

EUROPEAN POLICE ASSOCIATION a.s.b.l.  
Company n°464.738.381  
Statutes

**Title I : Name, registered office, subject.**

Article 1:

The association is called the European Police Association.

Article 2:

The registered office of the non-profit association "European Police Association" is located rue du Panier Vert 34, 1400 Nivelles (Belgium), judicial district of Brabant wallon. It may be transferred by simple decision of the Board of Directors.

The association is governed by the Belgian Law of 27 June 1921 on non-profit associations, international non-profit associations and foundations, amended by the Law of 02 May 2002.

The functioning of the association will be governed by internal regulations set by the Board of Directors.

Article 3:

The purpose of the association is to encourage and establish bonds of fraternity between members, to encourage exchanges between members of the association and their families, to encourage the exchange of experience in professional techniques.

It aims to achieve this goal by all means, including, in particular: the organisation of cultural and recreational trips, gastronomic, sporting, cultural events and/or occasional drinking places, participation in social actions, crime prevention, road safety, civil protection and all activities similar to its aims and to inform members, the production and exploitation of magazines, newspapers, brochures and other publications.

The present association pursues the realization of these objectives by all means and in particular the hiring and the acquisition of all furniture or buildings generally speaking, this enumeration being purely illustrative and not restrictive.

The financial year runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

The duration of the association is unlimited.

The association may be dissolved early at any time under the conditions required for the amendment of these statutes.

## **Part II - Members.**

### Article 4:

The association is open,

- (a) members of the staff of the official police services of the countries of the European continent having judicial or administrative police powers. These members have the status of adherent members.
- (b) members of the staff of the official security services of the institutions of the European Union and NATO. These members have the status of adherent members;
- (c) members of the official police forces of countries outside the European continent; these members shall have the status of sympathising members.
- (d) pensioners of the police services defined in (a), (b) and (e) above who are members;
- (e) persons who have expressed an interest in the European Police Association and who are sympathising members. Their membership is subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Payment of the membership fee referred to in Article 19 is a sine qua non condition for membership of the association.

Police officers include municipal/local, regional, national, gendarmerie, military police, magistrates and, as a general rule, any person having competence in administrative and/or judicial police matters in accordance with the legislation in force in his or her country of origin.

### Article 5:

#### **Are full members :**

- a) the members of the Board of Directors as constituted by Article 22 of these Articles of Association.
- b) Adherent members proposed by the board of directors to the general assembly.
- c) Delegates appointed by the Board of Directors.

Full members of the European Police Association in good standing at the date of approval of these Statutes by the General Assembly shall retain membership.

Adherent and sympathising members of the European Police Association in good standing at the date of approval of these statutes by the general meeting shall retain their status of adherent and sympathising member respectively.

Article 6:

The Board of Directors may award the title of honorary member to persons who render or have rendered important services to the association or who, by their function or their skills, accept the title offered. Honorary members are exempt from paying a membership fee.

**Part III - The General Assembly**

Article 7:

The general assembly has full powers to achieve the object of the association and in particular :

- election of the members of the Board of Directors ;
- the appointment of full members ;
- approval of budgets and accounts;
- the modification of the statutes ;
- dissolution of the association.

Only the full members have a deliberative vote; the adherent and sympathizing members have a consultative vote.

Article 8:

The General Assembly is composed of full members who alone have the right to vote.

Honorary members, members and supporters may attend the general assembly in an advisory capacity without being able to vote.

Article 9:

The General Assembly shall automatically meet every year at the place indicated on the notice of meeting.

It is sent by letter, fax, e-mail or any other means of communication 15 days before the general meeting and contains the agenda.

Article 10:

Full members may each be represented at the general meeting by another member holding a special proxy. However, each member may not hold more than one proxy.

The general assembly will deliberate validly only if half of the effective members are present or represented.

Article 11:

Except in the exceptional cases provided for by the present statutes, resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the full members present or represented and shall be brought to the attention of all the full members.

No decision may be taken on any matter that is not on the agenda.

The resolutions of the General Meeting are recorded in a register signed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Secretary and kept at the disposal of the members by the Secretary.

#### Article 12:

Without prejudice to article 50, § 3 of the law of 27 June 1921, any proposal to amend the statutes or dissolve the association must come from the Board of Directors or at least one third of the full members of the association.

The board of directors must inform the members of the association at least three months in advance of the date of the general meeting which will rule on the said proposal.

The general assembly can validly deliberate only if it gathers two thirds of the members having seen deliberative, present or represented of the association.

No decision shall be taken unless passed by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

However, if this general meeting does not include two thirds of the members with voting rights, a new general meeting shall be convened under the same conditions as above, which shall rule definitively and validly on the proposal in question, by the same majority of two thirds of the votes, whatever the number of members present or represented.

Changes made to the association's objects will only take effect after approval by royal decree and publication in accordance with article 50 of the law of 27 June 1921.

The general assembly will determine the method of dissolution and liquidation of the association. The assets resulting from the liquidation of the association shall be used for a disinterested purpose.

### **Title IV - The Governing Board**

#### Article 13:

The association is managed by a board of directors composed of at least 3 directors, and a maximum of 8, appointed and revocable by the general assembly and chosen among the full members.

Only full members may be members of the Board of Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the effective members, for a period of three years and may be re-elected at the end of their term of office.

