

Pursuant to Article 13. of the Law on Associations (Official Law No. 74/14), the Assembly of the European Dance Council at its session held on .25.09.2018. In Zagreb, was adopted

# **STATUTE**

## **of**

# **EUROPEAN DANCE COUNCIL**

### I. BASIC PROVISIONS

#### **Article 1.**

This Statute regulates the terms of the name, headquarters, representation; Appearance of seals; The objectives and the area of action in accordance with the objectives, activities pursued by the objectives and economic activities in accordance with the law; On the manner of ensuring the public's activities; About the terms and manner of membership and termination of membership, rights, obligations and responsibilities and the disciplinary responsibility of members and the way of keeping a list of members, the bodies of the association, their composition and manner of convening the sessions, election, recall, powers, decision making and duration of mandate and manner of convening the assembly in Case of expiration of mandate; Selection and revocation of the liquidator of the association; Mutual rights and obligations of the association and organizational forms, termination of association; Property, manner of acquisition and disposal of property; About the process of property in the event of the termination of the association, the manner of resolving disputes and conflicts of interest within the association and other matters of relevance to the association.

#### **Article 2.**

The name of the Association is: **EUROPSKO PLESNO VIJEĆE /EUROPEAN DANCE COUNCIL**

The abbreviated title of the Association is: **EDC**

With the name on Croatian language, the Association may use the name in English language: **EUROPEAN DANCE COUNCIL**, short name in English: **EDC**.

In the official use of the alliance is the Croatian language and the Latin script, while in the correspondence abroad in use is the English language or, if necessary, other language.

The headquarters of the Association is in Zagreb. The decision on the headquarters address is made by the Board of Directors.

#### **Article 3.**

The European Dance Council is an association registered at the City Office for General Administration.

**The European Dance Council is a non-profit legal entity.**

#### **Article 4.**

The association has a seal.

The Seal of the Association is round in shape of 4.2 cm in diameter, within which the names of the Association in the Croatian language on the upper part and the English in the lower part, with the symbol of the Association in the middle, are marked with a letter of the Association, letters E, D and C.

Use of the seal is regulated by the written instructions of the Board of Directors of the Association.

#### **Article 5.**

The association has a sign and a flag.

The Association's logo represents the logo of the Association as well as on the stamp (Article 4 of the Statute of the Association), in which the title of the Association is written in Croatian in the upper part of the Association and in English in the lower part.

The Flag of the Association is white color, height 215 cm and width 145 cm, with the sign of the Association and the name of the Association in the Croatian language above and the title of the Association in the English language below the sign.

The Assembly decides on the appearance of the flag, at the proposal of any member of the Association.

#### **Article 6.**

The association is represented by the President, the President of the Board of Director and the General Secretary. The Board of Directors may also authorize other persons to represent the Association.

## **II. OBJECTIVES, AREA OF ACTIVITY ACCORDING TO THE OBJECTIVES OF ACTIVITY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **Article 7.**

The association was founded in order to establish partnerships with organizations of similar or similar aims and to promote, develop and enhance the dance art and culture of Latin American, Ballroom, Salsa, Mambo, Bachata, Merengue, Argentine Tango, Rhythm and Smooth Dances and Kizomba, Exhibition, Theatrical arts and Showcase and any other new dances/dance style that the Board Of Directors decide, in Europe.

The aims of the association are to stimulate, promote, develop, improve and develop the dance art and national creativity in the country and in entire Europe, achieving top level in the mentioned dance branches; helping, promoting and developing dancer training; helping, promoting and developing professional mentor training and artistic dance judges; the implementation in the Nationals Programs of Culture and Art in Dance, and the promotion of educational and educational functions, understanding, tolerance and responsibility by attending dance at the cultural and art level.

The area of activity of the Association, in accordance with the goals is the area of Culture and Art.

## **Article 8.**

The activities of the Association are:

