

Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V.
(Association European Law School Students & Alumni e.V.)

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Membership Declaration Form

I,, hereby apply for admission to the “Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V.” (“Association European Law School Students & Alumni”). I have received the Association’s Statutes.

Gender* male female diverse

E-Mail 1*

E-Mail 2

Phone (mobile)*

Facebook name

Year of admission to the ELS*

(prospective) Stations
in the programme*

(prospective) final year*

*mandatory information

I pay the annual membership fee of €12 by direct debit:

(please fill in the back of this form)

If you do not wish to complete the SEPA direct debit mandate, please contact the Board to arrange another payment method.

Date

Signature

Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V. Unter den Linden 9 10117 Berlin

Gläubiger-Identifikationsnummer (Creditor identification number): DE37ZZZ00001806219

Mandate reference: *First NameLast Name (ex.: JohnSmith)*

SEPA Direct Debit Mandate

I authorise the Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V. to collect payments from my account by direct debit. At the same time, I instruct my bank to honour the direct debits drawn on my account by the Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V.

The amount of 12 euros will be debited from my account for the first time on 1 January 2021 and then always on 1 January of each year.

Note: I can request a refund of the debited amount within eight weeks of the debit date. The conditions agreed with my bank apply.

First name und surname (account holder):

Street and house number:

Postcode and town:

Credit institution (name und BIC):

IBAN:

Date

Signature

Kontoinhaber: Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e.V.

IBAN: DE94 10070124 0114 2058 00

BIC: DEUTDEDB101

STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION “Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e. V.” in the version of 18 February 2023

(Only the German version of the statutes is binding.)

§ 1 Name

- (1) The association is named “Verein European Law School Students & Alumni e. V.”
- (2) The Association is listed in the association register (“Vereinsregister”) at the Amtsgericht Berlin-Charlottenburg.

§ 2 Association’s Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Association is: - to promote cross-border cooperation in the context of European integration, in particular to support the integrated law degree “Europäischer Jurist” of the European Law School (ELS) and to enhance its reputation;
 - to encourage and maintain friendly relations between former and current ELS students and to create a connection to the exchange programme;
 - to enable former and current ELS students to provide mutual support in a wide range of life situations;
 - to represent the Association in organisations and institutions whose activities are related to the ELS or to career paths that build on it.
- (2) The purpose of the Association is fulfilled, among other aspects, by: - the organisation of meetings and conferences to improve contact between former and current participants in the German-French dual degree programme (“deutsch-französischer Studiengang”) and representatives from the fields of politics, business, science and culture;
 - the support and assistance of students during their stay in the exchange country through the practical organisation of the course of studies, the arrangement of internships, as well as material assistance;
 - a website with information for prospective students, current students and former students, as well as the opportunity for Association members to present themselves and engage with other members;
 - partnerships with Associations, organisations, institutions or companies that pursue similar purposes or facilitate their realisation. The Association offers its content-related support for ELS events, in particular the annual summer academies and graduation ceremonies.
- (3) The Association sees itself as transnational based on its purpose. The composition of the Association's organs and their organisation and powers are therefore identical to those of the French Association “Association European Law School Students & Alumni”, an Association under French law according to the law of 1 July 1901, which has the same purpose as this Association.

§ 3 Charitable Character (“Gemeinnützigkeit”)

- (1) The Association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes (“gemeinnützige Zwecke”) within the meaning of the section “Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke” of the German Fiscal Code (“Abgabenordnung”).
- (2) The Association is a non-profit organisation; it does not pursue its own economic interests. The Association's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the statutes. The members do not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. No person may derive benefits from expenditures that are not aligned with the Association’s purpose or from disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 4 Seat

The seat of the Association is in Berlin.

§ 5 Members

- (1) All former or current students of ELS can become members. Anyone admitted to the preparatory phase of the ELS programme is considered a participant under these statutes.
- (2) Membership is acquired by submitting a written application for admission in electronic or paper form and paying the annual fee. The Executive Board can effectively reject membership applications if it communicates the reasons for its decision to the applicant in writing. Notwithstanding § 5 (1), the Executive Board may grant any natural or legal person membership in the Association.
- (3) The Association is composed of honorary members, supporting members and members.
 - a) Honorary members are persons who have provided outstanding services to the Association or have given their support in a special way. They are appointed by the General Meeting at the proposal of the Executive Board.
 - b) Supporting members can be natural or legal persons who support the work of the Association through a special minimum contribution determined by the General meeting at the suggestion of the Executive Board. Supporting members acquire Membership through a written declaration of accession and the payment of the funding contributions.
 - c) A member is any person who has joined the Association in accordance with § 5 (1) or (2). Full members are those who have paid all annual fees due since the beginning of their membership.

