

## New statutes

Approved by the Extraordinary  
General Assembly on January 31, 2020

### Article 1. NAME, LEGAL STATUS, REGISTERED OFFICE

The Association is an international, independent and non-profit-making association with the name of:

(French) Initiative pour la science en Europe (ISE)

(English) Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE)

The Association is established according to the local laws of associations prevailing in the departments of Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin and Moselle, regulated by the article 21 to 79 of the local civil code (law of 1908).

The Association is registered in Strasbourg (France).

### Article 2. DURATION

ISE is established for an unlimited period of time.

### Article 3. OBJECTIVES

The Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE) is an independent organisation committed to the scientific and technological development of Europe. Its goal is to provide a common forum for European-level learned societies, academies and other non-governmental organisations to promote independent scientific advice in European policy making and to stimulate the involvement of European scientists in the design and implementation of European science and technology policy.

The agenda of ISE is set by the participating societies and organisations. The long-term agenda of ISE will promote European scientific and technological development, notably by working towards the objectives defined by the Lisbon and Barcelona European Council Summits<sup>1</sup>. The activities of

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<sup>1</sup> The **EU Summit held in Lisbon on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2001** devised an action and development plan known as the "Lisbon strategy" where the European Area of Research and Innovation was established. **On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2002, the EU Council met in Barcelona** and agreed on the objective of increasing the R&D spending to approximately 3% of the GDP by 2010.

ISE include open conferences, public events and the preparation of statements on European science policy issues.

The association is a successor of the Initiative for Science in Europe platform which has existed since 2003.

#### **Article 4. MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 ISE membership is open to, among others, European learned societies; European professional science and technology organisations; European scientific societies and European federations of scientific societies; European research laboratories; European associations of universities and other institutions active in the field of science.

4.2 There are three categories of Members:

- A. Founding Members, defined as those Members who approved the statutes at the Founding General Assembly, and who pay or continue to pay a membership fee or, if their structure cannot pay a membership fee, make in-kind contributions to the ISE organisation.
- B. Full Members, defined as those Members who pay a membership fee or, if their structure cannot pay a membership fee, make in-kind contributions to the ISE organisation.
- C. Associate Members defined in article 4.4.

4.3 To become a member, an organisation must request its admission. At its first meeting following the request, the Executive committee decides to accept or reject the applicant.

4.4 Associate Members are organisations that request to be admitted to associate membership. They must motivate their choice to become Associate Members rather than Full Members. At its first meeting following the request, the Executive Committee decides to accept or reject the applicant and decides the duration of the period during which the organisation may enjoy the status of Associate Member. Associate members do not pay dues and have no voting rights. They are not represented at the Executive committee.

4.5 Founding Members and Full Members have voting rights at the general assemblies, in particular to elect Executive Committee members, as well as to present candidates to be members of the Executive Committee.

4.6 Membership ceases:

- A. for Founding Members and Full Members, upon non-payment of membership fees after a reasonable delay following a request to pay, or absence of contribution in-kind.
- B. for Associate Members, upon the agreed upon period for associate membership.
- C. any Member may terminate membership with written notice to the Executive committee.

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## **Article 5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the ISE Association. It has all such powers relating to organisation and operation of the Association that have not been specifically conferred upon the Executive committee. Notably, the Extraordinary General Assembly has the authority to modify the statutes (article 10) and to dissolve the Association (article 11). The Ordinary General Assembly has the authority to adopt and modify the Internal regulations. Moreover, the General Assembly has the authority to

- Elect members to the Executive committee;
- Decide to have financial auditors, and if so, to appoint them;
- Accept new Members;
- Expel Members;
- Determine the annual Member contributions;
- Accept reports of the Executive Committee;
- Approve the annual accounts;
- Accept gifts to the Association.

The General Assembly meets every year for an ordinary session. It is composed of representatives of Founding Members and Full Members. Associate Members are invited to attend, without voting rights.

The General Assembly adopts a report by the President on the activities of the Association in the previous year, and a report by the Treasurer on the financial situation of the Association. It grants a discharge to the President and the Executive Committee for the financial policy and management during the previous years.

The General Assembly decides the strategic orientation of the Association.

