

Statutes

aiforia - ecoculture e.V.

§ 1 Name, Seat and Fiscal Year

- (1) The association bears the name "aiforia - ecoculture" and shall be entered in the Register of Associations at the Local Court of Freiburg im Breisgau with the addition e.V.
- (2) The association has its seat in Freiburg im Breisgau.
- (3) The fiscal year of the association is the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose of the Association and non-profit Status

- (1) The Association shall exclusively and directly pursue charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code. The association shall act selflessly; it shall not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
- (2) The Association's funds may only be used for purposes in accordance with the articles of the association. Members shall not receive any benefits from the association's funds.
- (3) No person may benefit from expenditures that are alien to the purpose of the Association or from disproportionately high remuneration.
- (4) The purpose of the association is to promote education, popular education and vocational training, including student aid. The focus is on education for sustainable development. The term sustainability is understood in its ecological, economic, social and cultural dimension. This includes in particular the topics: Climate protection and adaptation to climate change, environmental, nature and landscape protection, sustainable settlement development, integrated mobility, sustainable economy (circular economy, fair trade, resource protection, common good economy), responsible consumption, social participation and intercultural tolerance.

This purpose is realized in particular by:

- The creation of educational offers (including seminars, workshops, summer schools, specialized events) on all topics of sustainability for various target groups from the civil sector, politics, administrations and other institutions.
- Conducting city tours on sustainability topics and excursions to regional actors.
- The conception and participation in local, national and international cooperation projects that strengthen, disseminate and anchor sustainability.
- The cooperation with persons and institutions that are active in the field of the statutory purposes in order to create further networking and cooperation.

§ 3 Membership

- (1) Natural persons may become full members of the association. The application for membership must be submitted in writing. The Board shall decide on the application for membership.

- (2) Supporting members can be any natural or legal person who wishes to support the goals of the association through donations or in any other way. The application for membership must be submitted in writing. The Board shall decide on the application for membership.
- (3) The association shall charge an annual membership fee. The amount and due date shall be decided by the general assembly.
- (4) Full members undertake to pay the membership fee and sustaining members undertake to pay the agreed sustaining fee under the conditions determined by the general assembly.
- (5) Supporting members have no voting rights in the general assembly.
- (6) The membership ends by resignation from the association, death or exclusion:
- (a) The declaration of resignation must be sent in writing to the Board. The resignation is possible at any time.
 - (b) The general assembly decides on the exclusion. Upon decision of the Board, membership shall be suspended until the general assembly decides on the exclusion with a majority of 2/3 of the full members present. The member concerned must be given the opportunity to make a statement.

§ 4 Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the association are the general assembly and the board.

§ 5 Board

- (1) Every full member can be a member of the board of the association. The board consists of three members with equal rights. The board members are jointly authorized to represent the association.
- (2) The board is elected by the general assembly for a period of three years. Board members remain in their position until a new board is appointed. Re-election is acceptable. In case of termination of membership of a board member in the association, the position as a board member also ends.
- (3) The board represents the association externally (in the sense of § 26 BGB judicially and extrajudicially).
- (4) The board is in particular obliged to present the business plan for the coming financial year, as well as the statement of accounts and the annual financial statement to the general assembly on an annual basis.
- (5) The position of the board members shall in principle be held on an honorary basis. In deviation from this, the general assembly may decide that the board shall be paid an appropriate remuneration for its activities in the amount of the honorary flat rate within the meaning of No. 26a of the German Income Tax Act (EStG).

§ 6 General Assembly of Members

Quorum, decisions and affairs of the general meeting:

- (1) In the general assembly, each full member has one vote. The general assembly has a quorum if it has been convened in due time. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of the ordinary

members present. According to §33 Abs.1 Satz 2 BGB, a 3/4 majority of the votes cast by the ordinary members present is required for amendments to the statutes. Proposals for amendments to the articles of association and for the exclusion of members must be sent with the invitation to the general assembly.

- (2) The general assembly is responsible for the following matters: Determination of membership fees to jointly cover the association's budget, election, dismissal and discharge of the members of the Board, passing of resolutions, amendment of the articles of association and the rules of procedure, exclusion of members and the dissolution of the association.
- (3) A general assembly of members shall be held annually. It shall be convened by the board with two weeks' notice, stating the agenda. The meeting shall be convened by letter or by e-mail, provided that the e-mail address has been communicated.
- (4) An extraordinary general assembly can be convened by the board or if a quarter of the ordinary members request this in writing.
- (5) Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings and resolutions of the general assembly. The general assembly shall appoint a keeper of the minutes. The minutes shall be signed by this person and a member of the board.

§ 7 Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the association shall be decided at a general assembly. This is only quorate if 2/3 of all ordinary members are present or represented. This general assembly shall be convened with the sole agenda item of dissolution. If the necessary number of members of the association is not present or represented at this general assembly, a new general assembly with this single item on the agenda shall be convened with a notice period of 4 weeks, which shall constitute a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- (2) The dissolution of the association shall be decided by a 3 / 4 majority of the members present.
- (3) In the event of the dissolution of the association or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall fall to a public corporation or another tax-privileged corporation for the purpose of promoting education, popular education and vocational training, including student aid.