

**STATUTE OF LEDA-PARTENARIAT ASSOCIATION:
With Amendments approved by the General Assembly on 9 October 2013.**

ARTICLE 1. An association bearing the title of LEDA Partenariat- *LOCAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK* and governed by the law of 1st July 1901 and the decree of 16th August 1901 has been founded by the persons adhering to the present statutes. The Association may use the abbreviated title of “LDnet”.

ARTICLE 2 The aim of the Association is to develop and spread knowledge and expertise enabling the promotion of the development of local initiatives and activities within the countries of the European Union and their partners, as understood by the different European programmes. This aim will be reached through various forms, particularly websites, encounters, studies, research, training and other activities enabling the development and sharing of information and knowledge among all those active in local development.

ARTICLE 3 The headquarters are situated at 54, Rue Dombasle 75005 Paris, France. They may be transferred upon the decision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 4. The Association is to include as members any persons sharing its aims.

The Board of Directors will determine each year the amount of the annual subscription.

ARTICLE 5 In order to join to the Association, it is necessary to be approved by the Executive Committee, the members of which will make decisions, during their meetings, on the requests made for admission.

ARTICLE 6 The status of membership is lost by resignation, death, striking off by the Board of Directors for non payment of the subscription or for a serious reason. In the last case, the person concerned is ~~then~~ previously requested, by registered letter, to appear before the Executive Committee to give explanations.

ARTICLE 7. The resources of the Association include subscriptions, subsidies granted by States or International Institutions or by French or foreign legal entities of public or private law, or any other resources compatible with its aims and the law in force.

ARTICLE 8. The Association is managed by a Board of a maximum of nine members who are elected for two years by the General Assembly. These members may be re-elected. The Board of Directors chooses among its members an Executive Committee composed of at least a President, a Secretary General and a Treasurer. The positions of Vice Presidents, Secretary or Assistant Treasurer may also be created on the proposition of the Board of Directors.

Taking into account the aim of the Association, the General Assembly will ensure that the Board of Directors is made up of members representing the largest possible number of countries.

The former Presidents may become Presidents of Honour.

When members of the Board of Directors are unavailable to perform their duties, the Board of Directors will see that they are provisionally replaced. Their permanent replacement is decided on at the following General Assembly. The powers of the members thus elected end at the expiration of the mandate of the persons they normally replace.

ARTICLE 9. The Board of Directors meets at least once a year upon the President's issuing notice to attend, or upon request of at least a third of the members of the Board. Board decision can be taken on line.

Decisions are taken by majority vote. In the case of a tie of vote the President has a casting vote.

ARTICLE 10. The Ordinary General Assembly includes all members of the Association. It takes place every year upon the President of the Board of Directors' issuing notice to attend. The agenda is made up by the Board of Directors.

At least a fortnight before the given date, the members are requested to attend by the Secretary. The agenda is stated on the notice. The President summarises the situation of the Association. The Treasurer gives an account of the affairs and submits the balance sheet for the approval of the Assembly. The members of the Association that are present are called upon to comment on the issues of the agenda.

Once the agenda has been covered, the retiring members of the Board are replaced and the resolutions submitted to the Assembly's approval are voted.

Only the issues mentioned on the agenda should be covered during the General Assembly.

ARTICLE 11. If need be, or upon request of more than a half of the registered members, the President shall call for a General Assembly according to the terms of Article 10. However, if urgent, notice may be reduced to four days.

ARTICLE 12. The rules of the Association may be agreed by the Board of Directors, who submits them to the General Assembly for approval.

ARTICLE 13. In the case of dissolution pronounced by at least two-thirds of the members present at the General Assembly which appoints one or several liquidators, and the assets, if any, are applied in accordance with Article 9 of the Law of 1st July 1901 and the decree of 16th August 1901.