§ 6 Membership Fees

- (1) Members are required to pay an annual membership fee. The amount of this and the due date are decided by the Association's Executive Board, taking into account the expenses required for the Association's activities.
- (2) Non-payment of the annual membership fee six months after it is due will result in the suspension of membership. The Association's Executive Board may decide to

permanently revoke full membership. Membership is restored when the member has paid all unpaid membership fees that have fallen due in the meantime.

- (3) Membership fees already paid will not be refunded in the event of membership being terminated.
- (4) Honorary members are exempt from membership fees.

§ 7 Termination of Membership

Membership terminates

- a) with the resignation from the Association. The resignation becomes effective at the end of the calendar year and must be communicated to the Executive Board in writing or in electronic form no later than four weeks before the end of the calendar year,
- b) upon the death of the member, or
- c) with expulsion from the Association due to a serious violation of the objectives of the Association, its statutes or otherwise due to serious personal misconduct. The serious violation or other serious misconduct can only be determined by the executive Executive Board after the affected member has been given the reasonable opportunity to be heard.

§ 8 Financing

- (1) The Association's income consists mainly of membership fees, subsidies, donations and grants. The Association's income may also come from the sale of products and services within the scope of the Association's purpose or from state subsidies.
- (2) The funding of the “Deutsch-Französische Hochschule” may be used collectively and in solidarity with the French Association “L'Association Juristes européens de Paris” as the successor to the “Association European Law School Students & Alumni”, insofar as the executive Executive Board of directors so decides and the reciprocity of this clause is guaranteed.

§ 9 Executive Board

- (1) The Association is managed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board includes the President, a Representative for alumni, a Treasurer and a Secretary General. It may also include a Vice President. The Executive Board should also include a person responsible for public relations. The Executive Board also includes Local Representatives for Berlin and Paris and, if deemed necessary by the General Meeting, for the other participating cities.
- (2) The members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years, with the exception of the cases outlined in § 12 (4). This does not apply to the election of the Local Representatives; these are elected by the General Meeting for a period of one academic year. Re-elections are possible. The incumbent members of

the Executive Board remain provisionally in office after their term of office has expired until successors have been elected.

- (3) The President manages the current affairs of the Association. He or she represents the Association in accordance with § 9a of the statutes. His or her representative is the Vice President. If the Executive Board does not include a Vice President, the Secretary General is his or her representative.
- (4) A Vice President may be appointed to assist the President in the performance of his or her duties. He or she represents the Association in accordance with § 9a of the statutes. His or her representative is the Secretary General.
- (5) The Secretary General is responsible for correspondence and archiving the Association's written documents. He or she is entrusted with maintaining the membership directory in consultation with the President. He or she takes the minutes of the General Meeting, the Executive Board meetings and, without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Treasurer, every written communication of the Association. The Secretary General is responsible for ensuring that the Association's decisions are abided by. He or she represents the Association in accordance with § 9a of the statutes.
- (6) The Treasurer is responsible for the Association's bookkeeping and auditing. He or she receives all membership fees and other payments and manages the accounts under the control of the President. He or she reports on his or her activities to the General Meeting, which must approve the statement of accounts. The Treasurer is obliged to provide all relevant account information to the President and his or her successor. The Treasurer represents the Association in accordance with § 9a of the statutes.
- (7) The Local Representatives ensure that the day-to-day business of the Association is conducted in accordance with the guidelines set by the Executive Board in their respective cities.
- (8) The Executive Board of directors may appoint attachés for the duration of its mandate to assist it in carrying out its duties. Their activities end when they resign or are dismissed by the Executive Board of directors or when their membership ends.
- (9) The term of office of a Executive Board member ends with resignation or termination of membership or by dismissal in the event of gross violation of his or her duties after a unanimous decision by the Executive Board. The decision is made after hearing the person concerned and excluding the voting rights of the person concerned. The Executive Board shall inform the members of its decision, who may request the convening of a General Meeting within a period of 15 days in accordance with the provisions of § 13 (2).
- (10) If individual Executive Board positions are vacant, the Executive Board can provisionally decide on their occupation until the next General Meeting.