- creation of conditions for dance development in the area of Europe and harmonization of activities of its members,
- the creation of financial, material and human resources and conditions for the preparation of dancers for dance festivals and other international cooperations,
- participation in the planning and implementation of annual programs of public needs in culture,
- providing assistance to its members / members in marketing, introducing new methods of work and business, obtaining expert information, etc.,
- Determining the system of training according to the acts of the Association
- Establishing a training system for mentors and persons qualified for work in accordance with the acts of the Association,
- Determining the progression system in dance,
- protection of professional, moral and material interests of its members,
- developing the awareness of its members about the high quality of their artistic work,
- concern about the exercise of copyright and performance rights of its members in accordance with the Law,
- Participating in the preparations for the adoption of laws and regulations that affect the fate of dancers as well as dance creativity,
- to ensure lasting influence in shaping cultural policy,
- to take care of the professional upgrading of staff, the acquisition and allocation of scholarships, and the educational trips of its members in the country and abroad,
- organizing professional lectures and seminars to improve their staff,
- Strengthening cooperation with related organizations in Europe and beyond,
- presentation of European dance art and artists locally and abroad
- implementation of programs and projects of general interest aimed at encouraging and developing culture and art in accordance with Art. 32 of the Law on Associations.
- organizing and arranging performances, performances, festivals and guest performances of its members,
- organizing and conducting events in art dance,
- popularization of dance in the media, educational institutions and other organizations,
- Encouraging the dancing of people with disabilities and persons with special needs,
- care about selection and providing conditions for the work of the national team of dance artists
- Encouraging the work of its members by awarding prizes and acknowledgments for outstanding achievements and contributing to the development and enhancement of dance in Europe,

- issuing of own publications and supporting the publication of other publications of importance for the development of dance in the area of Europe,
- realization of international dance co-operation,
- activities to strengthen the morale and the spirit of its members and to establish the rules of conduct in their mutual relations,
- taking measures to prevent negative phenomena in dance,
- action in the fight against doping, use of substances and prohibited procedures in dance as, in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code,
- care about health protection and the prevention of injuries of dancers and other dancers in dance,
- support for the construction and maintenance of necessary facilities for dance,
- organization and participation in the organization of study tours and manifestations in art dance in the country and abroad in accordance with special regulations,
- provision of food, drink and non-alcoholic beverages in their business premises and premises while doing business or activity;

The economic activities that the Association conducts are:

- organizing and conducting courses, events, workshops and seminars in the area of activity of the Council;

#### **Article 9.**

To achieve the goals, the Association may become a member of international art and other associations and organizations of the same or similar interest.

#### **Article 10.**

The activity of the association is public. The publicity of the activities of the Association shall be exercised in the manner established by the Statute;

- Timely and truthful notification of the members of the Association to the significant events by delivering written materials and through meetings of the Association,
- through means of public communication,
- at press conferences,
- through the website of the Association and
- in other convenient ways,
- through the media.

For the fullest accomplishment of the public's work, the Association may issue its own publication in accordance with the regulations on public information.

### III. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

#### **Article 11.**

Any private or legal person may become a member of the Association.

#### **Article 12.**

Members of the Association may be regular, supportive and honorable.

#### **Article 13.**

A regular member can become any legal person expressing the desire to systematically and actively carry out the activities of the Association and to receive the application for membership of the Association.

A supporting member may become any natural or legal person supporting the work of the Association in material or financial terms or occasionally participating in the activities of the Association.

Honorable members of the Association can be dance artists from any other countries that have contributed to the world dance art, which are part of their artistic work in the world.

Honorable members of the Association can also be the close associates of dance artists who, through their voluntary work and various forms of donations, contribute to the realization of artistic dance achievements and the advancement of the profession.

#### **Article 14.**

To be a member of the Association, applicant must apply through General Secretary of the Association.

The member list is handled manually in the member's book and must contain information about the personal name of the member, VAT number, date of birth (natural person), address of residence, telephone number, date of association, membership category and date of termination of membership in the association.

The list of members is always available to all members and competent bodies at their request.

#### **Article 15.**

Legal persons to become members of the association must submit to the association:

- a properly completed form of Application for Membership Membership,
- a copy of the certified Statute,
- a copy of the Resolution on registration in the Registry of the competent state administration body,
- a duly completed form of declaration of acceptance of all acts of the association,
- duly filled in the form of the Member's Membership Form,
- Only an organization from Europe can be a member of EDC,
- Only one organization from every country in Europe can be an EDC member,
- must not be in conflict of interest with European Dance Council.

#### **Article 16.**

The membership fee is determined by the Assembly of the Association.

#### **Article 17.**

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of regular members are:

- engaging in activities of the association,
- participation in the management of the affairs of the association,
- safeguarding and raising the reputation of the association,
- the preservation of material goods and the fulfillment of the obligations assumed,
- payment of Membership, if the same exists,
- participation in the work of the Assembly and other activities of the Association,
- election and recall of representatives of the Assembly of the Association,

#### **Article 18.**

The Association based on the Registry Rules is kept by the Registry:

- dancers,
- dance judges,
- dance teachers,
- delegates,
- menthor,
- a representative at the Assembly.

The registers described in this article are led by persons responsible for representing the association.

