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## Statutes

### ARTICLE I: NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE AND LEGAL STATUS

The European Forum for Urban Security is a non-governmental international organisation of local and regional authorities, engaged in reflecting and acting to prevent urban insecurity and crime through making use of global policies which act on criminality causes and effects.

European universities and NGOs can also collaborate with the European Forum, according to the conditions of article 4.

Its members respect the principles of the Charter of fundamental rights of the European Union and the "Security, Democracy and Cities" Manifesto annexed to the present statutes.

Its registered office is located in Paris, France; subsidiary registered offices may be opened in other cities if decided by the Executive Committee. The registered office may be transferred elsewhere by decision of the General Assembly.

It is governed by French legislation as applicable to associations.

#### **Its official name is**

**a) In French**

Forum Européen pour la Sécurité Urbaine or Efus

**b) In English**

European Forum for Urban Security or Efus

**c) Other languages**

The translation of the French or English name, or Efus

**Hereinafter, it shall be referred to as "the Forum".**

### ARTICLE II: FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

The Forum aims to promote the role of local and regional authorities in urban safety policies.

It is an established interlocutor of international institutions and governments and so the principles it defends are recognised.

It links universities, non-governmental organisations and local and regional authorities to develop local policies.

The principles on the basis of which the Forum operates are:

- Equality of the local and regional member authorities in the participation of the Forum's life and their equality of access to the services offered by the Forum,
- Membership of all the local and regional authorities and partnership of institutions, NGOs and universities sharing the Forum's objectives, subject to a refusal of the Executive Committee,

### **ARTICLE III: AIMS AND MEANS**

The European Forum operates and favours political debates and exchanges amongst its members, from the experiences of the various cities to the promotion of the role of local and regional authorities in urban safety policies.

With this aim, the Forum organises and favours:

- a) Exchanges of information, research, training and pilot experiments, by encouraging and organising meetings,
- b) Dialogue with the European authorities concerned, and with government administrations, public organisations and associations in the different countries,
- c) The development of joint programs,
- d) Access to international funding,
- e) Technical assistance to local and regional authorities and institutions,
- f) A Constitution of Forums adapted to the national requirements.

### **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP**

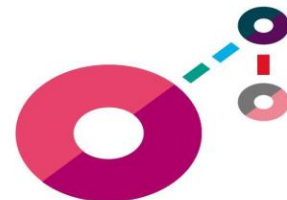
The Forum is composed of active members, and partners.

The active members are those European local and regional authorities which support the objectives of the Forum, participate in the statutory votes, abide by its statutes and regularly pay their subscription for the previous year.

New members' subscriptions must be approved by the Executive Committee.

The ex-officio members are the national Forums.





Partnership is open EU or non-EU national or international groups of EU or non-EU local and regional authorities, NGOs, universities, parapublic institutions, private sector organisations and all public institutions or public interest institutions which wish to take part in the Forum's activities.

#### **ARTICLE V: RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION**

Membership or partnership may be lost:

- a) By resignation,
- b) By expulsion on serious grounds by the Executive Committee, the member concerned having been given at least sixty days notice by registered letter inviting him to provide explanations, and being entitled to appeal the decision before the General Assembly, whose decision is final, without the appeal having any delaying effect on execution of the decision,
- c) Through failure to pay the annual subscription fee for two years running, after ninety days notice to pay has gone unheeded.

#### **ARTICLE VI: RESOURCES**

1 – The Forum's resources are made up of members' and partners' subscriptions. Additional funding may come in the form of contracts and subsidies from States, local and regional authorities, intergovernmental organisations, associations or foundations, or from products and donations from individuals.

2 – The basic annual subscription fee for active members is determined by the Executive Committee and can be reviewed annually.

It is calculated on the basis of the number of inhabitants.

The subscription to be paid by partners is determined by the Executive Committee.

3 – The Forum's assets alone are accountable for commitments undertaken by the Forum. None of its members, even its administration, may be held accountable.

#### **ARTICLE VII: STRUCTURE**

The supreme organ of the Forum is the General Assembly of its members, which meets in an ordinary or extraordinary session.

The other official organ of the Forum is the Executive Committee.

