

STATUTE OF NETWORK OF EUROPEAN PEACE SCIENTISTS.

PART I – NAME, PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

Article 1 – Name and Purpose

The **Network of European Peace Scientists**, informally NEPS, is a network with the purpose of advancement of peace science and related disciplines.

Article 2. - Activities

NEPS can:

- 1) Organize events, as conferences and workshops, which are in line with the purpose of advancement of peace science and related disciplines;
- 2) Establish awards and honors for members;
- 3) Establish and manage publications;
- 4) Cooperate with other societies, organizations and entities which have the statutory task of promoting the scientific research in peace science or related disciplines.

PART II MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Article 3 - Eligibility

Eligible members of the Network are:

1. Individuals who wish to contribute to the development of Peace Science and related disciplines;
2. Research Centers, University Departments and other agencies which have the statutory task of promoting the scientific research in peace science or related disciplines;
3. Private organizations which are willing to contribute to the development of peace science.
4. subjects from the civil society who agree to the aims and purpose of the Network, including educational institutions at all levels.

Article 4 – Voting Rights

Members of the network elect the Steering Committee of the NEPS. The voting rights can be expressed once the membership fee has been paid. Voting procedures are managed through an on-line system. All members have only one vote.

PART III GOVERNING BODIES OF THE NETWORK

Article 5 - The Governing bodies

The governing bodies of the Network are:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Steering Committee
3. The Executive Coordinator

Article 6 - The General Assembly

The General Assembly is constituted by all the members of the Network. The General Assembly have power to take decisions concerning all the activities of the Network. In particular, it shall be within the competence of the General Assembly to:

1. Decide about the Statute of the Network and the rules of procedure for the General Assembly;
2. Approve the budget;
3. Approve the strategic guidelines of the Network proposed by the SC;
4. Approve the annual report on the activities of the Network.

It is to be held once a year. The Assembly is chaired by a member of the the Steering Committee. Decisions shall be taken by an absolute voting majority of those who are present at the meeting.

Article 7 - The Steering Committee

The Steering Committee (henceforth SC) implements the strategic guidelines approved by the General Assembly. The SC is composed of 7 people. In particular, it is within the competence of the SC to:

- 1) Design and adopt internal regulations of the Network;
- 2) Formulate and propose the budget of the Network;
- 3) Appoint an Executive Coordinator among its members.
- 4) Appoint committees and bodies for specific tasks.
- 5) Indicate the priority areas for the Network;

- 6) Prepare annually a final report on the activities carried out in the framework of the Network.

The members of SC are elected and appointed for a period of three years. They can be re-elected.

Article 8 - The executive Coordinator

The executive Coordinator (henceforth EC) is a member of SC and she/he is the representative of the Network. The EC is asked to run the activities of NEPS according to the guidelines approved by the SC.

With regard to governance of NEPS, the EC is also asked to manage:

- 1) the mechanism of voting through an electronic on-line system
- 2) communicate the results of polls to the other members

The Executive Coordinator is also the treasurer of NEPS. As treasurer, the EC is responsible for custody and handling the funds of NEPS, assuring their safety and prudent use. He/she is responsible for paying NEPS obligations, and assuring expenditures of the NEPS are in accordance with the budget approved by the SC. In particular with regard to the treasury the EC is responsible for:

- 1) Preparing a report that is to be distributed to the members of SC every year.
- 2) Maintaining the NEPS's checking and savings account in a bank or savings institution approved by the SC.
- 3) Defining who is authorized to withdraw funds besides the Treasurer.

The EC is appointed by other councilors for a period of three years. She/he can be re-appointed.

PART IV FINANCE

Article 9 - Finance

The resources of the NEPS consist of:

- (a) the registration and membership dues paid by the members;
- (b) possible gifts, bequests and legacies;
- (c) subsidies or grants which may be awarded to it by public or private bodies;

They are managed by the EC in accordance with the provisions of art. 8 of this document.

Article 10 - Appointments

The position of EC and councilors are unpaid appointments.

PART V - OTHER PROVISIONS

Article 11 - Language

The official language of NEPS is English.

Article 12 - Communication

Communication about activities of NEPS is based on:

- (i) the website registered managed by the EC on the behalf of the whole network;
- (ii) a mailing list managed by the EC.