



# UNION EUROPÉENNE DE SYSTÉMIQUE EUROPEAN UNION FOR SYSTEMICS

## INTERNAL RULES OF THE DE FACTO ASSOCIATION

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Represented by their respective presidents, the undersigned founding members

- AFSCET-France
- AIRS-Italy
- CYBERNETICS SOCIETY- United Kingdom
- HSSS-Greece
- SESGE-Spain
- S&O-Belgium
- TSA-LAB-Belgium

have agreed to establish a de facto association and have set the following internal rules:

### TITLE I – DE FACTO ASSOCIATION

#### **Art. 1 – Association name**

The Association will be named "Union Européenne de Systémique - European Union for Systemics".

The Association reserves the right to use the abbreviated names "UES-EUS", "UES" or "EUS" on all legal documents, invoices, announcements, publications and other documents produced by the Association.

#### **Art. 2 – Location of the Association**

The Association is located in Brussels and is based in:

Faculté d'architecture, d'ingénierie architecturale, d'urbanisme  
Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain)  
Rue Wafelaerts, 47/51, 1060-Bruxelles

#### **Art. 3 – Official languages of the Association**

The two official languages of the EES-EUS are French and English. As far as possible, the texts may be translated into all other languages used by the members of the Association.

#### **Art. 4 – Duration of the Association**

The duration of the Association is indefinite.

## TITLE II – MISSIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Art. 5 – Purpose of the Association

The general goal of the UES-EUS is to encourage the development of systems thinking and to coordinate pan-European activities by:

- supporting research in systems theory and its applications;
- developing the exchange, sharing and promotion of initiatives arising from interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary efforts based on systems epistemology;
- to popularize knowledge of the systems approach through educational and pedagogical applications.

The Association will achieve the objectives described in the preceding paragraph of this article through the following activities:

- to be a place of exchange and research where training, pedagogies and systemic practices from various horizons can be confronted;
- to promote, support and accredit (without this list being exhaustive):
  1. conferences, symposiums, workshops, events;
  2. publications on systemic theories and practices;
  3. research groups involving members of member societies;
  4. Permanent and specialized research commissions;
  5. editing and publication of research, popularization or training work via an online scientific journal, books or any other means deemed useful by the Association.
- to federate the European systemic associations;
- to set up a scientific council representing different systemic approaches and practices;
- to define the specific characteristics associated with the work of systemic specialists and to promote their place within the scientific and civil society;
- to accredit training courses dedicated to the deepening of systemic theories and practices, on the basis of objective criteria;
- to elaborate a deontology for its members operating in civil society.

More generally, the Association may use all means which contribute, directly or indirectly, to the achievement of its purpose.

While implementing the above-mentioned objectives, the Association may, in particular, acquire, lease or rent any property or real rights, recruit staff, enter into legal contracts, raise funds, in short, carry out or have carried out all activities justified by its purpose.

In order to achieve its purpose, the Association may engage in commercial activities.

## TITLE III – MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Art. 6. – Conditions of membership

Members of the Association may have two statuses:

1. **active members** whose number cannot be less than 4 are:
  - the signatories of this document;

- any European systemic organization whose justification file has been accepted by the Association's Board of Directors. Their acceptance is subject to the requirements of the present internal regulations;
2. **associate members** are:
- systemic organizations in the broad sense (even if they are not European). Their acceptance is subject to the requirements of these internal regulations.

All members of the Association are legal entities represented by their president (in person).

#### **Art. 7. – Annual membership fee**

The annual contribution is set at a minimum of € 0.00 and a maximum of € 5,000.00. Each year, the Board of Directors proposes the amount of the contribution within the prescribed limits and the General Assembly fixes the amount of the contribution on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

#### **Art. 8. – Obligations of the members**

Active and associate members must:

- to conform to these internal regulations and to the decisions of its governing bodies;
- not prejudice the interests of the Association or any of its governing bodies.

#### **Art. 9. – Resignation, suspension and exclusion**

Full members and associate members are free to leave the Association at any time by submitting their resignation to the Board of Directors of the EUS-EUS by registered letter or by signed e-mail.

The Board of Directors may suspend full members and associate members guilty of a serious violation of the internal regulations until a decision to exclude them has been taken and communicated by registered letter or by signed e-mail.

### **TITLE IV. – GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **Art. 10. – General Assembly composition**

The General Assembly is composed of all active members of the Association.

#### **Art. 11. – General Assembly attributions**

The attributions of the General Assembly are as follows:

- to discuss the actions undertaken by the Association or future actions;
- to modify the internal regulations;
- to approve the budgets and the accounts if they exist;
- to appoint or dismiss the members of the Board of Directors;
- to set the amount of the contribution on the recommendation of the Board of Directors;
- declare the dissolution of the Association.

#### **Art. 12. – General Assembly meetings**

The meetings of the General Assembly are chaired by the president of the UES-EUS or his delegate and are preferably organized in person or by videoconference.

### **Art. 13. – General Assembly convocation**

The General Assembly is convened once a year on a date fixed by the Board of Directors. It can also be convened by the Board of Directors in case of a particular problem. The convocation includes the agenda established by the Board of Directors.

### **Art. 14. – General Assembly votes**

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members present and represented. In the event of a tie, the vote of the secretary-general is decisive:

- each active member in good standing shall have one vote;
- each active member may have an additional vote if he/she holds a proxy given by another active member;
- associate members may be present, but shall not be allowed to vote.

### **Art.15. – Meeting report**

A report is prepared and signed by the Secretary General.

## **TITLE V. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)**

### **Art. 16. – Board of Directors composition**

The Board of Directors is composed of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 10 directors who are active members represented by their president. Their term of office is 3 years and they can be re-elected. They are appointed and dismissed by the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors elect from among its members:

- a President with a renewable term of 3 years. He is elected at the three-yearly congress of the Association and is responsible for the following three-yearly congress;
- a Vice President for a renewable term of 3 years. He is elected at the same time as the president and replaces the president if he is unable to attend;
- a secretary general who assumes the functional responsibility and the daily management of the EUS-UES. If he/she considers it necessary, the secretary-general can surround himself/herself with an office composed of administrators and appoint a treasurer.

### **Art. 17. – Board of Directors attributions**

The Board of Directors manages the Association:

- the responsibility of the directors is limited to the accomplishment of their mission in accordance with the present internal regulations;
- the responsibility of the directors is limited to the execution of their mandate and to the faults committed during their management. They shall not be personally responsible when acting on behalf of the Association;
- the directors may not receive any remuneration for the functions entrusted to them within the Board of Directors;
- the Board of Directors may be accompanied by any other function considered necessary for the accomplishment of a specific and immediate mission.

**Art. 18. – Board of Directors meetings**

The meetings of the Board of Directors are chaired by the president of the UES-EUS or his delegate and are preferably organized in person or by videoconference.

**Art. 19. – Board of Directors convocation**

The Board of Directors is convened at least once a year, before each General Assembly. It may also be convened by one or more directors whenever the management of the Association so requires.

**Art. 20. – Board of Directors votes**

Decisions are taken by a simple majority of the members present and represented. In the event of a tie, the vote of the secretary-general is decisive:

- each director has one vote;
- each director may have an additional vote if he or she holds a proxy given by another director.

**Art. 21. – Meeting report**

A report is prepared and signed by the Secretary General.

**TITLE VI – DISSOLUTION**

**Art. 22 – Dissolution**

The General Assembly has the power to vote the dissolution of the Association in accordance with the law.

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