#### **STATUTES**

# § 1 - Name and location

The association's name is:

## Spirit of WE e.V.

Association for promoting social, humanitarian and pioneering developments

It will be entered in the register of associations; upon registration it leads the additive "e.V." The association is headquartered in 81675 München, Nigerstraße 4, Germany.

# § 2 - Purpose and aim

The association is a non-profit organization, having exclusively and directly charitable purposes conforming to the meaning of "tax-privileged purposes" under tax law in Germany.

The association aims to:

- 1 Promote national and vocational education (§ 52 para. 2 sent. 1 no. 7 AO)
- 2 Promote civic participation and involvement (§ 52 para. 2 sent. 1 no. 13 AO)
- 3 Promote an international attitude of tolerance in all fields of culture and international understanding (§ 52 para. 2 sent. 1 no. 25 AO)

The association is non-denominational and politically independent. It earns no profits from its activity. Members have no claims on the association's assets and do not receive profit shares or other benefits at any time.

The association operates altruistically and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. Association funds may be used only for statutory purposes.

Members receive no benefits from the association. No person may benefit by tasks which are not in keeping with the association's statutory aims, and none may be favored by disproportionately high remuneration.

#### § 3 - Activity

# A. The statute's purpose of promoting national and vocational education will be realized through:

1) Holding events (such as public forums, lectures, conferences, etc.) to convey scientific results of collective intelligence (WE Consciousness) in pedagogy, social sciences, psychology, medicine, biology, ecology, and economics, and to encourage people to carry out further research and projects in these fields.

- 2) Offers (such as counseling, training, presentations, etc.) for teachers, educators, doctors and other health professionals, therapists and counselors, to present findings from research in psychology on resilience and views on stress, conflict and cooperation, and to encourage researchers to carry out joint projects with the aim of strengthening the health and stability of children, adolescents and adults.
- 3) Organizing seminars and consultations in order to help activists (such as volunteers, young pioneers, and active seniors), and to support them in their own WE-Consciousness, resilience and altruism.
- 4) Active dialogue and cooperation with members and interested parties who support and promote our association. Besides the above mentioned events and offers (pts. 1-3), the association uses new media such as online counseling services.
- 5) Extensive awareness training at forums and conferences through lectures, workshops and presentations, publications, and actions on issues of climate change and the best ecological use of resources, as well as the application of alternative, environmentally sound technologies.

# B. The statute's purpose of promoting civic participation and involvement will be accomplished by:

Projects and action days to engage ourselves together with other citizens against isolation, selfishness and greed, and for solidarity, generosity, and positive social action. For example, we may organize collective actions for people in need (old-age poverty, crises, diseases, etc.) by giving practical help in everyday life, and through material and financial support as well as by social contact.

# C. The statute's purpose of promoting international attitude, tolerance in all fields of culture, and international understanding will be achieved by:

The use of seminars, lectures and meetings by inviting and including people from other countries and cultures, with the aim of growing a larger awareness for globally responsible action within the meaning of WE.

#### § 4 - Membership

The association has active and supporting members.

An active member can be

- any natural person who has attained the age of 18 years and is ready to participate actively in accordance with the purposes of the association,
- any juristic person, insofar as natural persons from its organization participate actively in accordance with the purposes of the association.

Supporting members can be both, natural and juristic persons, promoting in particular the purpose and aim of the association.

The requirement for admission as an active member is a written request to the Board, which is countersigned by recommending at least by one active member.

The Board decides on the application for membership at its own discretion. A refusal of the application requires no justification.

Supporting members shall be appointed at the request of the board. Only active members have a voting right.

## § 5 - Termination of Membership

The membership expires by

- a) the death of the member
- b) the withdrawal from the association
- c) exclusion from the association

The withdrawal from the association is carried out by a written notice to the Board, no later than three months before the end of the calendar year and shall take effect at the end of the calendar year.

Otherwise, the membership extended for another calendar year. Members who act contrary to the objectives of the association may be expelled immediately by a majority decision of the Board.

#### § 6 - Contributions

Active Members
Supporting members
Legal entities / institutions
One-time admission fee
€ 100 / year
€ 300 / year
€ 10

# § 7 - Organs of the Association

Organs of the association are

- a) General Assembly
- b) Board of Directors

## § 8 - General Assembly

- 1. The Ordinary General Assembly takes place once per calendar year. It is responsible for the:
  - Election and discharge of the Board,
  - Resolution on amendments to the statutes,
  - Resolution on the dissolution of the association, including the usage of remaining assets.
- 2. Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be held when its appropriate. They are convened
  - if the Board considers it necessary or
  - one third of the members are asking for by written reasons.
- 3. The Board of Directors calls the general assembly
  - in writing stating the agenda and
  - in meeting the deadline of at least two weeks.
- 4. The General Assembly is chaired by the chairman or his deputy. The General Assembly passes resolutions by a simple majority. However for
  - amendments of the statues, a majority of 3/4 of the present members is required,
  - resolution of the statues a majority of 4/5 of the present members is required.
- 5. The decisions of the general assembly are to be documented in a protocol, which has to be signed by the chairman (or representative) and the secretary.
- 6. A decision by the members can be also made by correspondence; Paragraph 5 shall apply accordingly then.

#### § 9 - Board

The Board consists of the chairman, the deputy chairman and the treasurer. The association is represented judicially and extrajudicially by the chairman and the deputy chairman. Each board member has ever sole representation. The Board is entitled to an appropriate compensation.

# § 10 - Board Election

The election of the Board is carried out for a period of two years at the annual General Assembly. However, the Board remains in office until the next election. Re-election is permitted. If during the term of office a board member resigns, a new election shall be made in the next General Assembly. During the remaining term of office the retiring member of the Board may appoint a member to replace him/her.

## § 11 - Management

The General Assembly is entitled to appoint a managing director (MD) to support the Executive Board. The MD has the task to manage the affairs of the association and to manage the assets of the association for the Board. The MD is not a member of the board and can not be registered in the Register of Associations. The MD is entitled to a reasonable remuneration.

#### § 12- Financial Year

The financial year of the association is the calendar year.

## § 13 - Liability

The association is liable for the damage that a board member or a representative of the board caused to a third. However, this applies only for damages during the occupation of the board member (or his representative) incurred in carrying out its task for the association (§ 31 BGB). The risk can be limited by taking out a liability insurance.

#### § 14 - Dissolution

Convened for this purpose within a period of one month to this extraordinary General Assembly, the dissolution may be decided only by a majority of 4/5 of the present members.

Upon dissolution of the association or loss of tax-privileged purposes the assets of the association fall to the association:

Ärzte ohne Grenzen e.V. (Doctors Without Borders), Am Köllnischen Park, 10179 Berlin.

This association should use this payment directly and exclusively for charitable, humanitarian or clerical purposes.

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