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ELISAN STATUS

European Local Inclusion and Social Action Network

Article 1

The “European Local Inclusion and Social Action Network” referred to as ELISAN is a non – profit organisation governed by the French Law of 1st July 1901. It is a non-profit-making organisation with an international mission.

Article 2 - Objectives

The objective of this organisation is to:

- ◆ speak up for local and territorial elected representatives working in the field of local social action in Europe;
- ◆ raise awareness about local social action in Europe, its issues, its players;
- ◆ to increase the value of the European Union’s work in the field of social inclusion and social protection
- ◆ ensure that a better account is taken of the locally elected representatives’ participation in the implementation of an effective and coherent European social policy, which is necessary for the sustainable construction of the European Union;
- ◆ coordinate the actions of its members and support them through development, structuring and leadership of the European network that they represent and through development of partnerships necessary for the development of its activities;
- ◆ create and manage all services necessary for it to achieve its objectives;
 - keep its members informed about all European policies in the social field, through publications, meetings, reports, studies, conferences or workshops;
 - undertake consulting work for its members;
 - propose training activities to elected representatives, professionals and volunteer workers.

Article 3 – Registered Office

The registered office of ELISAN is based at the registered office of UNCCAS in Paris.

The registered office may be transferred, upon a simple decision by the Board of Directors, approved at the Ordinary General Meeting.



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Article 4 - Composition

The association is composed of several categories of membership:

Category 1 – European local/territorial authorities and their offices or public bodies working in the field of local social action.

Category 2 – Groups of local or territorial authorities or of elected representatives involved in activities which are linked to the social sector.

Category 3 – Professionals working in the social sector. This board has a consultative role and is composed of individuals.

Category 4 – European groups or international organisations involved in activities which are linked to the social sector This board has an Observer status.

Article 5 - Membership

Membership to ELISAN is subject to approval by the association's executive board.

Article 6 - Resignation-cancellation

Resigning from ELISAN or cancellation of the membership occurs in the following cases:

- voluntary resignation of one of its members,
- death or disappearance of the person,
- exclusion as decided by the Board of Directors due to non payment of the membership fee or on serious reasons, following invitation, by registered letter, to the body or individual to provide explanations to the Executive Board.

Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend three consecutive board of directors' meeting, without apology, may be considered as resigned.

Article 7 - Resources

The organisation's resources consist of:

- admission and membership fees
- Government grants as well as grants from local and territorial authorities, European or international institutions,
- income from the supply of services under contracts or agreements,
- donations in kind as authorised by law.

The admission and membership fees are decided by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.



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Article 8 – Board of Directors

The organisation is managed by an Board of Directors elected for three years at the Ordinary General Meeting.

It is composed of:

- for category 1: a representative for each country of the European Union, as proposed by each national delegation;
- for category 2: a representative for each country of the European Union, as proposed by each national delegation;
- representatives of category 3 of up to two representatives. The latter have a consultative role.

The Board of Directors is composed of 60 members maximum, who are eligible for re-election.

In case of vacancy, the Board of Directors may temporarily fill in the post by one or several of its members. The final replacement of these members takes place at the next Ordinary General Meeting. The powers of these newly elected members come to an end upon expiration of the term of office of the replaced member(s).

The Chairman is elected at the General Meeting, for a period of three years.

The Board of Directors elects among its members, an Executive Board which, besides the Chairman, consists of:

- Deputy-Chairmen,
- a General Secretary and, if necessary, a Deputy General Secretary,
- a Treasurer and, if necessary, a Deputy Treasurer.

The implementation of decisions taken by statutory bodies is carried out by a Steering Committee appointed by the Executive Board and which acts by delegation.

Article 9 – Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors' meeting is convened by the Chairman at least once a year or at the request of at least one-third of the Board of Directors members.

The Board of Directors takes decisions through majority voting. In case of equality, the Chairman has the casting vote.

A quorum equivalent to half of the members present or represented is necessary for decisions taken to be valid.

Each Board of Directors member can act as proxy for not more than two other members.



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Article 10 – Ordinary General Meeting

The Ordinary General Meeting includes all members of the association. It may be convened every year and at least once every three years.

Decisions are taken through majority voting. A quorum equivalent to half of the members present or represented is necessary for decisions taken to be valid. Each member of the General Assembly can act as proxy for not more than two other members.

The Agenda is specified in the convocation letters for the Assembly.

The Chairman, assisted by members of the Board of Directors, chairs the meeting and presents the organisation's legal and financial state of affairs.

The Treasurer reports on his management and submits the balance sheet for approval by the General Meeting.

This election is carried out through by a show of hand, unless otherwise instructed by the General Meeting.

Article 11 – Extraordinary General Meeting

Subject to more than half plus one of the members of the organisation submitting a reasoned request, the Chairman may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Article 10. Only the Extraordinary General Meeting is entitled to vote on statutory changes.

Article 12 – Rules of procedure

To ensure the good organisation's functioning, rules of procedure shall be proposed by the Board of Directors at an Ordinary General Meeting.

Article 13 - Dissolution

In case of dissolution decided by at least two-thirds of the members present at the Extraordinary General Meeting, one or several liquidators shall be appointed by the latter. If necessary, the assets shall be distributed among non-governmental organisations having a similar purpose, in accordance with the Law.

Constitutive Meeting to be held on 28 January 2008 at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels:

Patrick Kanner
Chairman

In the presence of:
The Chairman of the European Union Committee of the Regions
The French Secretary of State for European affairs