

European Institute of Food and Nutrition Sciences (EU.L.E.) e.V.

Statutes

§ 1

Name, registered office and financial year

1. The Association is registered in the Register of Associations and bears the name "European Institute of Food and Nutrition Sciences (EU.L.E.) e.V."
2. The seat of the association is Munich.
3. The association shall be recognised by the competent tax office as a non-profit organisation within the meaning of §§ 51 ff of the German Tax Code (AO) and as particularly worthy of promotion within the meaning of § 10 b of the German Income Tax Act (EStG).
4. The financial year shall correspond to the calendar year.

§ 2

Purpose of the association

1. The purpose of the association is research in the field of food and nutrition sciences as well as the promotion, collection, evaluation and dissemination of knowledge in the field of food and nutrition sciences.
This is to be achieved in particular through the following activities and measures:
 - a) Awarding, mediation and monitoring of research projects
 - b) scientific events
 - c) a scientific information service/scientific journals
 - d) Preparation and communication of scientific opinions
 - e) Introduction and awarding of a test seal for companies, products and Services
 - f) Public relations

The European Institute of Food and Nutrition Sciences serves the health of humans and the environment. It has set itself the goal of dealing with nutritional science issues on a European level in a holistic, interdisciplinary manner and independently of economic or political interests. Further concerns are the preservation of the European food culture and the cultivation of traditional methods in the production of food. Special consideration is given to the desire for enjoyment and joie de vivre as well as the individual characteristics of people.

The Institute is scientifically concerned with all stages of food production and processing, consumption and the food trade. It serves the honest and verifiable handling of food in Europe. Citizens and the media have a right to factual, scientifically sound and independent information on food and health. The EU.L.E. association collects the internationally available research results, evaluates them and makes them available to multipliers such as the media, nutrition advisors, companies, producers and doctors.

The Institute aims to represent European food and nutrition sciences in international organisations and to cooperate bilaterally with professional societies in other countries and in other disciplines.

2. The association exclusively and directly pursues charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.
3. The association is selflessly active, it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. The funds of the association may only be used for purposes in accordance with the statutes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds.
4. No person may be favoured by expenses that are alien to the purpose of the corporation or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 3

Membership

1. The Association shall consist of full and sustaining members and, where appropriate, honorary members.
 - a) Any natural person with legal capacity who recognises the statutes of the Association and supports the objectives of the Institute may become an ordinary member. In addition, ordinary members must contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the Association in the form of at least one of the following types of activities:
 - through participation in public relations work or collaboration in planned projects
 - through work in the profession and studies in accordance with the aims of the association and the contribution of the results or the professional competence to the work of the association.
 - b) Any natural or legal person who makes financial contributions or donations in kind for the purpose of the association can become a supporting member without voting rights. Supporting members can be elected to the Board of Directors, the Advisory Boards and/or the Ethics Committee and then have voting rights there.
 - c) Personalities who have rendered outstanding services to the promotion of food and nutrition sciences may be appointed honorary members by the General Assembly.
2. Membership must be applied for in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Committee shall decide on the application by written resolution. If the application is rejected, no reasons need to be given.

Membership is not transferable.

3. Membership shall end by resignation, exclusion, loss of legal capacity or death; and - in the case of legal entities - upon their dissolution.
 - a) Resignation from the Association is permitted at any time and must be declared in writing to the Executive Committee.
 - b) The Executive Committee may expel a member by written notice,
 - if it is in arrears with the payment of contributions for more than one year, or
 - fails to comply with any other obligations under these Articles of Association or
 - grossly violates the interests of the Association.
4. A member may object to its expulsion in writing within four weeks. The General Assembly shall then decide on the exclusion by a two-thirds majority. An exclusion can also be requested by at least one fifth of the ordinary members. Members who leave the association have no claims on the association's assets.

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Membership fees

Members shall be required to pay dues, the amount and method of payment of which shall be determined by the General Assembly. Honorary members are exempt from the obligation to contribute. The Association is otherwise financed by donations and other contributions.

