

European Confederation of Flags



Statutes 2021



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In the interest of better readability, in the absence of a gender-neutral formulation, both the masculine and other forms are not used.
forms. The masculine formulations chosen below therefore also apply without restriction to the other genders.

I. Name, Seat, Purpose

§ 1

- 1) The name of the association is European Confederation of Flags (abbreviation: ECF).
- 2) The association has its seat in Konstanz / Germany.
- 3) The Federation shall be entered in the Register of Associations.
After registration the association shall bear the name European Confederation of Flags e.V.

§ 2

The colours of the Association shall be BLUE and GOLD in the tonality of the European flag.

§ 3

- 1) The purpose of the ECF is to promote the ancient customs of flag and sports of/with flags, to preserve, to cultivate and to promote the promote.
- 2) The Federation carries out its purpose through basic research, education and training in flag and further training in flag-waving, performances, events and sporting sporting competitions.
- 3) Within the framework of the Association's objectives, it shall promote youth work.
- 4) Close co-operation with other organisations with the same or similar aims shall be sought. cooperation shall be sought.

§ 4

- 1) The Association shall exclusively and directly pursue charitable purposes in the "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
- 2) The Association shall act selflessly; it shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- 3) The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with its statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds.
- 4) No person may be compensated for expenses that are not related to the purposes of the Association, or by disproportionately high remuneration.
- 5) For activities which are not carried out in the function as a member of the Executive Committee, remuneration may be paid up to the maximum amount of the honorary allowance (§3 No. 26 EStG) as amended from time to time. The Board shall also decide on the granting of remuneration for activities if the remuneration is to be paid to members of the Executive Board.

II. Membership

§ 5

- 1) The Federation shall consist of:
 - a) active members in the form of clubs, practising the art of flag-waving.
 - b) passive members
 - c) supporting members
 - d) honorary members

§ 6

- 1) Admission of members to the ECF shall be upon written application.
- 2) The Executive Committee decides on the admission of new members.
- 3) Honorary members are appointed by the Annual General Meeting on the proposal of the Executive Committee.

§ 7

- 1) Every member of the ECF undertakes to support the ECF in its activities.
- 2) It commits itself to the exact observance of the statutes.
- 3) The orders of the Board shall be obeyed.

§ 8

Membership ends:

- 1) by death of the member
- 2) in the event of the dissolution of the member association.
- 3) by written notice of resignation to the Executive Committee
- 4) by expulsion by the Executive Committee.

This can take place if:

- a) a member damages the reputation of the association,
- b) despite repeated warnings, violates the Statutes,
- c) behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner,
- d) is in arrears with the membership fee for two years, despite a reminder.
- e) the member has moved to an unknown address.

The member shall be heard before expulsion.

§ 9

- 1) Each member shall pay a subscription.
- 2) Membership fees are annual fees and must be paid in advance by 01 April of each year.
- 3) Honorary members and supporting members are exempt from membership fees.

§ 10

The financial year shall correspond to the calendar year.

§ 11

The Association shall manage its affairs through:

- a) annual general meeting
- b) extraordinary general meeting
- c) the Executive Board

The Annual General Meeting is responsible in particular for:

- a) amendments to the statutes
- b) rules and regulations which are not part of the statutes
- c) acceptance of the statement of accounts of the Executive Board
- d) discharge of the Executive Board
- e) the amount of the membership fee
- f) Dissolution of the Association
- g) election of the Executive Committee
- h) Revocation of the Executive Board according to § 27 (2) BGB
- h) Appointment of honorary members
- i) Election of two cash auditors for the future business year.

§ 12

- 1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the 1st half of each year.
- 2) Extraordinary General Meetings shall take place
 - a) upon resolution of the Executive Committee
 - b) at the request of at least 1/3 of the active members.

§ 13

- 1) All members must be invited to the meetings, stating the agenda, at least 3 weeks in advance.
- 2) Proposals to the meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee at least 8 days before the meeting.
- 3) The written form is given by: E-mail or fax or letter.
- 4) Motions of urgency may be included in the agenda during meetings with a 2/3 majority.
- 5) Minutes shall be kept of the resolutions of the meetings and shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary.

The members have the right to inspect all minutes.

§ 14

- 1) A voting right is granted to active members with one vote per association and the Executive Committee.
- 2) The voting right of the representative of the Association shall commence at the age of 16.
- 3) Each representative of the voting active member is, after reaching the age of 18 years, shall be eligible for the offices to be filled in the Association if he has been a member for at least 6 months.

