

REVES AISBL
**European Network of Cities and
Regions of Social Economy**

STATUTES

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ARCI - MILANO ASSOCIONE COPE
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LAVORO
COMUNE DI COSINEA
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LEGACOOP MODENA
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SOL. COOPERATIVA
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COMUNE DI PORTOFINO
IMPRESA A RETE, COOP SOCIALE
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Statutes – CONSOLIDATED VERSION

Art. 1

It is created an international non-profit organization called the European Network of Cities and Regions of Social Economy, abbreviation REVES, network of initiatives created in interaction with European Confederation of Workers' Co-operatives, social co-operatives and Social and Participative Enterprises CECOP having its registered office at 74 Boulevard Charlemagne, Brussels, Belgium.

This Association is governed by the regulations of Title III of Belgian law of 02 May 2002 on non-profit organization and foundations.

Art. 2 – Headquarters

The headquarters is at 74 Boulevard Charlemagne, Bruxelles, Belgium. It could be transferred anywhere in Belgium by decision taken in accordance with this Statute.

Art. 3 Object and purpose

The Association, without any profit objective, has as general aim to create permanent links at international level between municipalities, public regional and sub-regional entities, all moral and physical persons acting at local level and other economic and social actors to promote and develop social economy.

REVES also pursues a scientific objective. For such aim, the AISBL REVES carries out researches on all the matters of economic, financial, social and juridical nature related to local social and economic development, on social economy related themes and on new models of partnership between the local authorities and social economy

The aisbl REVES undertakes studies on all subjects relating to social economy which may interest its own members, specifically but not exclusively linked to initiatives and projects of the European Institutions, according to their demands.

The aisbl REVES pursues as well pedagogic activities. As such, it organizes conferences, seminars and training for the benefit of its members, especially but not exclusively on issues objects of its own research and studies.

The main activity of the Association will relate essentially to the elaboration, complete or partial management, and the implementation of projects and local economic and/or social development services proposed by the constituent organizations of REVES, by public or semi-public bodies and by Associations or companies having a similar business purpose. The Association will not aim, through its activities, to provide financial benefits.

For the aim of the realization of its scientific and pedagogic activities, the aisbl REVES represents, in the event of common projects deliberated by the Association, its members in front of the European Institutions and the other European and international institutions. the same applies as



for the representation of problems and interests of its own members in from of the above mentioned Organisations.

The aisbl REVES has as a purpose the conception and the implementation of stable and clearly identified local partnerships between public authorities and the actors of the social economy, aimed at participative new business start-up and employment creation.

It realizes its object in a total independence towards any government or political party, and in coherence with the principles of the “Declaration of Reggio”, founding act of the Association.

Art 4 – Members – category

The Association consists of physical or moral persons distributed in four categories of members, full or associated.

Can become member

- a) As full members: all the local authorities, cities, regions, grouping of local authorities, other thematic networks of cities and regions and representatives platforms of the social economy at local and regional level.
- b) As associate members, all the actors of the social economy in a territory of a full member as well as all the representative platforms of the social economy at the national and European level
- c) As associate members, all structures supporting the social economy (foundations, banks, universities, networks...)
- d) As associate members, physical persons supporting the social economy.

Art 5 – Admission and loss of membership

a) Admission

The general Assembly ratifies the admission of new members submitted by the Board of Directors and states the category in which the new member is allowed. The admission is subordinated to the acceptance of the present Statutes and to the commitment to pay the membership fees mentioned in the art 6 below.

b) Loss of membership

The members of the Association can present their resignation at any time. This resignation comes into effect only in the end of the calendar year during which it is introduced.

The exclusion of members of the Association may be decided only by the General Assembly. The concerned member must be informed in advance by the Board of Directors of the envisaged decision and asked to produce all defenses, either in writing or through a representative at the general Assembly meeting. the exclusion takes effect immediately.



The members who ceased, whatever the reason, being a member of the Association has no right on the social fund. He remains held by all the obligations which he could have towards the Association at the date of his departure

Art. 6 Membership fee and late-payment interest

a) Membership fee

The members are obliged to pay annually a membership fee and a possible allocation in a development fund.

The membership fees can be different according the category of the members.

The internal rule of procedures determines bases, amounts, rates of the fees / allowances and the possible rises or the reductions applicable to the various categories or under category of members, the conditions, the modalities for the demands and for the payment.