§ 5

Organs

The organs of the association are:

1. General Assembly
2. Board of Directors
3. Advisory Board / Councils
4. Ethics Committee

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General Assembly

1. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Chairperson as required, but at least once a year. As a rule, it shall take place in the first quarter of the year. It must also be convened if a quarter of the members request this in writing, stating the reasons. The general meeting may be held in person or by telephone.
take place partly or entirely as a videoconference.
2. The Chairperson of the General Assembly of Members shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors or, if he/she is unable to attend, his/her Deputy.
3. Tasks of the general meeting are in particular
 - Election of the members of the Board of Directors
 - Election of the auditors
 - Determination of the amount and due date of the membership fees to be paid
 - Election of a representative for the Ethics Committee
 - Acceptance of the activity and cash report of the Executive Board
 - Acceptance of the report on the cash audit and the annual accounts
 - Discharge of the Executive Board
 - Amendment of the Articles of Association.
4. The time, place and agenda of the general meeting shall be announced to all members in writing. The notice period shall be 21 days. Motions for the General Assembly shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least 2 weeks before the Assembly.
5. The General Assembly shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present. Each full member shall have one vote. Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of those present. In the case of amendments to the Statutes or dissolution of the Association, a majority of three quarters of the ordinary members present shall be required.
At the request of the majority of the members present, decisions shall be taken in writing and by secret ballot.
Supporting members and honorary members are not entitled to vote.

§ 7

Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors within the meaning of the BGB is composed of:
 - the Chairman
 - a Vice-Chairman
 - the Secretary
 - the treasurer and donations manager

The members of the Board shall be elected by the General Assembly.

2. The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be 2 years. However, it shall remain in office until the election of a new Board. Each member of the Executive Board shall be elected individually and in an open - not secret - ballot. The election may also take place in a video conference.
Termination of membership shall result in the expiry of the office of the Executive Committee in the case of Executive Committee members appointed by the General Assembly. If a Board member resigns, the General Assembly shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term of office. If the term of office is only three months or less, the successor shall be appointed by the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board shall constitute a quorum if at least half of all Executive Board members participate. Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority; in the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairperson shall count double.
4. The Executive Committee shall conduct the day-to-day business of the Association. It prepares the General Assembly and implements its resolutions. The Board sends a representative to the Ethics Committee.

5. The Association shall be represented judicially and extra-judicially within the meaning of § 26 BGB by the Chairman and his Deputy. Each of them is entitled to represent the association individually.
6. The Board may appoint or employ a Managing Director and a Scientific Director.
The Executive Director shall be responsible for the internal administrative activities of the Association as directed by the Executive Board.
The Scientific Director is responsible for the scientific statements of the Association. He decides freely and independently in all factual matters. He is bound only by the aims of the Association. He is accountable to the Executive Board and the Scientific Advisory Board. The Scientific Director is a member of the Ethics Committee.
7. The Executive Board shall adopt its rules of procedure.

§ 8

Advisory boards

1. The Executive Board shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Board. The Scientific Advisory Board shall advise the Executive Board and the Scientific Director on scientific matters, in particular with regard to research projects and publications.
2. The Board of Directors is free to establish further advisory boards to assist it in an advisory capacity in order to promote the objectives of the Association.

§ 9

Ethics Committee

1. The Executive Board shall establish an Ethics Committee. It shall consist of a member of the Executive Board, the Secretary, the Scientific Director and a representative of the full members. The Executive Board may additionally appoint up to three representatives each of the supporting members and the Scientific Advisory Board. The Ethics Committee may appoint experts if necessary.

2. The Ethics Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Minutes shall be taken of the meetings of the Ethics Committee.

Opinions of the Ethics Committee must be in writing and signed by all persons involved in the decision.

3. The commission assesses food industry projects upon request. It also aims to develop guidelines for the awarding of seals of approval.

Project applications can only be submitted by legal entities. The results of the evaluation by the Ethics Committee are subject to publication.

§ 10

Taking minutes

Minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly shall be taken and signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of the meeting.

§ 11

Cash transactions

1. The funds of the Association, including any profits, may only be used for the tasks set out in the Statutes.
2. Members may not receive any benefits. Expenses incurred in the interest of the Association shall be reimbursed upon presentation of appropriate receipts.

§ 12

Dissolution of the association

1. The dissolution of the Association can only be decided by the General Assembly with a majority of three quarters of all ordinary members present.
2. In the event of the dissolution of the Association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the Association shall pass to the Verband der Deutschen Evangelischen Bahnhofsmision e.V. Bogen 14, 10179 Berlin Amtsgericht Berlin Charlottenburg, Vereinsregister 95VR 745Nz, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent or church purposes.
3. The above provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis if the association is dissolved for any other reason or loses its legal capacity.

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