

# Science on Stage Europe

## STATUTE

from 22 April 2021 (date of entry in the register)

### § 1 Purpose

1. The purpose of the association is to promote education, training and student support. The promotion of science and technology education in schools and society at European and international level will be especially achieved through:
  - a) promoting science teaching through the dissemination of good-practice concepts for teachers by teachers,
  - b) organising and promoting international cooperation and exchange between educators through activities that can be attended by teachers from several countries,
  - c) public relations,
  - d) participation in professional educational processes to improve science and technology education.
2. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the Tax Code in Germany in the paragraph tax-deductible purposes (“Steuerbegünstigte Zwecke”). It is non-profit making and does not pursue economic purposes of its own.
3. The means of the association may be used only for statutory purposes. Members do not receive any benefits out of the funds of the association. No person shall benefit from disproportionately high remuneration or expenses which are not covered by the purpose of the association.
4. To achieve the association's purpose, the Executive Board can set up an office, and employ support staff.

### § 2 Name, domicile and fiscal year

1. The Association shall be enlisted in the register of associations, and is called Science on Stage Europe eV.
2. The association is based in Berlin, Germany.
3. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

### § 3 Membership

1. Members of Science on Stage Europe e.V. can only be those persons that are authorised by the accredited Science on Stage National Steering Committee (NSC) to represent it on the European and international level.

The association differentiates the following kinds of membership: full and associate members.
2. Every member complies with the tasks and duties representing his NSC. The tasks and duties are to organise national Science on Stage activities.

This includes for full members:

- a) Spreading information and promoting the reception of innovative teaching ideas presented at Science on Stage,
- b) Organising and/or participating in national events,
- c) Selecting participants for the European festival,
- d) Electing their main representative, who represents its country in the General Assembly/International Committee of SonSEu.

This includes for associate members:

- a) Spreading information and promoting the reception of innovative teaching ideas presented at Science on Stage,
- b) Organising and/or participating in national events.

3. Every full member represented in Science on Stage Europe has one vote in the General Assembly of Science on Stage Europe e.V.

Associate members can attend the General Assembly but have no vote.

4. A country cannot have more than one seat in the Executive Board of Science on Stage Europe e.V.

5. The condition for obtaining membership is a written application for membership addressed to the Executive Board. The Executive Board decides about the admittance of new members.

6. The membership ceases on

- a) the withdrawal of a member as the representative of its NSC. Resignation of membership shall be directed to the Executive Board. The period of declaration is one month.
- b) the death of the member.
- c) the expulsion from the association by a resolution of the Executive Board if the member has seriously abused the association's interests and purposes. The member concerned may appeal within four weeks after notification against the exclusion. The decision is made by the General Assembly.
- d) withdrawal due to lack of interest. It may be issued by a resolution of the Executive Board, if the member has not made any contribution to Science on Stage for at least 2 years without reason.

#### **§ 4 Fees**

The amount of the annual fee for members is set by the General Assembly on the proposal of the Executive Board. The membership fee is due at the first working day of April of each year.

#### **§ 5 Bodies**

The bodies of the association are

- a) the General Assembly and
- b) the Executive Board.

## **§ 6 Convention and duties of the General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly takes place once a year. The Executive Board will call the General Assembly and issue the agenda at least four weeks before the date.
  2. The General Assemblies can take place either as personal meeting or as virtual meeting using a safe procedure/tool. The Executive Board decides about the form of the meeting.
  3. The General Assembly has a quorum if it has been duly convened.
  4. By resolution of the General Assembly, the agenda stated by the Executive Board may be amended or supplemented.
  5. A General Assembly will also be summoned if it is in the associations' interest, if the Executive Board considers it necessary or if requested by at least one third of the members, stating its purpose and reasons.
  6. The association can introduce internal regulations of the association. These regulations are not part of the statute. The Executive Board is responsible for issuing, amending, and abolishing the internal regulations of the association.
7. The General Assembly is responsible for:
- a) the election and the approval of the Executive Board,
  - b) the receipt of the report on activities and finance,
  - c) the setting of membership fees,
  - d) deciding on proposals of the Executive Board and members,
  - e) deciding on appeals against the expulsion of a member by the Executive Board,
  - f) the election of at least one auditor.

## **§ 7 Resolution of the General Assembly**

1. Decisions are taken by a simple majority of valid votes. Abstentions are regarded as invalid votes. A simple majority of valid votes is also sufficient in elections. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair or - if absent - the vote of her or his deputy shall be decisive.
2. A resolution by written circulation procedure is also permitted.
3. The Executive Board decides upon the method of voting.
4. The auditor selected by the General Assembly may not be a member of the Executive Board. The auditor submits the financial report to the General Assembly and requests the approval of the Executive Board.
5. Minutes of all resolutions of the General Assembly will be taken, indicating place, date and voting results, and signed by the General Assembly coordinator.

## **§ 8 Executive Board**

1. The Executive Board consists of the chairperson, the vice chairperson and five other members.
2. The Executive Board may appoint a managing director for carrying out current affairs.
3. The chair, her / his deputy and the other members of the Executive Board are elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years. They remain in office until the next election.

4. The Executive Board runs the business of the association. The chair and the vice-chair form the Executive Board according to § 26 Abs. 2 BGB. They are individually empowered to represent the association. For legal acts and transactions of a higher value than 25,000 € an unanimous resolution of the Executive Board or a resolution of the General Assembly is required.
5. The chairperson of the Executive Board or her / his representative lead the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Assembly.
6. The chairperson of the Executive Board or her / his representative manages the assets of the association concerning liquidity and economics and submits the financial report to the General Assembly.
7. To support its work, the Executive Board can appoint an advisory council.

#### **§ 9 Relations to European organisations and other associations**

1. The association works together with all NSCs of Science on Stage.
2. The association cooperates with other European and international organisations, institutions and companies. Their goals should be within the association's purpose.

#### **§ 10 Amendments to the statute**

1. For changes of this statute a majority of two thirds of the members who are present in the General Assembly is needed.
2. The provisions of §§ 1, 10 and 11 may only be amended under the same conditions by a majority of three quarters of the present members.

#### **§ 11 Dissolution of the association**

1. For the dissolution of the association, a vote in written form of the members of the association after a consultation in the General Assembly is required. For the emergence of this decision, the approval of more than half of all members of the association is required.
2. After the resolution of the association's dissolution, the General Assembly shall elect two liquidators for settlement.
3. After dissolution of the association or loss of tax-privileged purposes, available assets go to a legal entity of the public right or another tax-privileged association, which has to use it for the support of education.

#### **§ 12 Severability clause**

If one or more provisions of this statute is held wholly or partly legally ineffective, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected. In terms of the ineffective provisions, a regulation which comes closest to the purposes of the intended regulation will retroactively be effective.

This statute has been resolved following up the decision of the the virtual General Assembly on 5 September 2020.