

**Foundation of a registered non-profit association with European members**

- **Information, joint decision-making and representation of our common goals to the EU Commission, the EU Parliament and their legal acts EU regulations,**
- **Support and advice for new members in countries without their own network,**
- **Operation of a common information system for CSN and its members,**
- **Acquisition of EU funds together with partners for joint projects and activities,**
- **Close cooperation with the financial cooperative Community-led Houses Europe.**

CSN e.V. and its partners focus on political, charitable and public work as well as supporting its members. CSN e.V. shall apply for EU-funds together with partners in order to receive grants for joint projects and staff-income. CSN needs partners for this, as such EU funding can generally only be applied for jointly by at least three partners from at least three different EU countries.

As there is no EU regulation on associations, we set up a German association with international members. The model statute for registered non-profit associations was largely used. A non-profit association should not engage in extensive financing activities. That's why we need two very different organisations.

A European cooperative SCE is well suited for financing in Europe. Community-led Houses Europe SCE focuses on financing its member houses with low interest rates and long-term credit periods.

CSN and CLHE shall work closely together.

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§ 1. Name and seat

1. The association bears the name Commoning Spaces Network.
2. It is to be entered in the register of associations and will then bear the addition "e.V."
3. The seat of the association is Aachen.

§ 2. Financial year

1. The financial year is the calendar year.

§ 3. Purpose of the association

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
2. The purpose of the association is to promote jointly managed residential buildings, their networks, their joint decision-making and their representation in Europe.
3. The purpose of the Articles of Association is realised in particular by
  1. Joint decision-making and its representation in EU legal acts,
  2. Informing the public about the association and its members,
  3. Advice and support for community-run centres and new groups in European countries without their own network, as well as support in setting them up.

§ 4. Selfless activity

The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

§ 5. Utilisation of funds

The association's funds may only be used for the purposes set out in the articles of association. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds.

§ 6. Prohibition of favours

No person may be favoured by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the corporation or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 7. Acquisition of membership

1. Natural persons or legal entities can become members of the association.
2. The application for membership must be submitted in writing or electronically. The Executive Board decides on the application for membership.
3. The applicant has the right to appeal against the rejection, which does not require justification, to the General Meeting, which then makes the final decision.

§ 8. Termination of membership

1. Membership ends through resignation, exclusion, death or dissolution of the legal entity.
2. Resignation is effected by written or electronic declaration to a member of the Executive Board authorised to represent the company. This is then immediately valid.
3. A member can only be expelled for good cause. Important reasons include, in particular, behaviour that is detrimental to the objectives of the association, breach of statutory obligations or arrears in contributions of at least one year. The Executive Board shall decide on expulsion. The member has the right to appeal against the expulsion to the General Meeting, which must be submitted to the Executive Board in writing or electronically within one month. The General Meeting makes the final decision within the Association.
4. The member reserves the right to review the measure by appealing to the ordinary courts. An appeal to an ordinary court has no suspensive effect until the court decision

becomes final.

§ 9. Contributions

Members are required to pay contributions. The amount of the contributions and their due date are determined by the General Meeting.

§ 10. Organs of the association

The bodies of the association are the General Meeting and the Executive Board.

§ 11. General Meeting

1. The general meeting is the supreme body of the association.
2. Its duties include, in particular, electing and deselecting the Executive Board, discharging the Executive Board, receiving the reports of the Executive Board, electing the cash auditors, determining contributions and their due dates, passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association, passing resolutions on the dissolution of the Association, deciding on the admission and exclusion of members in cases of appeal and other duties, insofar as these arise from the Articles of Association or by law.
3. An ordinary general meeting is held in the first or second quarter of each financial year. This can be held online or hybrid. An activity report, a cash report and a cash audit report must be presented.
4. The Executive Board is obliged to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting if at least one third of the members request this in writing or electronically, stating the reasons. The General Meeting is convened by the Executive Board in writing or electronically, giving one month's notice and stating the agenda. The notice period begins on the day following the dispatch of the invitation letter. The invitation letter is deemed to have been received by the members if it was sent to the last address or email address provided to the association.
5. The agenda must be supplemented if a member requests this in writing or electronically no later than one week before the scheduled date. The addition must be announced at the beginning of the meeting. Motions to amend the articles of association and to dissolve the association that have not already been received by the members prior to the meeting can only be resolved at the next general meeting.
6. The General Meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
7. The General Meeting is chaired by a member of the Executive Board. A secretary must be elected at the beginning of the General Meeting.
8. Each member has one vote. The right to vote can only be exercised in person or on behalf of a member upon presentation of a written authorisation.
9. Votes are decided by a simple majority of the votes cast.
10. Amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association can only be resolved with a majority of 3/4 of the members present.
11. Abstentions and invalid votes are not taken into account.
12. Minutes must be taken of the resolutions of the General Meeting and signed by the chairman of the meeting and the secretary.

§ 12. Management Board

1. The Executive Board within the meaning of § 26 BGB consists of the 1st and 2nd Chairperson and the Treasurer. They represent the association in and out of court. Two members of the Executive Board represent the association jointly.
2. The Executive Board is elected by the General Meeting for a term of three years. Only members of the Association may become members of the Executive Board. Re-election

is permitted. The Executive Board remains in office until a new Executive Board is elected.

3. Upon termination of membership in the Association, the office as a member of the Board of Directors also ends.

§ 13. Cash audit

The General Meeting elects a cash auditor for a period of three years. This auditor may not be a member of the Executive Board. Re-election is permitted.

§ 14. Dissolution of the association

In the event of the dissolution or cancellation of the association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall be transferred to the Syndikatstiftung, Schenckstr. 1, D-60489 Frankfurt am Main, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable purposes.

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