

“Europe’s Children our Concern”

1970 Wezembeek

Charity identification number: 2019/96

Article 1: The association is a non-profit organisation called “Europe’s Children Our Concern” a.s.b.l. It shall be established for an unlimited term unless otherwise disbanded.

Article 2: The association’s registered office is at Chemin au Bois 40, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem, *in the judicial domain of Flanders*. The operating office is located at Rue Francoise Gay 152, 1150 Brussels (Woluwe-Saint-Pierre).

Article 3: The association is intended either singly or together with other organisations, to develop, promote or undertake concrete actions intended to favour the personal, scholastic or professional development and harmonious social insertion of children and young adults with learning disabilities linked to dyslexia, epilepsy, autism, etc.

These actions might take any useful form such as but not only the following:

Information and awareness campaigns, training, research, development, publication and promotion of teaching tools, services, information and advice centre.

The action programs could be aimed directly at children and young adults themselves, their parents, or the scholastic, professional or social milieu as well as all private and public bodies at all levels concerned with health, education and the protection of the young. The association can, in general, undertake any useful act in order to accomplish its intended purpose.

Article 4: The association consists of voting members that cannot number less than three.

The voting members are those members appearing in these minutes and any individuals put forward by the Administrative Board to the General Assembly and accepted by a ¾ majority of votes present or represented.

Only voting members with dues fully paid have the right to vote at the General Assembly.

Article 5: Anyone wishing to become a voting member or *an adhering member* of the association shall submit a written application to the Administrative Board. The Administrative Board shall decide within a month. Its decision does not have to be justified. The Board’s answer shall be sent to the candidate in writing. The member must agree to comply with the association’s statutes as well as with the rules of procedure. An unsuccessful candidate cannot reapply for admission for a year as of the date of the Administrative Board’s decision.

The adhering members have the right to participate in the association, in its work, its discussions, reunions and General Assemblies.

Article 6: Any voting *or adhering member* may resign from the association by writing to the Administrative Board.

Any voting *or adhering member* who has not paid his dues within a month of a written reminder is considered as resigned.

Article 7: No member shall be expelled other than by the General Assembly convened for that purpose with a 2/3 majority of votes present or represented.

Article 8: A member who has resigned or been expelled or the heirs of any deceased members have no rights over the associations’ assets. There can be no claim or requirement for statement, accounts, affixing of seals or inventory.

Article 9: New category of members may be created by proposal of the Administrative Board to the General Assembly which shall be decided with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the votes present or represented.

Article 10: The General Assembly shall annually fix the dues for the full members which cannot exceed €250.00 per year. The current dues are €30.00 per year for the any voting or *adhering* members.

Article 11: The association is managed by the Administrative Board nominated by the General Assembly. The Administrative Board shall consist of at least 3 members with renewable terms of 3 years. The administrators shall name a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and possibly a vice-Chairman. Should the Chairman be unable to fulfil his functions, he shall be replaced by the vice-Chairman or the most senior of the Board members present.

Article 12: The Administrative Board shall meet at the invitation of the Chairman as often as the association's interests require. It shall be convened at the request of at least one quarter of the members. Three members of the Administrative Board shall be present represented for discussions. Any decision of the Administrative Board shall be taken by a majority of the voters. Should the vote be split, the Chairman's vote prevails. A member of the Administrative Board can be replaced by another member for a Board meeting if prevented from attending. A Board member can carry only one proxy vote.

Article 13: The discussions of the Administrative board shall be recorded in the minutes for the meeting which shall be kept in a register at the office and signed by the Chairman and at least two Board members who attended the meeting.

Article 14: The Administrative Board is fully competent to manage the affairs of the association: anything not expressly attributed to the General Assembly by the Statutes or by the law is of the competence of the Administrative Board.

The Board may delegate all or part of its powers to one of its members or even to a third party or to an executive committee whose members might be third parties or voting members but not necessarily Board members.

Article 15: Any judicial actions, whether petitioner or defendant, shall be undertaken and maintained in the name of the association by the Administrative Board, by delegation to the Chairman, or, if prevented, to the Board members expressly designated by the Chairman.

Article 16: All acts, powers and authorisations committing the association shall be signed by two Board members unless otherwise delegated without any justification by them to third parties.

Article 17: A General Assembly shall be held every year, at the latest by the end of June. The General Assembly shall consist of voting members whose dues are paid up. The adhering members have the right to participate and are invited to the General Assembly.

The General Assemblies shall be convened by the Administrative Board any time it feels it is in the interests of the association. They shall be convened at the express request of one fifth of the membership submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Board.

The convocation containing the agenda shall be sent to the voting members by letter at least 10 days before the date of the meeting. Any proposals for the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the Administrative Board at least 25 days before the date of the Assembly.

Article 18: The General Assembly alone shall be competent to discuss nominations and dismissals of the Board members, adoption of budgets and annual accounts, fixing of dues, admittance or expulsion of voting members, creation or elimination of new categories of amendments to the statutes, dissolution of the association or merger with another association.

Article 19: The General Assembly shall be assembled when one quarter of her voting members are present or represented. Decisions shall be adopted by majority of votes present or represented with

the exceptions provided for by law or in the Statutes. Voting members may be represented by another member at the General Assembly. No one member can represent more than five voting members.

Article 20: Decisions to amend the Statutes, to disband or merge shall only be taken if 2/3 of the members are present or represented. The decisions shall be adopted only with 2/3 majority of votes present or represented.

The minutes of the General Assemblies shall be deposited at the association's office where any members or third parties shall have access.

Article 21: The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Administrative Board. If the Chairman is prevented, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior Board member present. The General Assembly shall nominate a Secretary and Treasurer who shall sign the minutes at the same time as those Board members present and any voting members who request to do so.

Article 22: The accounts shall be adopted by the administrative Board on 31 December of each year.

Article 23: If the association were to be disbanded its assets shall be transferred to one or several non-profit bodies and associations with similar purposes.

Article 24: Anything not covered by the statutes is covered by law.

Article 25: Any member who accepts the condition of membership elects domicile with jurisdiction to the office of the association.

Done in Brussels on 2 June 2010 in five original copies; one for the association, a second for registration and three others for each of the founding members.

(Signed)

Chalks Corriette
President

Sarah Venter
Membership Secretary

Matt Schlarb
Treasurer