positions.
- 19.2. The Advisory Board is composed of at least three people of value for the Federation.
- 19.3. Advisory Board members are nominated by the Governing Board and approved by the General Assembly and can be dissolved by the Governing Board.

## **Part VII: Standing Committees and Task Forces**

### **20. Definition**

- 20.1. The Standing Committees and the Task Forces can be created for the purpose of executing, coordinating and supporting the activities of the Federation.
- 20.2. The Standing Committee and the Task Force can be proposed by any Member, the Governing Board or the Secretariat.

### **21. Standing Committees**

- 21.1. A Standing Committee is a permanent committee that meets regularly to address major projects.
- 21.2. The formation of a Standing Committee is approved by the Governing Board.
- 21.3. A Standing Committee is coordinated by a Coordinator, appointed by the Governing Board.

### **22. Task Forces**

- 22.1. A Task Force is a unit focused on a specific task, bounded in time.
- 22.2. The formation of a Task Force is approved by the Governing Board.
- 22.3. A Task Force is coordinated by a Coordinator, appointed by the Governing Board.

## **Part VIII: Finances and Auditors**

### **23. Finances**

- 23.1. The Financial year begins on the first of January and ends on the thirty-first of December of each year. However, the first financial year shall run until the thirty-first of December 2021.
- 23.2. At the end of each financial year, the books and records shall be closed.
- 23.3. The Governing Board shall draw up the annual account for the past financial year and the budget for the next financial year.
- 23.4. The Federation's Bank accounts are managed by the President and Treasurer of the Governing Board.

### **24. Auditors**

- 24.1. The Federation shall appoint an auditor if legally required.

- 24.2. The auditor shall be charged with the audit of the financial situation of the Federation, the annual accounts and the regularity of the Federation's transactions reflected in these annual accounts.
- 24.3. The auditor shall be appointed by the Governing Board and must be a member of the Institute of Auditors.
- 24.4. The Governing Board shall also determine the remuneration of the auditor, if applicable.
- 24.5. The auditor shall be appointed for a period of 3 years.

## **Part IX: General Provisions**

### **25. Judiciary Actions**

- 25.1. The Governing Board is fully responsible for judiciary actions and represents the Federation in all legal and judicial procedures.

### **26. Amendments to the Statutes**

- 26.1. Amendments to these Statutes must be decided upon by the General Assembly and ratified by a two-thirds majority of the Members.

### **27. Internal Rules**

- 27.1. To regulate matters not described in these Statutes, the Federation has Internal Rules. The Internal Rules must comply with these Statutes.
- 27.2. Amendments and changes to the Internal Rules must be decided upon by the General Assembly, and are approved by a simple majority.

### **28. Duration and Dissolution**

- 28.1. The Federation is established for an indefinite period of time and can only be dissolved by the Court of First Assistance of the judicial district where the head office of the Federation is established, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Law regarding dissolution of foundations.
- 28.2. The Founders may request the above-mentioned competent Court of First Assistance to dissolve the Federation, provided that the conditions thereto, as foreseen by the Law, are met.
- 28.3. The Dissolution of the Federation shall be decided by the General Assembly, by a three-quarter majority of all Members. Voting by email is possible.
- 28.4. A proposal for dissolution shall be sent out to all Members at least six months before the next General Assembly Meeting. The proposal shall be sent out by email.
- 28.5. Any funds remaining at dissolution will be spent to support the work of youth organisations which are in line with the objectives of the Federation.

### **29. Additional Law**

- 29.1. All matters not expressly provided in these Statutes of the Federation shall be governed by the Belgian Law of twenty-seventh of June nineteen



hundred twenty-one, and its revisions on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations.

### **30. Temporary Provisions**

- 30.1. The first financial year will end on December 31, 2021.
- 30.2. The first ordinary General Assembly will be convened before December 31, 2021.
- 30.3. The first Governing Board will be composed as follows:
  - Federico Barbieri, President;
  - Miguel Mósca, Vice-President;
  - Juan Sebastián Álvarez, Treasurer.
- 30.4. The first Governing Board can be enlarged in the first ordinary General Assembly in accordance with Internal Rules.
- 30.5. The first Governing Board term will end on December 31, 2023.

## Annex A. Official European Youth Energy Network Logo



### Founding Members of European Youth Energy Network

1. ELIES (Energy Leaders In Italy For Environment And Sustainability) is a voluntary association incorporated under the laws of Italy (n°117/2012) having its legal office at Via Provinciale Nord 139, 30030 Fossò (VE), Italy, registered in the register of the Italian Agenzia delle Entrate (Revenue Agency) under the number 90188110275 (Fiscal Code), legally represented by the Acting President Marco Roncelli (Fiscal Code: RNCMRC93B25A794S), born 25/02/1993 in Villa D'Almé (BG) and domiciled in Via Campana 13, 24019 Villa D'Almé (BG), Italy.
2. PJaneta – APS – ETS, a public entity incorporated under the laws of Italy (n°117/2012), registered in the register of the Italian Agenzia delle Entrate (Revenue Agency) under the number 91049610487 (Fiscal Code), legally represented by the President Giovanni Funosi.
3. Young Energy Specialists & Development Cooperation / YES-DC (NL), Overige belangenbehartiging n.e.g., Staalstraat 52, 3572 RK, Utrecht, Nederland registered under Chamber of Commerce number: 40483289, represented by the President / Chairman Ligin George Thomas.
4. YES-Europe (Young leaders in Energy and Sustainability), association (0109), Boulevard Carl-VOGT 81, CH-1205 Genève, Switzerland, registered under company number CHE-237.655.892, represented by the President, Dimitri Zogg.