

# Statutes Euro Individuals Association

## 1. Euro Individuals Association

Under the name „Euro Individuals Association“ a European not-for-profit association according to Swiss Civil Code, Art. 60 to 79, was created. (Its seat and legal address will be specified separately in the foundation protocol).

The Euro Individuals Association was created in December 2012 to offer a home and legal structure for all those individuals participating regularly at activities of ICANN's European / regional At-Large Organization (EURALO). By the creation of its Association, individuals from all over Europe can gather and assume a voting right at EURALO's annual General Assembly (GA), as stipulated in EURALO's amended Bylaws from May 2011 in Belgrade.

## 2. Purpose

The sole purposes of the association are:

- a) To organize individuals from all over Europe who are not affiliated to any of the existing At-Large Structures (ALS).
- b) To support the general objectives of ICANN's European At-Large Organization (EURALO) specified in its Bylaws and its MoU with ICANN signed in March 2007 in Lisbon –  
i. e., inter alia, to promote the open development, multi-stakeholder based evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout Europe and the world.
- c) To support EURALO in its regular activities (such as monthly calls, working groups, projects and outreach endeavors).
- d) To seek and promote exchange and collaboration with other non-European individuals engaged in other RALOs and ICANN.

## 3. Financial resources

In order to fulfill its role in the frame of EURALO, the Euro Individuals Association can count on resources and capacities of EURALO such as its Secretariat and does not need own financial resources and administrative facilities.

## 4. Organisational structure and Membership

The Euro Individuals Association's organizational structure is simple and functional:

- It is open to all interested individuals sharing its goals and purpose outlined above.
- Members of the Association elect a Steering Committee (SC) for a biannual term (two years, reelection possible).
- The SC, in consultation with all members, approves applications for new membership.
- All members have a voting right at the Association's annual General Assembly, in line with the EURALO GA.

The Association's annual General Assembly selects its representative who has a voting right at EURALO's GA.

## 5. Expiration of membership

Membership at Euro Individuals Association expires through withdrawal, exclusion or death.

## 6. Withdrawal or exclusion

Withdrawal from membership of the Euro Individuals association is always possible. Notification of withdrawal shall be sent in writing to the SC.

Members can be excluded from the Euro Individuals association at all times by provision of additional explanations or reasons. Decisions for exclusion are being taken via a vote called by the SC. The member concerned can appeal the exclusion to the General Assembly.

## 7. Organs of the association

The organs of the association are:

- a) General Assembly
- b) Steering Committee (SC)

The SC can create further sub-groups or committees for the delegation of tasks.

## **8. The General Assembly**

The primary organ of the association is the General Assembly. It normally meets annually in conjunction with EURALO's GA.

Invitations to General Assembly meetings will be sent at least three weeks in advance by writing (normally electronically), the agenda will be included in the posting. Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly may be held by order of the SC or if ten percent of the members request such a meeting and indicate the issues to be addressed. In such a case, the extraordinary meeting is to be held within three months of receiving the request.

The General Assembly is responsible for:

- a) Electing the Steering Committee of the Association
- b) Electing the voting representative to the EURALO GA
- c) Any changes and amendments to the statutes
- d) Dealing with motions and inquiries.

For changes to the statutes, a majority of two thirds of the votes is necessary.

The decision-making process is open unless the General Assembly decides upon a secret ballot.

## **9. Auditors**

As the Association does not have own financial resources (see point 3 of this bylaws), no auditors are needed.

## **10. Authority to Sign**

Members of the Steering Committee have authority to sign, with two signatures being required.

## **11. Liability**

Personal liability of the members is excluded.

## **12. Termination**

Terminating the Association requires an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly that shall be convened for this purpose. Termination requires a majority of three quarters of the casted votes.

## **13. Seat**

The legal seat of the Euro Individuals Association is Switzerland and according association laws.

## **14. Effective Date**

These Bylaws become effective with the written approval of the founding members on ...

## **15. Legally binding text**

The legally binding text for these bylaws of the Euro Individuals is contained in the English language document / version.