#### **Article 19.**

Membership in the association ceases:

- voluntarily,
- exclusion,

A member may be excluded from membership if he acts in contravention of the provisions of the law, the Statute, which causes a serious damage to the reputation of the association.

The Assembly decides on the exclusion of a member from the association. The excluded member has the right within 15 days, counting from the date of delivery of the decision, to file a complaint with the Assembly of the Association.

The Assembly is required to resolve the appeal within 30 days, counting from the date of the appeal. The decision of the Assembly of the Exclusion Association is final.

#### **Article 20.**

A member of the Association may be suspended if he acts against or does not obey acts of the association.

The suspension decisions are made by the Disciplinary Committee of the Association.

Disciplinary proceedings are regulated by the Disciplinary Ordinance of the Association.

#### IV DISCUSSION OF INTERESTS AND COMPLIANCE

#### **Article 21.**

For resolution of disputes / conflicts of interest, the Assembly shall appoint the Arbitration Council between members of the association. The composition, mandate and manner of decision of the council shall be regulated by the ordinance adopted by the Assembly.

#### V. THE BODY OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### **Article 22.**

The bodies of the association are:

- Assembly
- President
- Vice President
- Board of Directors; - Chairman of the Board of Directors, - Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
- General Secretary

#### ASSEMBLY

#### **Article 23.**

The Assembly is composed of one representative per each regular member of the Association.

The mandate of the representatives of the Association Assembly lasts four (4) years and can be re-elected.

The mandate of the subsequently elected representative shall last until the term of office of the Assembly.

The representative of the Assembly must be a member of the Association he represents.

#### **Article 24.**

The Assembly shall propose to the Board of Directors the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary General of the Association.

#### **Article 25.**

Members of the Association whose representatives do not respond to the two sessions of the Assembly shall be sent a written notice of non-fulfillment of the undertaken obligations and the initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

#### **Article 26.**

The Assembly may be regular, elective and extraordinary and solemn. The Assembly regularly meets once during the year, while the Assembly's electoral session is held every four (4) years.

Meetings of the Assembly convene the President or Vice-President of the Association on his own initiative.

In the decision to convene the Assembly, the President/ Vice-President determines the agenda of the session, as well as the day and venue of the session.

The President/ Vice-President is obliged to convene a session of the Assembly when requested by at least 2/3 members of the Assembly of the Association.

In its request to convene the Assembly, the proposers are obliged to propose the agenda of the session.

The President convenes the session according to the proposed agenda of the proponent, and if he does not convene within 15 days of the submission of the request, the proposer will be summoned (the decision should include the agenda, the venue and the day of the session).

#### **Article 27.**

In case of expiration of the mandate to the bodies of the association, the Assembly of the Association convenes 2/3 of the regular members of the association who are enrolled in the list of members before the expiration of their mandate to the bodies of the association.

#### **Article 28.**

The Assembly Chairpersons are chaired by the President of the Association. In the absence of the President, the Assembly is chaired by the Vice-President or the General Secretary of the Association.

A record is kept of the work of the session, signed by a recorder, which is permanently kept in the Association's archives.

#### **Article 29.**

The Assembly decides that it is valid if the majority of all members of the Assembly are present and the decision is made by a majority vote of the present members if no special majority has been determined by the Statute.

In the case of a lack of quorum, the Assembly can reach a quorum after one hour expires, if 1/3 of the members of the Assembly are present at the session.

#### **Article 30.**



Assembly of the Association:

- establishes the work policy of the Association,
- highest body of the Association,
- Adopts work plan and financial plan for the next calendar year and report on work for the previous calendar year,
- adopt an annual financial report,
- adopt other acts and decisions important for the work of the Association,
- decides on the change of objectives and activities and the performance of economic activities,
- decides on joining alliances, communities, networks and other forms of association of associations,
- elect and dismiss the Board of Directors of the Association, (with the exception of founders who are permanent),
- elect and dismiss the arbitral tribunal and issue a rulebook on its work,
- provides guidelines for the work of the association,
- decides to exclude members from the Association,
- decides on the cessation of the association and the distribution of the remaining assets of the association,
- makes a decision on the establishment of organizational forms,
- decides on other issues for which the statute does not determine the competence of other bodies of the association.

PRESIDENT

**Article 31.**

Executive functions and other duties determined by this Status are performed by the President of the Association.

The President of the Association is elected by the Assembly of the Association for a term of four (4) years.

**Article 32.**

President:

- represents the Association,
- convenes the Assembly of the Association,
- manages the work of the Assembly of the Association,
- manages the affairs of the association in accordance with the decisions of the Assembly,
- is responsible for submitting to the Assembly the proposal of the annual financial report,
- proposes a work program for the Assembly to consider and accept,

- takes care of the implementation of the adopted program of work and implementation of the decisions of the Assembly of the Association,
- submits reports on the work of the Association to the Assembly of the Association,
- perform other tasks in accordance with the law, statute and acts of the association.

