

In compliance with Article 9 paragraph 4, item 2 of the Statute of the association European Policy Centre, at the Assembly meeting held on January 10, 2025 in Belgrade, amendments to the Statute of the Association were adopted. The Statute of the Association shall be amended to read as follows:

**STATUTE
OF ORGANISATION
European Policy Centre**

**Scope of Goals
Article 1**

The organisation European Policy Centre (hereinafter: Organisation) is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation, established indefinitely for the purposes of achieving goals in the area of European integration.

**Goals of the Organisation
Article 2**

The Organisation is established for the purposes of achieving the following goals:

- 1) performing analysis and research in the area of European integration, particularly those European policies of importance for EU accession of the Republic of Serbia,
- 2) improvement of the policy-making and decision-making processes in the Republic of Serbia, in accordance with European standards and best European practices,
- 3) awareness raising of the public in Serbia on the policies of the European Union and best European practices,
- 4) improvement of the capacity of the Serbian economy to respond to the economic Copenhagen criterion and changes in the regulatory environment upon accession of the Republic of Serbia in the European Union.

Article 3

In achieving its goals, the Organisation especially:

- 1) collects and processes scientific and expert literature, produces studies and analyses in the area of European integration;
- 2) organises, independently or in cooperation with other organisations, expert events, consultations, seminars and other forms of education;
- 3) publishes books and other publications on the subject matters related to European integration, in compliance with the law;
- 4) organises experts for educational purposes in the area of the European integration;
- 5) cooperates with universities, schools, expert associations and other organisations in the country and abroad, dealing with European integration.

**Name and seat
Article 4**

Name of the Organisation (Serbian, Cyrillic): Центар за европске политике.

Name of the Organisation in foreign (English) language: European Policy Centre.

Abbreviated name is: CEP.

The seat of the Organisation is in Belgrade.

The Organisation exercises its activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Terms and conditions of membership and termination of membership

Article 5

A member of the Organisation can be any person that agrees with the goals of the Organisation and the Statute and submits a request for membership to the Governing Board of the Organisation.

Minors who have attained 14 years of age may also join the Organisation by submitting a certified declaration of a legal representative on given consent.

For persons under the age of 14 referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the request is to be submitted by their legal representatives.

Article 6

The Assembly decides on admission into membership, when and if they assess that a person can contribute to the attainment of the goals of the Association.

A member can resign from membership by submitting a written statement of resignation. For the resignation of a minor member no consent by the legal representative is needed.

Membership in the Organisation can be terminated on the grounds of longer inactivity of the member, non-compliance with the provisions of this Statute or infringement of the Organisation's reputation.

The Assembly decides on termination of the membership, on a reasoned proposal of the Governing Board.

A member must be given the opportunity to comment on the reasons for submitting the proposal for termination of membership in the Organisation.

Rights, obligations and responsibilities of the members

Article 7

A member of the Organisation has the right to:

1) equally with other members participate in the achievement of the Organisation's goals;
2) directly participate in decision-making in the Assembly, as well as through the bodies of the Organisation;

3) elect and be elected in the bodies of the Organisation;

4) be timely and thoroughly informed on the Organisation's work and activities.

A member is obliged to:

1) actively contribute to the achievement of the Organisation's goals;

2) participate, in accordance with his/her interests, in the Organisation's activities;

3) pay a membership fee;

4) perform other responsibilities delegated by the Governing Board.

Internal organisation

Article 8

The bodies of the Organisation are the Assembly, the Governing Board, the Council, the Executive Director, the Programme Director and the Director of Strategy (Chief Strategist).

The function of legal representative is performed by the Executive Director or, in case of his/her absence, by the Programme Director.

Article 9

The Assembly of the Organisation is composed of all of its members.

The Assembly meets on a regular basis annually. Extraordinary meetings of the Assembly can be scheduled with reasonable request from the Governing Board, as well as on the initiative of minimum one-third of members of the Assembly. Initiative is to be submitted to the Governing Board with proposed

questions for examination.

Meetings of the Assembly are convened by the Chairperson of the Governing Board, by written announcement on premises and time of the Assembly meeting and proposal of the timetable. Chairperson of the meeting is the one selected at the beginning of the meeting by public voting.

The Assembly:

- 1) adopts working plan and programme;
- 2) adopts the Statute, as well as amendments to the Statute;
- 3) adopts other general acts of the Organisation;
- 4) elects and resolves members of the Governing Board;
- 5) examines and adopts, at least once per year, report of the Governing Board;
- 6) examines and adopts financial plan and report;
- 7) decides on status changes and a termination of the work of Organisation.

The Assembly shall fully make decisions if at least one half of the members is present.

The Assembly decides by a majority vote of the present members.

For decisions on amending the Statute, status changes and termination of the work of Organisation, two-third majority of present members is needed.