Ordinary General Assemblies and Extraordinary General Assemblies, except those convened to modify the Statutes or the dissolution of the Association, are convened in writing, including by e-mail or other electronic communication, not less than 30 calendar days prior to the date of the General Assembly. The agenda for the General Assembly is communicated not less than 10 calendar days prior to the date of the General Assembly.

Upon decision by the Executive committee or by demand from more than 10% of the Founding Members and Full Members, the President will call an Extraordinary General Assembly.

All decisions that require a vote by the General Assembly must be placed on the agenda of the meeting. Decisions to modify the Statutes or wind up the Association are subject to the provisions of Articles 10 and 11. All decisions, except for the modification of the Statutes and winding up of the Association are taken by simple majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions.

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## **Article 6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Association is administered by an Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has five elected members, plus a President, and up to three coopted members. Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a 3-year term by the General Assembly. Members of the Executive Committee may be elected for a maximum of 2 terms. Should an Executive Committee member resign, or be unable to serve, the next GA (or by electronic vote) appoints a replacement until the end of the term of the ExCom.

The Executive Committee may co-opt up to 3 other members. Co-opted members are appointed for a term of office to be decided by the Executive Committee of up to three years. Co-opted members may be appointed for a maximum of 2 terms.

Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by simple majority. The President has a casting vote. The Executive Committee will meet, in person or electronically, not less than 2 times per year.

## **Article 7. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The officers of the Association are:

- the President,
- up to two Vice-Presidents,
- the Honorary Treasurer,
- the Honorary Secretary,

The Executive committee may appoint up to two vice-presidents among its members.

The President is elected by the General Assembly for 2-year term. The President presides the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

The Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary are appointed by the Executive Committee from among its members.

The legal representative of the Association is the President. The President may delegate all or part of his/her authority with the approval of Executive Committee

## **Article 8. RESOURCES**

The Association's resources shall comprise:

- the contributions of members;
- donations and legacies;
- income from Partnerships;
- the proceeds from fund-raising activities;
- revenues from the interest on capital;

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- subsidies granted by public or private benefactors;
- income from contracts and grants for activities and projects in fields having a bearing on the objectives of the Association;
- income from the sale of publications;
- any other income that does not conflict with the objectives of ISE.

#### **Article 9. MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Founding Members and Full Members will pay the membership fees set out in annex to these statutes.

Membership fees are set by the General Assembly during a regular or extra-ordinary session upon recommendation by the Executive Committee.

Any proposal to change the membership fees must be made in writing, including electronically to all Founding Members and Full Members at least 30 days prior to the General Assembly that will vote on the proposal.

Any proposal to change the membership fees requires a 75% majority of the votes cast, excluding abstentions.

#### **Article 10. AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

Decisions to modify the Statutes of the Association are taken by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose. Notice that an Extraordinary General Assembly will be convened to modify the Statutes will be made not less than 45 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting. Notification of the proposed modification(s) to the Statutes must be made not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

Decisions to modify the Statutes of the Association, except a modification of the objectives in Article 3, require a 75% majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions. Any modification of Article 3 requires a unanimous decision of all Founding Members and Full Members.

#### **Article 11. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Decisions for the dissolution of the Association are taken by an Extraordinary General Assembly convened for this purpose. Notice that an Extraordinary General Assembly will be convened for the dissolution of the Association will be made not less than 90 calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

A decision for the dissolution of the Association requires a 75% majority of votes cast, excluding abstentions.

Upon dissolution of the Association, the Executive will make a proposal to the Extraordinary General Assembly regarding the disposition of assets and liabilities of the Association for approval by the Founding Members and Full Members present at the meeting.

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## **Article 12. APPROVAL OF STATUTES**

The present statutes have been adopted by the Constitutive General Assembly on June 15, 2017 and modified by the Extraordinary General Assembly on January 31, 2020.

## **ARTICLE 13. INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

All matters not specifically laid down in these Statutes may be specified and determined by the Internal Regulations of the Association.

Such Internal Regulations must not be in conflict with the Statutes of the Association.

The Internal Regulations must be proposed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly by simple majority.

The text of the Internal Regulations shall be communicated to the Members, but it is not required that any such text be included in the Statutes of the Association.