

**STATUTES OF THE F.I.D.E.**  
**(International Federation for European Law)**  
**International Association - Brussels**  
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**Article 1**

The International Federation for European Law is set up, bringing together the national associations created in the Member States of the European Community, the activity of which is devoted to the study and development of the law and institutions of the European Community.

**Article 2**

The national associations, created for the same purpose, in States which become members of the European Communities, shall be admitted as members of the present Federation.

**Article 3**

Other international or national associations, the activity of which is devoted principally to the study and development of the law and institutions of the European Community, may be admitted by the executive committee as associate members of the Federation.

**Article 4**

The Federation is an impartial and non-profit making association set up in accordance with the Belgian law of 25 October 1919.<sup>1</sup>

The following aims are intended:

1. To promote the objectives of the member associations, in particular by organising common events and by encouraging contacts and exchange of information between them.
2. To bring together lawyers who are interested in European Law and the laws of the European countries.

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<sup>1</sup> Law of 25 October 1919 on the legal personality of international associations having philanthropic, religious, scientific, artistic and educational purposes, presently integrated in Law 27 of June 1921 on non-profit association, foundations, European political parties and European political foundations, as last amended by Law 2016-12-25/14.

3. To study together the solutions to the legal problems which occur in all areas due to the evolution of the structures and institutions of the European Community.
4. To make aware the importance of these problems to all those interested.

#### **Article 5**

The headquarters of the Federation are situated in a district of Brussels. Furthermore, the Federation may set up administrative offices in one or several other towns of its choice. At any rate, an administrative office shall exist at the headquarters of each national association.

#### **Article 6**

The Federation is of an unlimited duration.

#### **Article 7**

The Federation shall be managed by an executive committee made up of representatives of the member associations.

Every association shall appoint, as its representatives, three of its members at every reunion of the executive committee.

Associations admitted as associate members may, according to the same conditions, appoint three observers to the executive committee.

In the event of the death or the resignation of one of its members, the executive committee may set about appointing a replacement for the time left of his mandate. The replacement shall be appointed by the association, to which the deceased or resigning member of the executive committee belonged.

#### **Article 8**

The executive committee elects from its members the President of the Federation.

The Presidents of each of the national associations are as of right Vice-presidents of the Federation.

The President may be assisted by a secretariat and shall determine its composition. The presidency shall be assumed successively by a President of each nationality.

#### **Article 9**

The executive committee shall meet at least once a year.

Moreover, it shall meet at the request of the President or at the request of one of the member associations.

It shall decide on the general meetings of the associations and shall determine the agenda.

It shall suggest subjects to be examined by associations.

It shall organise all events.

It shall decide on the publications, and as a general rule take all decisions and initiatives in conformity with the interests of the Federation.

#### **Article 10**

A third of the members of the executive committee must be present for its proceedings to be valid. Members unable to attend may ask to be represented by one of the members of the executive committee.

Decisions shall be taken by the majority of members either present or represented.

The President may invite to the meetings of the executive committee all persons whose professional competence would be useful to its work and he may set up, with the support of such persons, study committees for a specific purpose.

Such persons shall, however, not have voting rights.

In the event of a tie in the voting, the President shall have the casting vote.

The minutes of the meetings of the executive committee shall be entered into a special register; they shall be signed by the President.

#### **Article 11**

The executive committee may appoint as honorary members all such persons who have signally contributed to the European Communities or the Federation.

Honorary members may be invited to participate in a consultative capacity at the meetings of the executive committee.

#### **Article 12**

The executive Committee shall ensure the execution of the decisions of the general meetings and is vested with the most extensive powers in order to carry out or authorise all acts which are not reserved for the general meetings of the Federation.

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The executive committee shall ensure the execution of the decisions of the general meetings and is vested with the most extensive powers in order to carry out or authorise all acts which are not reserved for the general meetings of the Federation.

It shall authorise the President to alienate all property and securities belonging to the Federation as thought necessary.

The expenses shall be authorised and the Federation shall be represented both in law and in ordinary affairs by the President or by a member appointed to that effect.

### **Article 14**

The resources of the Federation shall be made up:

1. From contributions of the member associations; this shall be fixed annually by the executive committee on the proposal of the President; they shall be proportional to the number of delegates participating in the general meetings, by which the national association can be represented by virtue of Article 16 of the present statutes.
2. From subsidies granted, in order to enable the Federation to fulfil its objectives.

### **Article 15**

The member associations and their members are in no circumstance responsible for the obligations Incurred by the Federation.

The Federation alone shall be responsible for all resources.

### **Article 16**

The executive committee may establish and modify its internal rules.

### **Article 17**

The general meetings of the Federation are made up of the member associations, which are represented by a number, equal to the figures of Article 148 of the EEC Treaty.

The delegates may be represented.

In the event of the accession of a new Member State to the European Community and the admission in accordance with Article 2 of a national association created in that State, the

representation provided for above shall be modified according to the new weighting stipulated in Article 148.

Associations admitted as associate members may, according to the same conditions, appoint three observers to the general meetings.

### **Article 18**

The general meetings shall take place at least once every three years. Moreover, general meetings shall take place at the request of the executive committee or at the request of at least a third of the member associations.

Notifications to attend must be addressed to the President from the member associations, at least one month in advance, indicating the place and the agenda of the general meeting. The agenda shall be established by the executive committee.

Reports on the management of the executive committee, as well as the financial and moral situation of the Federation, shall be heard at the general meeting.

The accounts of the fiscal year shall be approved, and questions on the agenda shall be considered. The Proceedings shall be valid irrespective of the number of delegates present or represented, except in the event of modifications to the statutes or dissolution of the Federation.

### **Article 19**

The statutes can only be modified on the proposal of the executive committee or of at least a third of the member associations.

A proposal to modify the statutes must be submitted to the executive committee at least two months before the delegates of the general meeting are called to come to a decision.

At least two thirds of the member associations should be present at this meeting.

If this proportion is not achieved, a general meeting may be convened again after an interval of one month, if half of the member associations so request.

In any case, proposal to modify the statutes shall only be adopted, if two thirds of the votes cast are obtained.

### **Article 20**

The member associations may cease to be members of the Federation, without putting an end to the Federation, where:

1. The member associations resign following proceedings in accordance with their statutes.
2. There is a decision at a general meeting of the Federation, declaring the expulsion of the member associations for breach of the obligations of the present statutes.

A declaration of expulsion is only possible by majority voting as provided for in Article 18.

The president of the member association to be expelled should be convened before a general meeting, by registered post at least one month in advance.

### **Article 21**

The delegates of the general meeting called to reach a decision on the dissolution of the Federation are specially convened to that effect. The dissolution shall be decided by quorum and by majority voting as provided for in Article 18.

In the event of a voluntary or a forced dissolution, the delegates of the general meeting shall appoint one or several representatives in charge of the liquidation of properties belonging to the Federation and the use of the disposable assets.

The liquidation is only final once the results of the liquidation have been submitted to a ratification by the Federation.

### **Article 22**

The present statutes have been adopted by the representatives appointed on a regular basis to this end by their respective national association: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark.

### **Article 23**

The President shall be, on behalf of the executive committee, in charge of fulfilling all formalities laid down by the law of the headquarters of the Federation.

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