# My Europe 2100 e.V. 

## Statutes

## Preamble

Europe is currently threatened on two fronts - firstly by the rise of an anti-European, rightwing populism and, secondly, by global terrorism. Both severely endanger the democratic foundations and, as such, the free life of people. Particularly the youth is threatened thereby.

The European youth must adapt more quickly and sustainably towards the new challenges posed by the $21^{\text {st }}$ century and they thusly bear the consequences of these developments. The focus of developments in this century will be on climate change and the resulting problems such as the refugee crises, the destruction of the environment, wars for resources such as water, raw materials and clean air, as well as wars for religious and cultural reasons.

However, the European youth is not sufficiently involved in political, economic, social and cultural decision-making processes. Neither on a regional, national nor European level is the European youth sufficiently represented. Thereby is the point of all these issues exactly their future.

Globalisation increasingly shapes the political, economic, social and cultural life of the people. Digitisation, artificial intelligence and robotics are increasingly determining everyday life. In order to make the future peaceful and to meet the challenge of these new developments, access to education is indispensable for all. Education plays a central role in the integration of refugees in particular. Strengthening Europe firmly and successfully in the global world is a key challenge for which the European youth must be prepared.

In order to give young people the opportunity to contribute their own ideas, young people, politicians, entrepreneurs, journalists and scholars have joined. The goal is to create futureproof systems and to develop strategies and concepts that are understood by everyone.

## §1

## Name, Registered Office and Financial Year

(1) The Association's name is "My Europe 2100".

It is supposed to be registered at the official register of societies and Associations at the District Court of Frankfurt am Main. After registration the Association will be named "My Europe 2100 e.V."
(2) The Association's registered office and management is in Frankfurt am Main. Branch offices can be established in all cities around the world.
(3) The Association's financial year is the calendar year.

## § 2 <br> Purpose of the Association

(1) The Association pursues solely and directly non-profit purposes as laid down in the chapter of the German Fiscal Code pertaining to purposes eligible for tax relief.
(2) The Association's purpose is to promote and research political, economic, societal, social and cultural decision-making processes, as well as their improvement and acceleration. The Association work is focusing on the future of the European youth. The creation of new interdisciplinary concepts works towards the goal of integrating the European youth into a future-oriented process. An important aspect thereof is to prepare the youth for trans-culturalism. Towards this end, symposiums, workshops, meetings facilitate the exchange of thoughts and ideas of the European with different religious and cultural backgrounds.

The youths create interdisciplinary concepts in workshops in the following areas:

- Education
- Gender equality
- Religion and culture
- Diversity
- Youth unemployment
- Migration and integration
- Human rights and democratic structures
- Climate change and global change
- European systems of values and individual responsibility - philosophy of the future
- Demographic Development
- Digitalization
- Influence of the globalization on future developments of Europe
- Political Responsibility

The adolescents shall write the results of the workshops or other forms of education in a generally easy language. They shall be accessible to the public, as well as political, economic, social and cultural decision-makers.

The statutory purpose shall be realized by carrying out the following tasks in particular:

1. The organisation of workshops with adolescents in all European countries. In those workshops, the adolescents will discuss current topics that are relevant for the future with representatives from politics, business, the media, science and culture. The results shall be published subsequently and provided to decision-makers.
2. European adolescents shall meet with adolescents from all around the world to discuss important topics referring to the organisation of a peaceful world.
a. In preparation for these international meetings, representative questionnaires will be conducted to discern topics, which they deem decisive for the future in the $21^{\text {st }}$ century. Towards this end, scientific studies will also be conducted, such as the research of political, economic, social and cultural structures of the future.
3. Specific involvement of the youth in sociopolitical reform processes, implemented by a „Youth Council for the Future".
4. Promotion of political, economic, societal and cultural education. Introducing adolescents to political voting processes.
5. Social Media shall be used to promote communication of the youth and to publish the results of the projects and discussions, e.g. Live Chats with public figures, blog articles and YouTube videos.
6. The Association particularly promotes the youth's religious and cultural understanding and brings them together with representatives of other religions and cultures. In this, Frankfurt am Main as a multicultural city shall be a "European Meeting Point for Youth" and contact point for adolescents from all around the world. Topics like Europe, the Euro as a common currency and Europe's position in the global world shall be explained to the adolescents by presentations, discussions and by giving them information.
7. The promotion of other non-profit associations.

