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STATUTES

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SPORT SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (ENSSEE)

RESEAU EUROPEEN DES INSTITUTIONS DE SCIENCES DU SPORT ET POUR L'EMPLOI (REISSE)



PREFACE

The European Network of Sport Science, Education and Employment (ENSSEE) commits itself in its entire activities to assure and respect a European Dimension as well as proper national representation that will be controlled by the ENSSEE Board.

SECTION 1: CONSTITUTION, TITLE, OBJECTIVES

- 1.1** The European Network of Sport Science, Education and Employment (ENSSEE) is established, as an association with non-profit status, governed by the relevant laws and subject to the statutes. It will operate within the framework of the European geographical and political borders, hereinafter called 'Europe'.
- 1.2** The name of the association is 'European Network of Sport Science, Education and Employment' (ENSSEE); 'Réseau Européen des Institutions de Sciences du Sport et pour l'Emploi' (REISSE).
- 1.3** The objective of the Network is to improve the quality, transparency and mobility of education and vocational training in sport as an essential element for a constant development and high quality in the sport sector, involving the participation of all European citizens.

This should be obtained through:

- Encouraging greater European co-operation in education in relation to research and requirements of employment in sport;
- Increasing the mobility of individuals and encouraging the growth of exchanges of teaching staff, professionals and students;
- Working towards the convergence of the education and training systems within the EQF for sport related professions in Europe.

The Network, while fully respecting the autonomy of its member countries in relation to the contents and organisation of their education and training systems, intends to develop:

- The body of knowledge in relation to education, research, qualifications, professionalisation and employment in the field of sport;
- Relations and exchange of information between all organisations responsible for education and training in sport and/or research in connection with sport;
- Synergies and relations between all parties affected by ENSSEE, such as the organisations of Europe, governmental and non-governmental organisations, institutes and colleges of education, training and research, professional organisations and sports organisations;
- Links with relevant organisations inside and outside Europe.

- 1.4 The headquarter of the Network and location of the administrative office of the Network shall be determined by the Board, in agreement with one of the members of the Network, as a candidate to host the secretariat. The location of the administrative office is assigned for at least a two-year term. The term is renewable and by decision of the Board the seat can be moved elsewhere within Europe.
- 1.5 The domain of action of the Network will be Europe in first instance, without prejudice to its collaboration with other countries from all over the world.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Membership of the Network shall consist of:
- 2.1.1 *Full members*: Non-profit institutions and organisations responsible for education, research, training and/or employment in sport, within Europe, recognised by the competent authorities¹.
- 2.1.2 *Associate members*: Institutes and organisations responsible for education, research, training and/or employment in sport, outside of Europe.
- 2.1.3 *Co-opted members*: Professional organisations, which have work programmes that are related to the objectives of the Network.
- 2.1.4 *Honorary members*: Persons who have performed outstanding services to the Network may be awarded honorary membership. Honorary membership is to be proposed by the Board and approved by the General Assembly.
- 2.2 Membership will be effectual after payment of the membership fee stipulated by the General Assembly.
- 2.3 Membership may be cancelled by decision of the Board for non-payment of due membership fee, one month after the written notice by a registered letter and in the event of a change of the status that admits it.

SECTION 3: ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 General Assembly

- 3.1.1 The General Assembly shall approve the management reports of the Network and shall also ensure that such reports meet the objectives of the Network.
- 3.1.2 The General Assembly shall be constituted by:
- The representatives of the full members: with voting rights;
 - The representatives of the associate members: in the capacity of observers with speaking rights, but without voting rights;
 - The representatives of co-opted members: in the capacity of observers with speaking rights, but without voting rights;
 - Such other persons, linked to the activities of the Network, as may be invited by the Board in the capacity of observers, with speaking rights, but without voting rights.
- 3.1.3 The General Assembly shall meet every two years. Notice of the meeting and the agenda shall be sent to all members at least six weeks in advance of the General Assembly.
- 3.1.4 Only the points listed in the agenda of the General Assembly will be put to the vote. Resolutions require a simple majority of the members present. Proxy votes will not be accepted. Members are allowed, however, to forward their vote by registered post at least one week before the meeting.
- 3.1.5 Changes of statutes shall be approved by the General Assembly which will meet annually. The proposed modifications shall be sent together with the summons for the General Assembly. A 2/3 majority of those attending is required.

¹ Competent organisations are recognised or acknowledged by the government. "Recognised" implies that the organisation can provide written evidence of the formal status of the organisation. If an organisation is not recognised by the government but "acknowledged", the organisation is able to show evidence of providing a service that develops the sector.

3.1.6 The president and the secretary general shall be the president and the secretary of the General Assembly.

3.1.7 Procedure of an Extraordinary General Assembly

If requested by the majority of the board or on request of the majority of the members with full member rights, an Extraordinary General Assembly must be convened. The Extraordinary General Assembly will follow the rules of a General Assembly.

3.2 The Executive Board

3.2.1 The General Assembly elects from among its members, for a term of two years, an Executive Board consisting of seven members, namely the president, vice-president, secretary general, treasurer and three members.

These members shall constitute the Executive Board of the Network and execute the daily management of the Network. The Executive Board shall take all the necessary steps to ensure the good running of the Network

3.2.2 Formal decisions of the Network are validated by the signatures of two members of the board, one of whom must be the president's or, if unavailable, the vice president's signature.

3.2.3 Regarding the implementation of new projects and working groups, reunions, acting as a Technical Council, can be organised incorporating potential stakeholders acknowledged by the ENSSEE Board. A representative of each will meet at least once a year with the ENSSEE Board. New Technical Councils will be nominated by the ENSSEE Board.

SECTION 4: FINANCE

The financial resources of the Network are:

- The membership fees, which amount is determined by the General Assembly
- Grants and financial aids from any source.
- Receipts from organisations.
- The income resulting from rendered services to the members.

SECTION 5: DISSOLUTION

The Network may be dissolved by decision of the General Assembly, which will also determine the disposal of the remaining assets, which will be set aside for organisations of a similar character. A 2/3 majority of those attending is required.

SECTION 6: GENERAL DISPOSITION

Any question or problem not solved by these statutes shall come under the relevant laws and regulations of the non-profit making organisations and the laws of the country of registration.



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