

Statutes

§ 1 Name and Seat of the Association, Fiscal Year

(1) The name of the association is *Dialogue Perspectives. Discussing Religions and Worldviews*.

It shall be entered in the register of associations (*Vereinsregister*) and thereafter bear the suffix "e.V."

(2) The association has its registered seat in Berlin.

(3) The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose, non-profit status of the association

(1) The association with its registered seat in Berlin pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes as defined in the section on "tax-privileged purposes" ("*Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke*") of the tax code (*Abgabenordnung, hereafter AO*).

(2) The purposes of the association are:

a) the promotion of education

This purpose is realised in particular via the conception and carrying out of of

educational events (conferences, workshops, seminars, public events) on the topics of European remembrance culture, democracy, and an open and pluralistic democratic society. This purpose is also realised via the donation of funds to other bodies as defined in § 58 No. 1 AO.

b) the promotion of science and research

This purpose is realised in particular via the awarding of scholarships as well as the allocation of funds for research in the field of religious pluralism to other bodies as defined in § 58 No. 1 AO.

c) the promotion of religion

This purpose is realised in particular via the carrying out of educational events and multi-religious-worldview events with the goal of promoting both interreligious-worldview dialogue in Germany and Europe and religious pluralism, which also includes non-Abrahamic religions as well as worldviews that see themselves as non-religious and atheistic, and the educational mediation of religious and worldview life via the arts in the form of educational events (conferences, workshops, seminars, public events).

d) the promotion of art and culture

This purpose is realised in particular via programmes that promote art education and via the carrying out of public art and cultural events, as well as through the allocation of funds to other bodies as defined in § 58 No. 1 AO.

e) the promotion of internationalism, tolerance in all areas of culture, and the idea of international understanding

This purpose is realised in particular via the organisation of international conferences, seminars and workshops on the topics of international understanding as well as international remembrance policy work.

f) the promotion of aid for people persecuted on political, racial, or religious grounds as well as for refugees

This purpose is realised in particular via the carrying out of educational events as well as educational discussions with political and civil society actors in Germany and Europe and the implementation of programmes to combat group-related enmity (anti-Semitism, all forms of racism, sexism, ableism, LGBTQI* hostility) in the form of educational events.

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

(4) The association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with its statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the funds of the association.

(5) No person may be compensated for expenses which are not in line with the purpose of the association, or receive disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 3 Acquisition of Membership

(1) Any natural person may become a member of the association.

(2) Admission to the association is to be applied for in writing with a letter of motivation and CV sent to the executive board. In the case of minors, the application for membership must be submitted by the minor's legal representatives. The board decides on the application for membership at its own discretion. A rejection of the application does not have to be justified to the applicant.

(3) Upon proposal of the board, the general assembly may award members or other persons who have made particular contributions to the life of the association with honorary membership for life.

(4) Employees of the association may become members without voting rights. Membership of the executive board is not permitted.

§ 4 Termination of Membership

(1) Membership in the association shall end by death, resignation, or expulsion.

(2) Resignation must be declared in writing to the executive board.

(3) A member may be expelled from the association by resolution of the general assembly if they a) have culpably damaged the reputation or interests of the association in a serious manner or b) are more than three months in arrears with the payment of membership fees and have failed to pay the arrears despite a written warning under threat of expulsion. The member shall be given the opportunity to comment on the reasons for the expulsion at the general assembly. These are to be communicated to the member at least two weeks prior.

§ 5 Rights and Duties of Members

- (1) Every member has the right to use the facilities of the association and to participate in common events. Every member has the same voting rights in the general assembly.
- (2) Each member is obliged to promote the interests of the association, to regularly pay their membership dues, and to collaboratively support the life of the association.

§ 6 Membership fees

- (1) Each member must pay an annual membership fee, which is due in advance.
- (2) The amount of the admission fee and the membership dues shall be determined by the general assembly.
- (3) Honorary members are exempted from paying the admission fee and membership dues.

§ 7 Organs of the Association

The organs of the association are the executive board, the general assembly, and the advisory board.

§ 8 Executive Board

- (1) The board consists of a chairperson and three deputy chairpersons.
- (2) The chairperson and deputy chairpersons shall each represent the association as individuals.
- (3) The members of the executive board may be paid appropriate compensation. The amount of the compensation shall be decided by the general assembly.