## § 3 <br> Securing public benefit

(1) The Association works altruistically; it does not primarily pursue aims that serve its own economic interests.
(2) The Association's funds may solely be used for purposes that accord with its statutes. Members receive no allowances from Association funds.
(3) No person may benefit by way of expenses alien to the Association's aims or by way of disproportionately high remuneration.
(4) Should the Association be dissolved or in the case of the loss of the privileged tax status, all associated capital is transferred to the "Frankfurter Kultur Komitee e.V.", Frankfurt am Main, which may immediately and solely make use of it for charitable purposes.

## § 4 <br> Members

(1) Full members of the Association may be natural or legal entities. An entitlement to admission does not exist.

The Association may admit sponsoring members. These do not have any voting rights. A General Meeting decides upon the admission of sponsoring members.
(2) Admission as a member requires a written application addressed to the Association's Executive Board.
(3) The Executive Board decides at its own discretion whether to admit members. Should the Executive Board have declined the admission of a member, the said applicant may, in the form of a text, lodge a complaint with the Board within one month of the receipt of the declined application. The Board can remedy the complaint. A complaint that has not been remedied by the Board is to be placed on the agenda of the next upcoming meeting $-\S 10$, Point 3 is to be appropriately applied. The General Meeting may accept the application with a three-quarter majority vote. In such a case, the Board must immediately inform the applicant of their acceptance.
(4) The membership begins with the declaration of acceptance by the Association, but at the earliest with the payment of the first annual contribution.

## § 5 <br> Membership Fee

(1) Members are obliged to pay a yearly membership fee. The Executive Board of the Association specifies the amount.
(2) The membership fee is an annual contribution. Joining during the year also leads to the obligation to pay the full annual contribution.
(3) The contributions are due at the beginning of the year. In case of joining during the year, they are due immediately.
(4) Honorary and sponsoring members can provide financial support. The Executive Board decides on the amount. The Honorary Membership is issued by the General Assembly by means of an honorary order.

## § 6 <br> Termination of Membership

(1) A member may cancel membership by sending a written declaration to the Executive Board serving a three-months' notice to the end of a calendar year.
(2) Membership of natural entities ends by death. Membership of legal entities ends by opening insolvency proceedings, rejecting the opening due to lack of mass or by dissolving the corporation.
(3) The Executive Board can expel a member for substantial reasons. An important reason is especially given if a member deliberately violates against the statute and thus undermines the purpose of the Association repeatedly or to a grave extent.
(4) The Executive Board can expel a member that did not pay the membership fee after a reminder.
(5) The Executive Board, after consulting the affected member, decides on the exclusion; an exclusion decision shall be justified. The expelled member may appeal against the exclusion decision. Accordingly, § 4 Point 3 is applicable.

## § 7 <br> Bodies of the Association

The Association's bodies are:

- the Executive Board
- the General Assembly


## § 8 <br> Executive Board

(1) The Association's Executive Board shall comprise at least two members.
(2) Two members of the Executive Board represent the Association in and out of court.
(3) Unless the Charter transfers affairs to another body of the Association, the Executive Board is responsible for all affairs of the Association.
(4) The members of the Executive Board are elected by a resolution of the General Assembly for a period of four years. The members of the Board who are to officiate as treasurers or as executive members of the Executive Board shall be determined separately by the General Assembly. The members of the Board shall remain in office until a new board is statutorily appointed.
(5) The Executive Board shall take its decisions in meetings or in circulation procedures by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the chairperson has the casting vote, in the event of his absence, the (eldest) deputy.
(6) The Executive Board may establish rules of procedure, which may regulate the election of the chairperson and his deputies.
(7) Members of the Executive Board are fundamentally active on an honorary basis. The board members may receive compensation, as far as the type and scope of their voluntary activity justifies it. The General Assembly decides on this.
(8) The Executive Board may establish a Commission and other committees and institutions, which are appropriate for the implementation of the Association and regulate their legal relationships. The Executive Board appoints a corresponding committee chairperson and the Executive Board together with the committee chairperson appoints the members thereof. The Executive Board may set up a corresponding Code of Conduct together with the Chairman of the Board.

## § 9 <br> General Assembly

(1) The General Assembly is exclusively responsible for the following matters:

- Resolution on amending the statute,
- Resolution on dissolving the Association ,
- Election and dismissal of the Executive Board,
- Approval of the activity report of the Executive Board,
- Discharge of the Board / approval of the financial statements,
- Granting an appropriate compensation to the members of the Executive Board,
- Orders, e.g. honorary order,
- Appointment of an auditor or an auditing company whose examination also has to extend to the statutory use of funds of the Association and which is to be commissioned by the Executive Board.


## § 10 <br> Convocation of a General Assembly

(1) A member of the Board, replaced by a deputy Board member in the case of absence, heads the General Assembly. The General Assembly can be conjured by the Board at least four weeks in advance and with specifying the agenda. The period begins the day following the dispatch of the invitation letter. The invitation letter is considered received when it has been sent to the most recently known address of the member of the Association.
(2) An item must be added to the agenda if at least a quarter of the members request such in writing at least two weeks prior to the General Assembly. The request must be submitted to the Executive Board. Requests correctly submitted prior to the deadline, must be added to the agenda and the Executive Board must inform all members of the added item(s).

## § 11 <br> Conduct and resolution of the General Assembly

(1) The Chairman of the Executive Board, and, in the case of absence, the Deputy Chairman, shall hold the General Assembly. Should no Board Member be present or be ready to take over leadership of the General Assembly, the members thereof shall elect the leader. The senior most person present who is ready to take over leads the Executive Board.
(2) The Executive Board chooses the Secretary of Protocol. Alternately, the Secretary of Protocol may be chosen by the General Assembly.
(3) A duly convened General Assembly is, in any case, quorate, unless the Statutes or Laws are not infringed.
(4) A single majority of the valid votes cast, unless other provisions of the Statutes are applicable, shall pass the resolution. Absented votes are not included in the calculation.
(5) Their bodies or other persons whose power of representation is legally regulated by the member (e.g., procurators) may represent members. Another member or his
representative may also represent a member. A representative may act only for a maximum of four other natural persons. A power of attorney must be in text form.
(6) The assembly's chairperson determines the nature of the vote. The vote must be carried out in writing if one third of the voting members present at the vote ask for it.
(7) Both the Assembly's chairperson and the Secretary of Protocol shall sign the minutes of the General Assembly.

## § 12 <br> Membership in other institutions

The Association may become a member of other national and international institutions if the other institutions pursue comparable purposes. The Executive Board decides on the entry.

## § 13 <br> Dissolution of the Association

(1) The dissolution of the Association may be decided upon only in a meeting of members convened for this purpose.
(2) A total of three quarters of the total votes must be represented at such a meeting. The power of representation can be transferred to another member. No member may represent more than four votes.
(3) The resolution requires a majority of three quarters of the votes cast.

## § 14 <br> Office, employees

(1) An office shall be established for the execution of the day-to-day business. It shall be under the supervision of the Chairman of the Executive Board.
(2) The management of the office shall be governed by rules of procedure, which require the approval of the Executive Board.
(3) The Association may, as far as it is useful to fulfill its statutory purposes, employ employees.