**Article 33.**

For his work, the President is responsible to the Assembly of the Association.

The President submits to the Assembly of the Association an annual report on his work.

The association also has a place of honorary president.

VICE PRESIDENT

**Article 34.**

In the case of absence or disability, the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President in all matters.

The Vice-President of the Association shall be elected the Assembly of the Association for a term of four (4) years.

The Association has one Vice Presidents.

The Vice President selects the Disciplinary Commission of the Association.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Article 35.**

The Board of Directors of the Association manages, determines and organizes the activities of the Association between the two Assembly, in accordance with the Statute and the conclusions of the Assembly.

**Article 36.**

Board of Directors of the Association:

- the highest body of the Association,
- establishes committees, committees and working groups, and appoints their members,
- prepares the work plan and proposes it to the Assembly,
- decides to accept membership,
- decides on convening the annual Assembly, the Electoral and Extraordinary Assembly,
- establishes the proposal of the Statute, its amendments and amendments,
- decides on changing the address of the seat,
- elect and dismiss the persons authorized to represent,

- appoints and revokes the liquidator of the association,
- makes a decision on status changes (merger, merger and division of the association),

Members of the Board of Directors are elected by the Assembly at the Election Year of the Assembly. The Board of Directors consists of seven members, of which 3 are founders, the President, vice-president and two members elected from the the Assembly. The mandate of the members of the Board of Directors is four (4) years and may be re-elected.

The Board of Directors has its President and Vice Presidents elected by the Assembly between its rows every four (4) years.

The founders remain in the Board of Directors for a lifetime and can not be dismissed. The founder can leave the Board only at his own request.

#### **Article 37.**

The Board of Directors meetings will be as required. The session of the Board of Directors can call a meeting when a minimum of five members are required. The place and time of the meeting shall be determined by the President or the Secretary-General. The Board of Directors may make decisions when the session is attended by at least five members (5) and the decision is made by a majority vote of the members present.

#### GENERAL SECRETARY

#### **Article 38.**

The General Secretary of the Association shall be elected by Asembly for a term of four (4) years for performing professional and administrative affairs in the Association.

The General Secretary of the Association keeps a register of members and manages the property of the Association, - is acquainting the public with the activities of the Assembly of the Association, - submits a minutes from the ordinary session of the assembly to the competent office that keeps the register of associations, - concludes contracts and undertakes legal actions on behalf and for the account of the association.

#### **Article 39.**

For the work in certain areas of activity of the Association Assembly / President or other executive body may be established permanent and occasional commissions or other working bodies of the Association.

By decision on the establishment of the commission or working bodies, their composition, task, time for which they are established and responsibility for the performance of their duties are determined.

#### ASSETS, METHODS OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF ASSETS

#### **Article 40.**

The property of the Association consists of:

- the money that the association acquired by paying membership fees, voluntary contributions and gifts,
- funds received by the association through the pursuit of activities pursuing the objectives, carrying out activities, financing programs and projects of the association from the state budget and the budget of local and regional self-government units and funds and / or from foreign sources,
- real estate and movable property of the Association,
- other property rights.

The association may dispose of its assets solely for the attainment of the objectives and performance of the activities set forth in the Statute of the Association, in accordance with the Law.

#### **Article 41.**

Statement of Material-Financial Business The President of the Association submits to the Assembly for consideration and acceptance.

### VII. EXCLUSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### **Article 42.**

The Association ceases to exist by a decision of the Assembly or in other cases provided for by the Law.

In the event of the existence of the Association, the remaining assets shall be assigned to the Association which has the same or similar statutory goals.

In the event of the termination of the existence on the basis of a decision of the Assembly, it shall decide on the termination of the Association by a two-thirds majority of the total number of members of the Assembly of the Association.

#### **Article 43.**

The Liquidator of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Directors outside of the Assembly.

Liquidator represents the association in the liquidation procedure and, by opening the liquidation procedure, registers the association as a person authorized to represent the association until the liquidation process is completed and the association from the association register is terminated.

### VIII. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

**Article 44.**

The Statute of the Association is passed by the Assembly by a majority vote of the total number of members of the Assembly of the Association after the hearing has been conducted.

**Article 45.**

Interpretation of the provisions of this Statute is provided by the Assembly of the Association.

Interpretation of other acts of the Association is given by the President of the Association.

In Zagreb, September 25, 2018.

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