The Board of Directors elects from among its members:

- a president
- a vice-president
- a secretary
- a treasurer
- two to five advisers in charge of mission who will be able in particular to carry the titles of assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, etc.....

The Board of Directors may enlist the occasional assistance of adherent or sympathizing members for the accomplishment of certain particular activities.

In the event of a vacancy during a term of office, a provisional administrator may be appointed by the Board of Directors. In this case, he shall complete the term of office of the director whom he replaces.

Directors may be dismissed by the general meeting ruling by a two-thirds majority of the full members present or represented.

#### Article 14:

The Board of Directors meets at the call of the President.

The invitation is sent by letter, fax, e-mail or any other means of communication.

A director may be represented by another director who may not, however, hold more than one proxy.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors are passed by a majority of the directors present or represented. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

The resolutions are recorded in a register signed by the president and the secretary and kept by the secretary who will keep it at the disposal of the members of the association.

#### Article 15:

The board of directors manages the association's affairs and represents it in all judicial and extrajudicial acts. All powers which are not expressly reserved by law to the general meeting are within the competence of the board of directors.

The Board of Directors is also empowered to take all necessary measures for the application and observance of the Articles of Association.

If necessary, the Board of Directors may delegate all or part of its powers to one of its effective members or to a third party.

In the absence of a special stipulation in the minutes of the board of directors, the chairman or the director duly delegated by the latter shall validly sign the acts duly decided by the board.

For all acts other than those relating to day-to-day management or a special delegation, it will be sufficient for the association to be validly represented vis-à-vis third parties, joint signatures of two directors, including the chairman, who will not have to justify to third parties the powers conferred for this purpose.

#### Article 16:

The board of directors delegates, under its responsibility, the right to represent the association in court to one of its members, by means of a particular delegation.

#### Article 17 :

The association is liable for errors attributable either to its employees or to the bodies through which its will is exercised.

In this capacity, members do not enter into any personal obligation with respect to the association's commitments and, in any event, the association could not exceed their potential liability.

The directors (except in case of transformation of the association) as well as the persons delegated to the daily management do not contract any personal obligation relating to the commitments of the association.

### **Title V - Resources of the Association.**

#### Article 18 :

The membership fee is set annually by the Board of Directors.

It shall be fixed in euro.

The full amount of the fee must reach the European Police Association. Any exchange costs are borne by the member.

The annual starting fee is set at 20 euros and may never exceed 60 euros. It may be amended by decision of the Board of Directors.

With the exception of new members registered during the year, the membership fee must be paid no later than 30 January, after this deadline, the member is deemed to have resigned if he has not responded to the reminder sent to him.

The resources of the association are, in addition to membership fees, subsidies which may be granted to it by the State, the Regions, the Communities, the Provinces, the Communes, the Public or private Establishments, donations or legacies, all resources or subsidies which are not contrary to the laws and regulations in force, the subscription and sale of the newsletter, the income from its property, the sums received in return for the services provided by the association.

## **Title VI - Budgets and accounts.**

### Article 19:

The financial year ends on 31 December of each year.

The Board is required to submit to the General Meeting for approval the accounts for the previous financial year and the budget for the following financial year.

## **Title VII - Miscellaneous provisions**

### Article 20:

For points not provided for in these articles of association, members refer to the law of 27 June 1921 as amended by the law of 02 May 2002 on non-profit associations.

Consequently, provisions of this Act which are not explicitly derogated from by this Act shall be deemed to be in writing and clauses which are contrary to the mandatory provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be unwritten.

### Article 21 :

Have been appointed for the first time directors and carry the title of founding member:

- DENONNE, Pierre, Police Officer, residing at 1090 Brussels, rue Pierre Verschelden 35, Belgian nationality, who bears the title of Founding Chairman.
- DECORTE, André, a police officer, residing at 1430 Rebecq, rue du Montgras 160, of Belgian nationality;
- DESMET, Albert, police officer, residing at 1440 Braine-le-Château, rue de la Station 4, Belgian nationality;
- LUYPAERT, Alain, police officer, residing at 1570 Vollezele, Beukenlaan 14, Belgian nationality;
- DROGUET, Laurent, a police officer, residing at F-94800 Villejuif, rue Tolstoï 3, of French nationality;
- MONDORY, André, a police officer, residing at F-16130 Gente, L'Ouche des Perauds, of French nationality,

### Article 22:

The present directors appointed by the general meeting of 26 March 2016 are :

- CIRINO Paul, police officer e.r, residing at 1400 Nivelles, rue du Panier Vert 34, Belgian nationality ;

- DECORTE, André, Police Officer e.r., residing at 1430 Rebecq, rue du Montgras 160, Belgian nationality;
- CAMBIER Jacques, police officer e.r. residing at 1400 Nivelles, boulevard de la Résistance 121, Belgian nationality ;
- BEUN Raymond, police officer e.r. residing at 1400 Nivelles, chaussée de Bruxelles, 79, Belgian nationality :

**They designate each other as:**

- President: CIRINO Paul
- Vice-Chairman : CAMBIER Jacques
- Secretary: DECORTE André
- Treasurer: BEUN Raymond

The composition of the Board of Directors and the function of the directors will be set out in an appendix to these Articles of Association.