§ 9 Responsibilities of the Executive Board

The executive board of the association is responsible for representing the association in accordance with § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) and for the management of its business. In particular, it has the following responsibilities:

- a) the calling and preparation of general assembly meetings, including preparation of the agenda,
- b) the implementation of the resolutions of the general assembly,
- c) the admission of new members,
- d) the independent acquisition of third-party funds for the realisation of the purposes of the association,
- e) the administration of the association's assets and the preparation of the annual report,
- f) the appointment of the members of the advisory board.

The executive board can assign a special representative to conduct a portion of the executive management. The representative's salary is to be based on the collective agreement for the public service (TVöD Bund).

This person can be neither a member of the association nor a member of the advisory board.

§ 10 Appointment of the Executive Board

(1) The members of the executive board are elected individually by the general assembly for a period of three years. Only members of the association may become members of the board; the end of membership in the association also ends membership in the executive board.

The re-election or early dismissal of a member by the general assembly is permissible. After expiry of the regular term of office, membership of the executive board continues until the election of a successor.

(2) If a member resigns from the executive board prior to the end of the term, the remaining members of the board are entitled to appoint a member of the association to the board until the election of a successor by the general assembly.

§ 11 Consultation and Resolutions of the Executive Board

(1) The board shall meet as necessary. The meetings shall be chaired by the chairperson, or by the deputies in the chairperson's absence. There shall be a notice period of one week. The board has a quorum if at least two members are present. A resolution is adopted when the majority of the valid votes are cast in its favour. In the event of a draw, the chairperson's vote is decisive.

(2) The resolutions of the executive board must be documented. The minutes shall be signed by the person keeping the minutes and by the chairperson or, if the chairperson is unable to do so, by their deputy or another member of the executive board.

§ 12 Responsibilities of the General Assembly

The general assembly is responsible for decisions on the following matters:

- a) amendments to the statutes
- b) the determination of the amount of the admission fee and the membership fees
- c) the appointment of honorary members as well as the expulsion of members from the association
- d) the election and dismissal of members of the executive board
- e) the acceptance of the annual report and the discharging of the executive board
- f) the dissolution of the association.

§ 13 Convening the General Assembly

(1) The executive board shall convene a regular general meeting at least once a year.

The meeting shall be convened with two weeks' written notice, including the agenda.

(2) The agenda shall be set by the board. Each member of the association may submit a written request for an addition to the agenda to the executive board no later than one week prior to the meeting. The board shall decide on the request. The general assembly shall decide on motions related to the agenda that were not accepted by the board or that are submitted for the first time at the meeting via majority of those present. This does not apply to motions to change the statutes, to change the membership fees, or to dissolve the association.

(3) The executive board is required to call an extraordinary meeting of the members if the interests of the association require it or if at least one tenth of the members request this in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons.

§ 14 Resolutions of the General Assembly

(1) The general assembly shall be chaired by the chairperson of the executive board or, in the chair's absence, by a chairperson to be elected by the general assembly.

(2) The general meeting has a quorum if at least two thirds of all members of the association are present. In the event of a lack of quorum, the executive board is obliged to convene a second general assembly with the same agenda within four weeks. This meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present. This must be pointed out in the invitation.

(3) The general assembly decides on resolutions by open ballot, with the majority of the votes of the members present required. If no candidate can obtain the majority of the votes of the members present, the candidate who has received the majority of the valid votes cast is elected; in case of multiple candidates, a run-off election shall be held.

Resolutions to amend the statutes of the association require a majority of three quarters of the members present; resolutions to change the purpose of or to dissolve the association require the approval of nine tenths of the members present.

(4) Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the general assembly and the resolutions passed. These are to be signed by the keeper of the minutes and by the chairperson of the meeting.

§ 15 Advisory Board

(1) The advisory board consists of a maximum of 20 academics, artists, intellectuals, and public figures who are active in promoting the purposes of the association in a special way.

(2) The advisory board shall be appointed by the executive board for a period of two years. Early expulsion from the advisory board requires a resolution of the executive board.

(3) The advisory board shall form a programme committee and a finance committee.

(4) The advisory board may form committees at its own discretion.

(5) Simultaneous activity as a member of the association and as a member of the advisory board is not permitted.

(6) The advisory board works on an honorary basis; reimbursement of expenses on the basis of the Federal Travel Expenses Act (*Bundesreisekostengesetz*) is possible.

§ 16 Responsibilities of the Advisory Board

In particular, the responsibilities of the advisory board are:

a) advising the executive board on substantive developments within the framework of the

purposes of the association;

b) advising the association on planning, conception, and evaluation in the areas relating to the purposes of the association;

c) the discussion of relevant and current research questions in the context of the purposes of the association as well as adequate methods;

d) the public communication of the results and concerns of the association, in particular within the academic, public, and political spheres.