The propositions concerning the modifications of the internal rules of procedure relating to rules, amounts and rate of fees / allowances can be submitted to the General Assembly only by the Board of Directors at the same time as the budget.

b) Common rules

The members have to communicate the needed information in order to define their own membership fee and to produce the documents requested by the committee of presidency.

The members who do not respect the obligation to pay of the membership fee/allowances for two years consecutively can be excluded from the Association

The members who do not respect the payment of membership fee/allowance during one year lose the right to vote in the General Assembly. The right to vote is got back after payment of the late membership fees/allowances

The member who loses his membership, for any reasons, is obliged to pay his owed membership fee/ allowances for the totality of the current year and, if necessary, late-payment interest were owed up to the complete payment.

Art. 7 –General Assembly

The General Assembly has the plenitude of the powers allowing the realization of the object of the Association.

The General Assembly meets at least once a year upon calling of the Board of Directors and under the presidency of the President of the Association or, in case of hindrance, of a vice-



President or of a member of the board. it can also be called by full members and/or associated representing 25 % of the rights to vote.

The members moral persons are represented by a proxy appointed by them.

One or several intermediate general assemblies can be held by video-conference.

Art. 8 - Deliberations of the General Assembly

Ordinarily, the General Assembly elects the President, the President of college and the Board of Directors.

The President of college should be chosen between the members or personality coming from a different category of the President. The category of the members is defined in art.4.

The General Assembly appoints a general secretary proposed by the Committee of Presidency.

The General Assembly can appoint a Statutory auditor from outside the members of the Association. it hears and discusses the reports of the Board of Directors or what put in agenda of the meeting by the latter.

It fixes the annual action plan, votes the budget, approves the balance sheet and the annual accounts. It ratifies the admission of the new members. It can decide on the creation of establishments or representation in the other countries.

It can decide the creation of a unit of technical support, commissions or working groups or sub-networks, and in that case, appoints the persons in charge or approves their names, establishes or approves their working programs and hears, if necessary, their reports.

It adopts and can modify internal rules specifying the interpretation and the modalities of application of the Statutes. It can decide on the creation of a group of political referents at European level.

at extraordinary title, the General Assembly may: withdraw at any time the President and members of the Board; pronounce the exclusion of a member, decide to amend the statute, the dissolution of the Association or the merge with another Association that fulfills the same purpose or vocation and decide the allocation of liquidation.

Only the resolutions concerning the questions carried in the agenda appearing in the call can be proposed to the General Assembly.

The resolutions of the General Assembly are delivered in a register, signed by the President of the meeting and the representative of another organization present at the meeting and kept available to members.

Art 9 –Rules of quorum and majority and rights to vote

The General Assembly meets validly if the members representing at least half of the rights to vote are present or represented for ordinary decisions; two thirds for the decisions taken at extraordinary title. The taken decisions oblige absentees and dissidents.



All members can be represented by another member to a maximum of 3 delegates per member present.

Unless specific request, a first round of voting will be made by consensus.

In ogni altro caso, le decisioni prese a titolo ordinario sono prese a maggioranza semplice dei diritti di voto dei presenti. Le decisioni a titolo straordinario sono prese a maggioranza dei 2/3 gli aventi diritto presenti.

In all other case, the ordinary decisions are taken in the simple majority of the rights to vote of the present or represented members. The extraordinary decisions are taken with a two-thirds majority of the presents

Each full member (category A) has 10 votes

Members of category B and C have 1 vote

Members of category D have 1 consultative vote.

In any case, the college of associated members will have more than 50 % of votes. The rights to vote of the members being late with membership fees are suspended and do not count in the calculation of the quorum and the majority. The modalities for voting appear in the internal rule of procedure. It is the internal rule of procedures which fixes the distribution. (voir version française)

Art. 10 –Board of Directors

The Association is managed by a Board of Directors

The Council consists of a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 25 physical persons which candidatures are proposed by a member, and among which:

- more than an half has to belong to the category of the full members,
- a third at least has to belong to the category of the associate members,
- a parity man / woman will be privileged

the Members of the Board are elected by the General Assembly. The method to prepare the election is specified in the internal rule of procedures; the mandates have a duration of three years and are renewable.

At any moment, the General Assembly can revoke the members of the board.

The member who had proposed a representative revoked may propose a substitute that will be submitted to the General Assembly.

In every case of loss of mandate during the exercise, the Board may provide substitution according the indications of the internal rules of procedures.

