

Constitution of European Community Studies Association Taiwan (ECSA-Taiwan)

Chapter 1 General Provisions

- Article 1 The association named “European Community Studies Association Taiwan, ECSA-Taiwan” (hereafter known as “the Association”).
- Article 2 The Association is a non-profit social association established under law. The purpose of the Association is to improve and propagate the field of political science, economy, culture and relevant disciplines between Taiwan, Europe and the European Union.
- Article 3 The organizational area of the Association is the administrative region of whole nation. The address of the Association is located in Taipei City, Taiwan. The sub divisions and branches will be established in cities and counties according to the further drawn up constitution.
- Article 4 The site of the Association is located where the regulating authority is located. With the approval of the regulating authority, sub divisions may be established.
Constitution of sub divisions as referred to in the above paragraph shall be done by the board of directors and approved by the regulating authority.
Changes of the site of the Association or the establishment of sub divisions should be announced to the regulating authority with an official letter.
- Article 5 The missions of the Association:
5.1 To promote to all circles in Taiwan the studies and recognition of the Europe-European Union;
5.2 To promote and encourage exchanges between Taiwan and Europe-European Union, and further strengthen bilateral understanding and recognition;
5.3 To promote exchanges of Taiwanese and worldwide communities on studies of Europe-European Union;
5.4 Other related affaires.
- Article 6 The regulating authority of the Association is the Ministry of the Interior. The Association should be instructed and supervised by the regulating authority.

Chapter 2 Membership

Article 7 Members shall be above 20 years old without declaration of guardianship, willingly in favor of the aims of the Association, comply with the rules of the Association, recommended by 2 members and consented by the board of directors. The members of the Association are classified as follows:

7.1 General member

7.2 Group member (A group representative is needed)

7.3 Sponsorship member

Article 8 Rights to be exercised by the members (member representative) include the right of voting, recalling, being a candidate and suffrage. Each member (member representatives) stands for a right. Sponsorship members do not have the rights listed in the above paragraph.

Article 9 The member is responsible for obeying the constitution and resolutions of the Association, and is responsible for payment of annual dues.

Article 10 Where a member (member representative) of the Association violates the law or the constitution of the association, or does not follow the resolution of the members' (member representatives') congress, thus causing serious damage to the Association, his qualification will be revoked with the resolution of the members' (member representatives') congress. A member who has not paid annual dues does not have member rights and members who have not paid annual dues for more than two years are regarded as having quit or left the association. When members who are disaffiliated, quit or suspended apply to resume their participation in the association should pay their arrears, apart from those with proper reasons.

Article 11 In any of the following occasions, a member of a civil association shall be disaffiliated:

11.1 Deprivation of membership.

11.2 Dismissed by a resolution of the members' (member representatives') congress.

Article 12 Members could apply for leaving the association by presenting legitimate reasons in written form.

Chapter 3 Organization and Authority

Article 13 The member assembly is the highest authority of the Association. When the quantity of members (member representatives) exceeds 300,

regional representatives should be selected. A conference of the representative member assembly should then be convened to exercise their functions and powers. The term of regional representatives is 4 years. The quota for deputies and the manner of their election shall be instructed by the board of directors, and put into practice after announcing to the regulating authority.

Article 14 The authorities of the member assembly:

14.1 Consent and amendment to the constitution of the Association.

14.2 Nomination and voting on directors and supervisors.

14.3 Define the amount of annual dues and other membership fees.

14.4 Consent to annual working scheme, budget and the final accounts of revenue.

14.5 Consent to dismissal of a member (member representative).

14.6 Disposition of the Association's property.

14.7 Consent to the dissolution of the assembly.

14.8 Define the rights of members and exercise rights to make important decisions.

The limit of the authorities in the 8 paragraphs above is defined by the board of directors.

Article 15 The Association deploys 9 directors and 3 supervisors, elected by the members (member representatives), to organize the board of directors and the board of supervisors. Two Alternate directors and one alternate supervisor may be selected by the electing result. When the vacancy of director or supervisor appears, the vacancy will be filled by the alternate directors or alternate supervisors in sequence.

Directors and supervisors may be elected through measures of correspondence, but should not be done continuously. The measures of correspondence shall be executed with the approval of the competent authority and the board of directors.

Article 16 The authorities of the board of directors:

16.1 Consent to the joining and quitting of members (member representatives).

16.2 Nomination and voting on the director-general and deputy director-general.

16.3 Resolution to resignation of directors, the director-general and deputy director-general.

16.4 To employ or dismiss staff(s) of the Association.

16.5 To draft annual working scheme, budget and the final accounts of

revenue.

16.6 Other affairs regarding the Association.

Article 17 The director-general is elected by the board of directors. The Association deploys 3 vice director-generals, also elected by the board of directors. The director-general instructs and supervises the affairs regarding the Association, and represents the Association. The director-general is the chairman of the member assembly and of the board of directors. When the director-general cannot carry out duties, he/she should assign a vice director-general, if he/she cannot assign one, the vice director-generals should nominate one. By-election should take place in one month when the director-general or vice director-general is absent.