§ 9a Procuracy

- (1) The President and the Treasurer represent the Association alone. The President can grant substitute procuracy. These should be limited in time and in scope.
- (2) The Vice President, the Secretary General and the Alumni Representative may each represent the Association externally together with one other member of the Executive Board of Directors who is authorised to represent the Association in accordance with this regulation.

§ 10 Executive Board Meeting

- (1) The Executive Board meets as often as necessary, but at least once a year after being convened by the President. The members of the Executive Board of directors can also participate in the meeting using suitable online conferencing formats.
- (2) Decisions are taken by a simple majority, either in person or electronically by circular vote. However, in order to be valid, a decision requires
 - a) the vote of the President, or his or her representative and
 - b) another member of the Executive Board authorised to represent the Executive Board in accordance with § 9a.

In the event of a tie, the President or their representative has the casting vote. Members of the Executive Board can delegate their vote to another member of the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board who are personally affected by a decision do not take part in the vote.

- (3) The Executive Board may invite any person whose presence it deems useful for its decisions or who otherwise supports the work of the Executive Board to a meeting. However, these persons have no voting rights and only an advisory role.
- (4) These meetings are minuted. The minutes of the Executive Board meeting can be viewed at the request of the members.

§ 11 Non-Renumerated Executive Board

The Executive Board works on a non-renumerated basis.

§ 12 General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting includes all members of the Association. The General Meeting is convened by the Executive Board in writing with at least two weeks' notice. The Executive Board also sets the agenda, which is sent with the invitation.
- (2) The meeting takes place at least once a year. The majority is the majority of the full members present or represented. Proxies can be granted in writing. Votes can also be submitted in writing (e.g. by post, fax, email). If technically possible, members can also participate in the meeting using suitable online conferencing formats.
- (3) The General Meeting is chaired by the President with the assistance of the members of the Executive Board. It receives the annual report of the Executive Board. The Treasurer presents the statement of accounts, which the meeting must approve.
- (4) The General Meeting elects the Local Representatives annually and the rest of the Association's Executive Board every two years. Notwithstanding the above, the General Meeting may elect new Executive Board members at any time to fill vacant positions or within the maximum number of Executive Board members. The Executive Board members elected in this way only remain in office until the end of the Executive Board's two-year mandate.
- (5) The General Meeting may conduct block voting.

- (6) The resolutions of the General Meeting are recorded in minutes and signed by the President and the Secretary General.

§ 13 Extraordinary General Meeting

- (1) An extraordinary General Meeting is required for decisions regarding changes to the statutes, a merger or the dissolution of the Association. It is convened by the President in accordance with the modalities of § 12 (1).
- (2) The President can be required by the rest of the Executive Board or by a third of all members of the Association to convene an extraordinary General Meeting. It is convened by the President in accordance with the modalities of § 12 (1).
- (3) An extraordinary General Meeting is any General Meeting that takes place outside of the annual General Meeting in accordance with § 12. It is convened for resolutions in accordance with § 13 (1) or, if the interests of the Association require it, for any other resolution. However, a majority of three quarters of the members present or represented is required for resolutions in accordance with § 13 (1).
- (4) The resolutions of the General Meeting are recorded in minutes and signed by the President and the Secretary General.

§ 14 Advisory Council

- (1) The Association may set up an Advisory Council consisting of honorary members who are elected by the General Meeting at the proposal of the Executive Board. Its tasks and functioning are defined by the Association's Executive Board in the rules of procedure. It is committed to transnational cooperation in the context of European integration, in particular supporting the European study programme and promoting events to improve contact between the Association's members and representatives from the fields of politics, business, science and culture.
- (2) The Advisory Council can request information from the Executive Board and ask to be heard. The Executive Board can request that the Advisory Council take action.

§ 15 Rules of Procedure

- (1) The Executive Board can elaborate rules of procedure that are binding for all members after a resolution of the General Meeting.
- (2) In the case of § 14 (1), rules of procedure must be elaborated and resolved.

§ 16 Dissolution / Loss of Tax-Privileged Status

In the event of the dissolution of the Association or the loss of its tax-privileged status, the Association's assets will be transferred to an association that pursues similar goals. The

extraordinary General Meeting decides on the dissolution of the Association and appoints a liquidator.

Berlin, 18 February 2023
President of the Association