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## **§ 1 Name and registered office of the association**

The association bears the name "Wheels for Europe e.V." The registered office of the association is:  
Stadecken-Elsheim

It was entered in the register of associations at the local court VR 7240 on January 31, 2019 and, in accordance with the resolution of the General Meeting on October 22, 2022 (§1 Name and registered office, § 6 ;General Meeting and §7 Executive Board) amended The entry in the register of associations at the Mainz Local Court VR 42284 was made on May 26, 2023

## **§ 2 Purpose of the association and charitable status**

The association is selflessly active and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. It pursues in the sense of §§ 51 ff. of the German Tax Code (Abgabenordnung):

1. the promotion of an international mindset, tolerance in all areas of culture and the idea of international understanding;
2. the promotion of civic engagement for the benefit of charitable, benevolent and ecclesiastical purposes.

This is achieved in particular by

The European idea is promoted through meetings, workshops, conferences and exhibitions. Events of all kinds are intended to emphasize the cultural and historical significance of European unification as an essential element of a long-lasting period of peace in Europe. be recognized and highlighted.

This is implemented in particular with the twin cities of the municipalities of Mainz, Wiesbaden and the Rhine-Main European Region.

At the same time, other municipalities within and outside Europe are also included.

In particular, within the framework of its statutes, the association promotes all measures that bring Europe Day on May 9 of each year into the public eye, motivate people to get involved

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in a united Europe and create mutual understanding.

### **§ 3 Use of funds**

1. The association's funds may only be used for statutory purposes.
2. Members do not receive any benefits from the association's funds.
3. The offices of the Executive Board are generally held on an honorary basis.  
The Board of Directors may, if required and in accordance with the budget, grant remuneration for Board activities in the form of an expense allowance within the meaning of Section 3 No. 26 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and 26a EStG (lump-sum allowance for voluntary work).

No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

### **§ 4 Membership**

Any natural person over the age of 18 and any legal entity under private or public law can become a member of the association.

The application for membership must be made in writing. The Board of Directors decides on the application for admission. No reasons need to be given for a rejection.

The application for membership must include a SEPA direct debit mandate that is irrevocably valid for the duration of the membership.

Membership ends through death, resignation or expulsion. Resignation is only possible at the end of the year and must be declared in writing by September 30th of the year. At the end of membership, the member has no claim to a share of the association's assets.

### **§ 5 Organs of the association**

The bodies of the association are

1. The General Meeting
2. The Executive Board
3. The Advisory Board

### **§ 6 General Meeting**

1. The General Meeting is to be convened annually by the Chairman in writing, giving three weeks' notice and stating the agenda.

The General Meeting takes place either in person or virtually (online procedure) in a digital room accessible only to members with their identification data and a separate access password.

A combination of an in-person meeting and a virtual general meeting is possible by giving members the opportunity to participate in the in-person meeting via video or telephone conference.

The Executive Board decides on the form of the General Meeting and communicates this in the

Invitation to the general meeting with.

In the online procedure, the access word valid only for the current meeting will be announced in a separate e-mail immediately before the meeting, up to a maximum of 3 hours beforehand.

The proper dispatch of the e-mail to the last e-mail address of the respective member provided to the Management Board is sufficient.

Members who do not have an e-mail address will receive the access password by post to the last address provided to the Board of Directors.

The proper dispatch of the letter two days before the General Meeting is sufficient. All members are obliged not to make their identification data and access password accessible to third parties and to keep them under strict lock and key.

2. The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairman or, in his absence, by another member of the Executive Board.
  
3. The General Meeting has the following tasks in particular:
  - Election of the Executive Board
  - Resolutions to achieve the purpose of the association
  - Determination of the amount of the membership fee
  - Resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and dissolution of the Association

The General Meeting passes resolutions by simple majority, unless otherwise stipulated in the Articles of Association. It is quorate regardless of the number of members present if the meeting has been duly convened. Motions regarding the agenda must be submitted in writing at least ten days before the meeting.