Article 18 The authorities of the board of supervisors:

18.1 To supervise the board.

18.2 Examine annual final accounting of revenue and expenditure.

18.3 Elect and impeach supervising members.

18.4 Decides on the dismissal of supervising members.

18.5 Other supervisory proceedings.

Article 19 The board of supervisors has one managing supervisor, elected from the board of supervisors, who supervises daily meetings and other subject matters, and is also the chairman of board of supervisors meetings. When managing supervisor cannot carry out duties, he/she should assign an alternate supervisor, if he/she cannot assign one, the board of supervisors should nominate one. By-election should take place in one month when the chairman of the board of supervisors (managing supervisor) is absent.

Article 20 The director and supervisor positions are unpaid positions, each term is four years, and the person at that position can be re-elected. The president can be re-elected only once. The terms for members of the board and supervisory committee start on the first board meeting date.

Article 21 When any one of the following conditions suits, members of the board of directors or supervisors should resign:

21.1 Disqualified members (member representatives).

21.2 Due to reasons of resignation and approved by the board or supervisory committee.

21.3 Being impeached.

21.4 Rights being suspended exceeds half of his/her term.

Article 22 Chief Secretary is assigned, who deals with matters of the Association. Other staff members may be hired by the nomination by the

director-general and report to the board of directors.

Staff members should not be members of the board of directors or supervisors.

The board of directors decides the rights and responsibilities of matters of the staffs.

Article 23 The Association may form subcommittee groups, or other interior organizations. The forming and changing of the rules and regulations should be approved by the board of directors.

Article 24 The board of directors can appoint an honorable president and honorable members of the board, consultants. Terms of the above are the same as members of the board of directors and the supervisors.

Chapter 4 Assembly

Article 25 There are two kinds of general member assemblies, periodical and occasional assemblies. Assemblies are called upon by the director-general and members should be notified 15 days prior to that date, unless it is an emergency meeting. Periodical assemblies should be annually, occasional assemblies is called upon only by the board of directors or when over 1/5 of the members (member representatives) request an assembly or the board of supervisors invites one. After legal registration, a temporary assembly can be called if over 1/10 of the members (member representatives) request one.

Article 26 When member (member representative) cannot attend the general assemblies, he/she should appoint another member (member representative) to attend. Every member can only represent one member at a time.

Article 27 The resolution of the member (member representative) council is passed when half of the members are present. But the following proceedings have to be passed by at least 2/3 of the members:

27.1 Making and changing of the rules and regulations.

27.2 The dismissal of a member (member representative).

27.3 Impeachment of members of the board and members of the supervisory committee.

27.4 Disciplinary action of asset.

27.5 Disbandment of the association;

27.6 Other proceedings regarding member rights and obligations.

After the registry of jurisdiction, the change of rules and regulations

needs 3/4 presenting members in the general meeting or 2/3 of all

member council passing. The disbandment of this association takes place

when 2/3 of all members decide on the issue.

Article 28 Board of directors' assembly is held every six months, board of supervisors' assembly is held every six month. Combined or occasional assemblies may be held when needed. Except for occasional assemblies, other assemblies should be notified in written forms seven days before the date of the assembly. The resolutions of each assembly rest upon at least half the amount of the members of the board of directors and the supervisors attending.

Article 29 Members of the board of directors should attend directors' assemblies, members of the board of supervisors should attend supervisors' assemblies, members of the board of directors and supervisors should not commission others to attend meetings; members of the board of directors and supervisors are considered resigned when absent twice from these assemblies without legitimate reasons.

Chapter 5 Budget and Accounting

Article 30 Sources of funds for the Association are as followed:

30.1 Entrance fee: Individual membership, NT\$1000, group membership, NT\$5000, they are paid at the time of membership granting approval.

30.2 Annual fee: General membership, NT\$1000, group membership, NT\$20,000.

30.3 Enterprise fee

30.4 Money contribution

30.5 Give-over earnings

30.6 Funds and interests

30.7 Other income

Article 31 The fiscal year of the Association is from January 1st to December 31st every year.

Article 32 The Association is to put together annual working plan, budget balance sheet, and staff treatment sheet two months prior to the fiscal year for general assembly to examine (if for any reason, general assembly cannot be held on time, the combined assembly of board of directors and supervisors has to examine). The result should be reported to the regulating authority for reference at the beginning of each fiscal year. In no later than two months after the fiscal year, the Association should provide annual work reports, balance of closing book, cash balance sheet, asset balance sheet, property list and fund balance sheet for the board of supervisors to examine with audit paper being sent back to the board. The general assembly then needs to verify and approve and the

result is to be reported to the regulating authority for reference no later than the end of March (if general assembly cannot be held in time, it should still be reported to the regulating authority for reference).

Article 33 After the disbandment of the Association, the remaining property goes to local autonomy or government organizations appointed by the regulating authority.

Chapter 6 Supplementary articles

Article 34 Matters not covered in the constitution shall be dealt with according to law.

Article 35 The constitution will be executed after the consent of member assembly and the approval of Ministry of the Interior. Amending the constitution should go through the identical procedure.

Article 36 The constitution has been passed by the assembly of the Association on December 29th, 2023.