§ 15

- 1) The general meeting may be held in person and / or as a virtual meeting.

For a face-to-face meeting, all participants shall meet at a common place.

The virtual meeting is held by dialing in the participants to a video or telephone conference.

A combination of a face-to-face meeting and a virtual meeting is permissible, by giving the members the possibility to participate in the face-to-face meeting by video or telephone conference.

The Board of Directors shall decide on the form of the General Meeting and shall the invitation to the general meeting.

If the Executive Board invites members to a virtual meeting, it shall inform the members at least 3 hours before the start of the meeting by e-mail / telephone.

- 2) The meeting shall adopt its resolutions by simple majority (i.e. half plus one) of the of the voting members present / participating.
- 3) In the event of a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.
- 4) An amendment to the Statutes requires the consent of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the voting members present/participating.
- 5) A change of purpose requires the consent of all eligible voters.
- 6) The dissolution of the Association can only be decided unanimously. It must be $\frac{3}{4}$ of those entitled to vote must be present / participate.

§ 16

- 1) The Executive Committee consists of
 - a) the Executive Board
 - b) the Extended Executive Board
- 2) The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - a) the President
 - b) the Vice-President
 - c) the 1st Secretary
 - d) the 1st Treasurer
- 3) The Extended Executive Committee consists of:
 - a) the 2nd Secretary
 - b) the 2nd Treasurer
 - c) and up to 3 deputies.
- 4) The Executive Committee has a quorum if at least 50% of its members are present.
- 5) The Executive Committee is responsible to the Annual General Meeting for the management
- 6) Board resolutions may, in urgent cases, be requested by mail from the President and passed by mail participation of the Executive Board.
The regulation of § 16 paragraph 4 applies here as well.
- 7) The office of the Executive Committee of the Association shall in principle be held on an honorary basis. The General Assembly may, in derogation thereof, resolve that the Executive Committee be Board shall be paid an appropriate remuneration for its activities.
- 8) Participation in deliberations and decisions on matters in which a member of the in which a member of the Board or a relative is directly or indirectly concerned, they may not participate. In case of doubt, the President or the chairman of the meeting shall decide.

§ 17

- 1) The election of the Executive Committee shall be held by the Annual General Meeting for a period of 3 years.
It shall remain in office until a new Executive Committee has been elected.
- 2) The election shall be by secret ballot or, if no objection is raised, by open ballot,
- 3) If a member of the Executive Committee resigns during the term of office, the Executive Committee shall elect a substitute member for the remainder of the term.
- 4) The appointment of a member of the Executive Committee may be revoked at any time for good cause. This shall be deemed to be the case in particular in the event of gross neglect of duty or the inability to nability to perform his or her duties properly.
- 5) The Executive Committee may appoint individuals or working committees to carry out special tasks.

§ 18

- 1) The Executive Board is the Executive Committee in the sense of § 26 BGB.
- 2) Each member of the Executive Board is entitled to represent the Association alone.
- 3) Internally, the Vice-President, the 1st Secretary and the 1st Treasurer are obliged to exercise their right of representation.
only to exercise their right to represent the Association in the event of the incapacity of their in the order of § 16 (2).
- 4) The President, in the event of his being prevented the Vice-President and in the event of his being a deputy appointed by the executive committee and the meetings.

§ 19

The general place of jurisdiction is Constance.

§ 20

To supplement the Statutes, the Association shall adopt further rules which are not part of the Statutes. They shall be issued by the Annual General Meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee and, on the instructions of the Executive Committee, other persons shall be entitled to reimbursement of expenses, e.g. travelling expenses, etc., in accordance with the Association's rules on reimbursement of expenses.

§ 21

- 1) The collection and processing of personal data of the members by the association shall only take place insofar as this is necessary for the fulfilment of the purpose of the statutes, or the express consent of the person concerned has been obtained.
- 2) The collection and processing of personal data shall be carried out within the framework of the provisions of the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the Federal Data Protection Act.
- 3) For further details of the collection and use of data, the association shall data collection and use, which is not part of the statutes.

§ 22

- 1) In the event of dissolution of the Association, the Executive Board shall carry out the liquidation.
- 2) In the event of the dissolution or termination of the Association, or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets shall be transferred to the tax-privileged German Flagwaving Association, which must use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

§ 23

This version of the Statutes was unanimously adopted at the General Meeting on 21 July 2018 in Constance.

Last amended in the virtual general meeting on 25.04.2021