The General Assembly can designate up to three members of the board in addition to the applications proposed by the members; such members of the Board of Directors will be chosen among persons of European level or persons who have contributed to the development of the network. Each member of the network may propose applications according the modalities defined in the internal rule of procedures.



The General Assembly may appoint the President, vice President and treasurer at the time of the election of the Board

Before each election, the General Assembly decides which nationalities have to be represented in the committee of presidency.

Art. 11 –Organization of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors meets validly if at least half the members are present or represented

The Board of Directors elects, within it, a President of college, representing the alternative category of members to that of the President, up to 6 vice-Presidents, and treasurer who constitute the committee of the presidency.

May the General Assembly or the internal rule of procedures not foreseen it, the Board of Directors defines the allocations and the rules of functioning of the Committee.

The Board of Directors can call, in consultative title, the persons in charge of the working groups, the commissions or the sub-networks. It meets at least twice a year, upon calling of the President or of the half of its members. Its decisions are taken by majority of the present members. Every director can have two mandates maximum. In case of equity in votes, the one of the President is dominating. The Board of Directors meeting can be held by video-conference

The decisions of the Board of Directors are delivered in a register, signed by the President of the meeting and by a director, and are kept available to members.

Art. 12 – powers of the Board of Directors

The Board admits new members subject to ratification by the General Assembly

The Board of Directors executes the policy defined by the General Assembly. It decides on the actions, it calls the General Assembly and more generally it holds all the necessary powers to manage the Association and follows the realization of its object.

It may decide the recruitment of new employees. It may sign contracts and agreements necessary for achieving the object of the Association.

The Board of Directors delegates to the Committee of the Presidency, besides the powers attributed to this one by the Statutes and by the internal rule of procedures, all the necessary powers for the current management of the aisbl REVES and the realization of the actions planned in its statutory mission.

The Board takes its decisions in a collegial way, its members acting in a supportive and responsible in front of the General Assembly.



The President represents the Association in front of third parties, engages it in all its legal and judicial acts, holds the social signature which can delegate. The President chairs the General Assembly and the Board of Directors, is responsible for the staff. In case of hindrance, the President is substituted by a vice-President appointed by himself or, to defect, by the Committee of Presidency.

In case of emergency, the President can make all the decisions in the interests of the Association, which will be subjected to ratification by the Board

The treasurer verifies the financial transactions of the Association and follows the administration of it. The treasurer proposes the annual budget and the balance sheet and expresses its opinion on the decisions which engage financially the Association.

Legal actions recover from the initiative and from the competence of the Board of Directors represented by its President or by a director appointed for that purpose by this one.

Art. 13 – The General Secretary

The General Secretary is appointed by the General Assembly on proposal of the Presidential Committee

The General Secretary manages the daily activities of the Association, according to the REVES' program, to the statutory organs of REVES and responds to the Board of Directors.

The General Secretary is delegated represent REVES in the daily obligations.

The General Secretary participates in the Board of Directors.

Art. 14 Budget and Accounts

The financial year follows the calendar year. It is close every year on December 31st. Every year, The Board of Directors must subject the balance of accounts as well as the budget of the next exercise to the approval of the General Assembly.

Art 15 – Modification of the Statutes - Dissolution

Any proposal relating to a modification of the Statutes or dissolution of the Association must emanate from the Board or be made from at least one quarter of members of the Association.

The Board of Directors must inform the members of the Association at least three months before the date of the General Assembly that will vote the proposals.

The same provisions are applicable in case of dissolution



Decisions regarding changes to the Statutes and dissolution are taken by the General Assembly according Art. 9. The changes must be approved by royal decree and annexes to the Moniteur Belge.

In case of dissolution, no member has the right on assets persistent after settlement of all obligations pending

Art 16– Complaints and disputes

In case of disputes or controversies arising from the interpretation and enforcement of this statute the parties will attempt a friendly settlement

If such a solution is not feasible, the dispute will be decided by a internal board of arbitration. If unable to reduce the dispute, it will be referred to the Belgian center for the study and practice of national and international arbitration - CEPANI

The arbitration which will be made in Brussels will follow the Belgian law and the CEPANI procedures and, in auxiliary title, that of the sixth part of the civil code.

Art 17. General arrangements

The working languages are French and English.

Tutto quanto non previsto nel presente statuto sarà regolato secondo le disposizioni vigenti
All which is not set by the present Statutes will be ruled according to law.

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