Article 10

The Governing Board is executive body of the Organisation, in charge of implementation of the Organisation's goals set out by this Statute.

The Governing Board consist of 3 (three) members, elected and resolved by the Assembly.

Term of members of the Governing Board is 4 (four) years with possibility for re-election for the same position.

The Governing Board elects the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson among its members.

Article 11

The Governing Board:

- 1) runs the work of the organisation in the period between two meetings of the Assembly and makes decision for the sake of achievement of the Organisation's goals;
- 2) organises regular conduct of the Organisation's activities;
- 3) delegates special assignments to certain members;
- 4) makes financial decisions;
- 5) decides on initiating proceedings for amendments to the Statute, by own initiative or upon a proposal of at least five members of the Association, prepares amendments proposals and submits them to the Assembly for adoption;
- 6) decides on initiating proceedings for damages in cases envisaged in the Article 25, paragraph 2 of the Law on Associations and, if needed, designates special representative for that proceeding;
- 7) proposes members of the Council to the Assembly;
- 8) appoints the Executive Director, the Programme Director and the Director of Strategy and determines their duties, authorities and guidelines for their further work;
- 9) decides on forming alliances and other associations in the country and abroad;
- 7) decides on other issues that other bodies of the Organisation are not authorised for, either by the Law or the Statute.

The Governing Board fully decides if at least half of the members are present, and decision are made by majority voting of all members.

Article 12

For the purposes of conducting activities of the Association regularly, the Governing Board appoints the Executive Director with a four-year term.

For the purposes of managing programme of the Association, the Governing Board appoints the

Programme Director with a four-year term.

For the purposes of strategic planning and monitoring activities of the Association, the Governing Board appoints the Director of Strategy with a four-year term.

The functions of the Executive Director, the Programme Director, and the Director of Strategy are compatible with the functions of the chairperson or a member of the Governing Board.

Article 13

The Executive Director represents the Association in legal transactions and shall have rights and duties of principal financial officer.

The Programme Director is authorised, in absence of the Executive Director, to represent the Organisation and to sign all financial documents on behalf of the Organisation.

Article 14

The Council directs the programme development of the Association and makes recommendations for improving the programme strategy.

The Council may consist of a maximum of 20 members, appointed and resolved by the Assembly based on a reasoned proposal from the Governing Board, and it is constituted when at least 10 members are appointed.

Members of the Council shall be selected among distinguished national and international experts in the fields relevant to the work of the Association.

Term of members of the Council is 4 (four) years with possibility for re-election for the same position.

Meetings of the Council are convened and presided by the Chairperson of the Governing Board.

The Programme Director is an *ex officio* Council member.

Transparency of work

Article 15

Work of the Organisation is transparent.

The Governing Board is responsible for regular informing of membership and public on work and activities of the Organisation, directly or via internal publications i.e. via press releases or in other suitable forms.

Annual calculations and activities reports of the Organisation are submitted to the members at the meeting of the Organisation's Assembly.

Article 16

For the sake of achievement of its goals, the Organisation shall establish contacts and shall cooperate with other associations and organisations in country and abroad.

The Organisation may join international associations, and the Assembly decides thereupon.

Way of acquiring resources for the achievement of goals and disposal of resources

Article 17

The Organisation acquires resources from the membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts, financial subventions and by other legally justified ways.

The Organisation can also acquire resources from registration fees for seminars and other forms of education in the area of European integrations.

Economic activity that gains profit

Article 18

The Organisation acquires resources by performing economic activity: 70.22 Consulting activities in relation with business and other management.

The Organisation can commence with direct performance of this activity only after the completion of enrolment into the Registry of Companies.

Profit gained as described in paragraph 1 of this Article can be only used for the sake of achievement of the Organisation's goals, including costs of daily work of the Organisation and own contribution in financing certain projects.

Termination of work of the Organisation

Article 19

The Organisation shall cease its activities upon prior decision of the Assembly, when terms for achieving the Organisation's goals cease, as well as in other cases stipulated by the Law.

Management with the asset of the Organisation in the event of termination of the Organisation

Article 20

In the event of termination of work, asset of the Organisation shall be transferred on domestic legal person that was established for the sake of achieving same or similar goals, i.e. the Assembly shall upon its decision on termination decide whom the asset will be transferred to, in accordance with the Law.

Appearance and content of the seal

Article 21

The Organisation has the seal with round shape with the following inscription on the outlines: Центар за европске политике – Београд, with abbreviation in capital letters in the middle: ЦЕП.

Article 22

For all other issues not regulated by this Statute, Law on Associations will be directly applicable.

Article 23

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of his adoption at the Founding Assembly of the Organisation.

**Chairman of the Founding
Assembly of the Organisation
Nebojša Lazarević**



(Name and Signature)