Active members are eligible to the different organs of the Forum, provided that they are up to date in the payment of their subscription fees for the previous year.

## **ARTICLE VIII: ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### 1 – Composition and quorum

The ordinary General Assembly is composed of one regular representative or delegate per active member.

Active members may appoint other delegates as auditors only. Delegates of partners may also attend the General Assembly as auditors. The required quorum of regular voting delegates in attendance may not be less than the number of members of the Executive Committee.

### 2 – Voting

The regular representative of each active member has the right to one individual vote and votes are carried by a simple majority.

Absent active members may mandate members attending the Assembly to vote on their behalf, but no single member in attendance may vote by proxy for more than three absent members.

Votes may be cast by correspondence, including all electronic means, for the election of the Executive Committee and for all other deliberations of the General Assembly.

### 3 – Meetings

The ordinary General Assembly meets every year. The date, place and agenda of the meeting are determined by the Executive Committee. Members are invited to meetings by letter or electronic message sent out at least thirty days in advance to each active member and partner.

#### The ordinary General Assembly:

- a) hears and votes on the general report and the financial report,
- b) hears and votes on all questions relating to the functioning of the Forum,
- c) elects one auditor and substitute auditor who are not members of the Forum to audit the accounts,
- d) lays down the Forum's general financial policy guidelines, reviews the accounts and discharges them,
- e) elects the members of the Executive Committee,
- f) determines the broad lines of the Forum's program for the coming year.

## **ARTICLE IX: THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

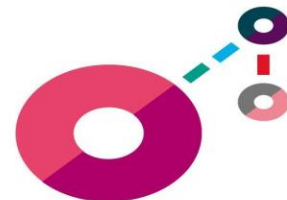
### 1 – Meetings

Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly may be convened:

- a) either by decision of the Executive Committee,
- b) or at the written request of at least half of the active members.

Invitations are sent out at least sixty days in advance, by letter or electronic message, stating the meeting agenda.





## 2 – Functions

Any matter that falls within the statutory scope of the ordinary General Assembly may be referred to the extraordinary General Assembly.

Only the extraordinary General Assembly has the power to modify the statutes or dissolve the Forum.

## 3 – Voting

The same conditions apply as in ordinary General Assembly meetings. However, amendments to the Statutes and the dissolution of the Forum require a two-thirds majority.

# **ARTICLE X: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

## A – MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION

1 – The members of the Executive Committee are elected for three years, one third being renewable every year. To this end, the Executive Committee is composed of five members maximum per country with deliberative vote. Members of the Executive Committee practise their role free of charge.

The members of the Executive Committee are eligible for re-election.

Candidatures to the Executive Committee must be published at least fifteen days before the General Assembly.

Presidents of the National Forums are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

The presidents of Forums outside of Europe are invited to Executive Committees on the condition of reciprocity and with a consultative vote when points in the agenda concern subjects of common interest.

2 – The President and four Vice-Presidents of the Forum are nominally elected by the Executive Committee among its active members for a period of three years, with a limit of three consecutive mandates.

The Presidency or Vice-Presidency of the Forum cannot be combined with the presidency of a National Forum.

The President, or by delegation, the Vice-Presidents represent the Forum in every aspect of its social, legal and political activities.

The President directs the Executive Director's activities and chairs all of the Forum's organs ex-officio.

3 – The Vice-Presidents assist the President in conducting the Forum's activities. One Vice-President, appointed by the Executive Committee, stands in for the President in the event of temporary absence and takes over for the duration of his term of office in the event of permanent inability to fulfil his role.

4 – One of the Vice-Presidents, appointed by the Executive Committee, also takes on the role of Treasurer. This Treasurer can also be a member of the Executive Committee.

5 – Members of the Executive Committee may appoint substitutes to stand in for them when necessary.

In the event that the representative of a local authority on the Executive Committee is not re-elected to public office, his local authority must inform the Executive Committee of the name of its new representative. In the event of termination, the vacated seat is filled at the next annual renewal and for the duration of the term remaining to be served.

In the event that this eventuality concerns the President, a Vice-President or the Treasurer, the representative is still in charge of his post until the next ordinary or extraordinary General Assembly of the Forum.