Amendments to the Articles of Association and changes to contributions can only be resolved if these have been expressly announced in the invitation. Amendments to the Articles of Association require a majority of three quarters of the members present.

Elections must be held by secret ballot if this is decided by the General Meeting.

Minutes must be kept of the proceedings of the meeting and the resolutions passed, which must be signed by the chairman of the meeting and the secretary or his deputy.

## **§ 7 Executive Board**

The Executive Board consists of the Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, at least two assessors, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

The Executive Board within the meaning of Section 26 (1) BGB and therefore the Managing Board are

Chairman, ~~the~~ Deputy Chairman, the Treasurer.

For legal declarations to be valid, they must be made by the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman together with another member of the Managing Board (dual control principle). This does not apply to legal transactions relating to the individual.

The Board of Directors may invite other persons to its meetings in an advisory capacity.

The Board of Directors is elected by the General Meeting for a term of three years. It remains in office until a new election is held. Re-election is permitted. If a member of the Board of Directors resigns during the term of office, the Board of Directors elects a replacement member for the remainder of the term of office of the resigning Board member.

The Board of Directors has a quorum if all members have been invited by the Chairman and at least half are present.

## **§ 8 Advisory Board**

The advisory board is made up of participants from the respective partner cities or partner municipalities.

The Advisory Board advises the Board of Directors at the annual meetings in the various European partner cities and is thus actively involved in the program design, for example.

Membership of the Advisory Board is decided by the Executive Board. The Advisory Board has (no/one) voting right on the Executive Board.

## **9. auditors**

In order to monitor the mathematically correct and economically appropriate use of the Association's assets, the General Meeting elects two auditors who are appointed by the General Meeting.

The auditors submit an annual audit report to the Annual General Meeting. They are elected for three years.

### **§ 10 Membership fees**

The association charges members an annual membership fee, the amount of which is decided by the members' meeting. It is due on January 1 of each year. A member who is more than six months in arrears with their annual membership fee will be reminded of the due payment. If no payment is made despite the reminder, the Board of Directors shall decide on continued membership.

Pupils and students are granted a reduced membership fee.

### **§ 11 Data protection**

1. In order to fulfill the purposes and tasks of the association, personal data about personal and business partners is processed in accordance with the applicable version and requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).  
the factual circumstances of the members of the association.
2. Insofar as the requirements described in the respective regulations are met, each member of the association has the following rights in particular:
  - a. the right to information in accordance with Article 15 GDPR,
  - b. the right to rectification in accordance with Article 16 GDPR,
  - c. the right to erasure in accordance with Article 17 GDPR,
  - d. the right to restriction of processing in accordance with Article 18 GDPR,
  - e. the right to data portability in accordance with Article 20 GDPR and-
  - f. the right to object pursuant to Article 21 GDPR.
3. The bodies of the association, all employees or other persons working for the association are prohibited from processing, disclosing, making accessible to third parties or otherwise using personal data without authorization for purposes other than the respective task fulfillment. This obligation also applies after the departure of the above-mentioned persons.  
persons from the association.
4. If necessary, the Executive Board appoints a data protection officer to perform the tasks and obligations under the EU General Data Protection Regulation and the German Federal Data Protection Act.
5. Data that must be transmitted to the tax administration is also subject to the General Data Protection Regulation.

### **§ 12 Association assets, dissolution of the association**

The association receives funds to carry out its tasks through membership fees, donations and public grants as well as through its own activities.

In the event of dissolution/dissolution of the association, which can only be decided by a three-quarter majority of a general meeting specifically called for this purpose, or if the association ceases to be a tax-privileged organization, the association's assets shall be transferred to: **Name of the beneficiary** (a corporation under public law or another tax-

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privileged corporation). This shall be determined by the General Assembly of Members at the suggestion of the Executive Board in agreement with the tax office.

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In the event of dissolution/cancellation or discontinuation of the tax-privileged purposes, the assets shall be transferred to:

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10178 Berlin

/For definition see also minutes of the meeting, agenda item 8)

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