## B – ROLE

The Executive Committee is responsible as a body for conducting the policy of the Forum, and in particular for ensuring that the broad guidelines and the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are applied. It adopts the annual work plan of the Forum with the support and exceptional vote of the Presidents of the national Forums.

Among other things, its role consists in promoting the principles and activities of the Forum in a wide variety of fields through its dealings with the general public and with national and European authorities.

The Executive Committee nominates the Executive Director of the Forum whose competencies are: to participate in all statutory meetings of the Forum, to lead the activity of the Forum's technical structure and to represent the Forum on the mandate of the President.

The Executive Committee adopts and verifies the annual budget of the Forum on the basis of the financial policy guidelines laid down by the General Assembly.

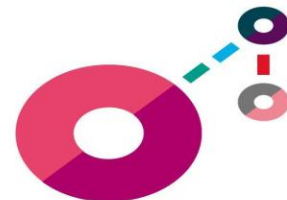
The Vice-President or the member of the Executive Committee who assumes the role of Treasurer, is responsible for ensuring that accounts comply with the legal accounting rules that apply to association as per the french legislation.

He or she must ensure that the annual accounts are validated by the external auditors.

He or she ensures that the financial procedures and the running of finances are respected, with the aim to avoid fraud and the mismanagement of funds.

The Treasurer examines the association's annual budget, which is given to him or her by Efus' technical team, and also presents the association's financial situation to members of the Bureau during the Executive Committee meetings.





Between meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee takes all decisions concerning essential aspects of the Forum's activities.

It is in charge of administrative and financial management. It fixes the dates of meetings and events, and handles political and public relations for the Forum. It submits its activity report to the General Assembly.

#### C – MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee meets when so convened by the President, or whenever a meeting is requested by a majority of its members.

#### **ARTICLE XI: NATIONAL FORUMS**

1 – National Forums may be formed at the request of the majority of the local and regional authorities which are members of the Forum belonging to that country. A minimum of 10 local and regional authorities in the country is necessary in order to qualify for the constitution of a national Forum.

2 - Membership to the European Forum allows the local or regional authority to automatically become a member of its national forum, if it exists. A maximum of 50% of its membership fee can be transferred to the national forum according to the following conditions:

- The national Forum must present its validated activity and financial reports, then
- The European Forum will transfer the share of fees in proportion to the spending costs announced by the national forum.

3 – The national Forums organise their activities freely, in the spirit of the statutes and guidelines of the Forum. They contribute especially to the Forum's relations with the authorities of their country and are partners with all of the Forum's initiatives on their territory.

4 – An agreement between the Forum and national forums is established concerning any subjects aiming at favouring information and mutual integration in the activities and harmonisation of the graphic charter, as well as the specifics regarding the transfer of fees.

#### **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES**

Any active member of the Forum may propose amendments of the statutes to the Executive Committee. The statutes are amended by the extraordinary General Assembly by a two-thirds majority of the members present or represented. The new statutes become effective immediately after they are adopted by the General Assembly.

#### **ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION**

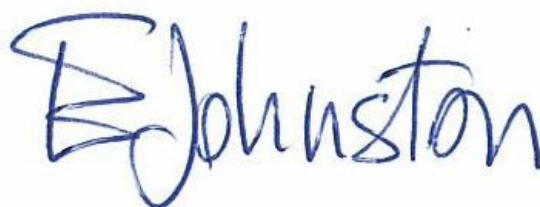
At the duly motivated suggestion of the Executive Committee, communicated to the members of the Forum three months before the meeting, the extraordinary General Assembly may decide to dissolve the Forum by a two-thirds majority of the members present or represented. Members of the association cannot be declared beneficiaries of the share of the assets. The assets would be transferred to another European association sharing the same values as Efus.

In the event of a vote in favour of dissolution, the General Assembly shall appoint three liquidators of different nationalities with full power to decide how to liquidate the Forum's assets in accordance with the legislation governing associations.

*The most recent modifications to this document were enacted during the General Assembly of 12-13 May, 2022*

Willy DEMEYER,  
Mayor of Liege, , President of Efus

Elizabeth JOHNSTON  
Executive Director of Efus

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