

YOUNG EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS NETHERLANDS

Abbreviated as: "JEF-NL"

STATUTES

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CHAPTER I

THE FEDERALISTS

Article 1: Name, seat

1. Based on these statutes the *Jonge Europese Federalisten* , henceforth “JEF-NL”, are being founded.
2. JEF-NL is the national Dutch administration of JEF (the Young European Federalists) Europe, is seated in The Hague, and has a legal personality based on Dutch law.
3. JEF-NL shall also be known as:
 - a) Young European Federalists Netherlands
 - b) Junge Europäische Föderalisten Niederlande
 - c) Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes Pays-Bas
4. JEF-NL is being founded for an indefinite period.

CHAPTER II

SOCIAL PURPOSE

Article 2: Ideals and goals

1. JEF-NL is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental youth organisation with a political character, but not affiliated to any political party.
2. The goal of JEF-NL is the accomplishment of a European democratic federal state based on the rule-of-law and the principle of subsidiarity as the polity for all European citizens.
3. The ideals and goals of the Federalist are principally derived from the Ventotene manifesto, the Political Platform for Young European Federalists Europe and her policy as determined by the European Congress or the Federal Committee.
4. For this purpose she will, based on her federalist ideas, direct her workings towards bringing youth closer to each other so that they may together occupy themselves with European society, politics, culture and the European integration process.
5. JEF-NL is primary in the field of Youth policy. Its activities range from informing its members and wide public on ongoing political issues, civic education and all the matters JEF-NL deems important; development and broadening horizons of JEF-NL members to active political participation in the territory of the Netherlands and the European Union.
6. JEF-NL shall strive to achieve the goals mentioned above in the whole Netherlands, and will undertake any measure to realise them, in accordance of existing legal framework of the United Kingdom of Netherlands and the European Union.

CHAPTER III

THE MEMBERS

Article 3: Members, honorary members

1. JEF-NL consists of regular members and honorary members. Collectively these are known as the “members of the association”
2. Every membership is personal and therefore non-transferable.
3. JEF-NL consists of members between the ages of 16 and 35.
4. The members can leave the association by:
 - a. annulling cancelling their membership;
 - b. non-payment of the yearly membership fee;
 - c. reaching the age of 35 years or older.
5. The board of JEF-NL can, on the suggestion of local sections, and based on the conditions chosen by the board, award certain persons the title of honorary member of

the association. She can revoke honorary membership in the same manner.

Article 4: Membership contribution and administration

1. The JEF-NL board decides on the yearly membership contribution fee.
2. Possible changes in the membership fee will be announced at least three months
3. The membership contribution of all members will be collected by JEF-NL. A yearly percentage of this money will be transferred to JEF Europe.
4. Honorary members are not required to pay membership fees.
5. The board will keep an administration of its membership. To this purpose the Board shall keep up to date the personal data of members and honorary members (name, contact details, address, date of birth).
6. Membership in JEF-NL starts from the moment of being confirmed by authorised representative of JEF-NL (the board of local section, member of the national board etc) in writing or electronic form.
7. National Board has right to expel a member from the organisation on following grounds:
 - a. Unlawful conduct and breach of the law
 - b. Defraudation or mismanagement of the trusted resources of JEF-NL
 - c. Conduct that violates the ideas and spirit of JEF-NL

7.1. Expulsion of the said member should be consulted with the board of the respective section to which member in question belongs to. Ultimate decision, however, lies in the power of National Board, which has to vote on said case with a unanimous vote.

8. Rights of the member include:

- participation in the bodies and activities of JEF NL and JEF Europe;
- passive and active participation in the JEF-NL elections during the General Members' Assembly and its sections.

CHAPTER IV

THE JEF-NL BOARD

Article 5: General provisions

1. The JEF-NL board leads the organisation of JEF-NL.
2. The JEF-NL board can perform all legal acts and take all action which it regards as useful for the realisation of JEF-NL's goal, with the exception of the actions reserved for the General Members Assembly, henceforth "GMA", or those which are in conflict with the law.
3. The members of the JEF-NL board are elected by the GMA.
4. The members of the JEF-NL board are appointed for the duration of one year. Their mandate is renewable.
 - 4.1. In case a member of the board resigns, or is dismissed from his/her duties during the term of the JEF-NL board, s/he may be replaced by new member who is appointed by the National Board, without calling extraordinary GMA if the resigning board member was active for a period of time shorter than six months. If the resigning board member was active for longer than six months an extraordinary GMA will be called if one fifth of the members object.
 - 4.2. The JEF-NL board has a right to appoint assistants and other functions or structures which help the work of the board.
5. The JEF-NL board is authorised to coordinate the following matters:

- a. political actions
 - b. determining the positions of JEF-NL;
 - c. federalist activities in the Netherlands;
 - d. the representation in the bodies of JEF-Europe;
 - e. the relations with other European or federalist associations on national territory such as the European Federalists Netherlands.
 - f. those activities specifically targeting “non-students”
 - g. spreading information on the activities of JEF-NL;
 - h. facilitating contacts with the members of the association;
 - i. all other activities which are directly or indirectly related to the previous, without limiting itself to the aforementioned enumeration.
6. The JEF-NL board can also engage in activities locally through regional or local sections.
7. To ensure the continuity of the works of JEF-NL, members of the JEF-NL board are obliged to reside on the territory of Netherlands and periferal regions for at least 6 months of the board term.

Article 6: Decision making procedure

1. The JEF-NL board decides by means of a simple majority of present members.
2. Invitations for the meetings of the JEF-NL board will be sent at least two weeks beforehand by the President.
3. In case of a tie during the voting, the vote of President is tiebreaker.

Article 7: Temporary governance measures

1. The JEF-NL board can decide to a temporary governance measure until an agreed upon point in time. During this period the following rules are valid:
 - a. Every regional and local section will delegate their representative to the JEF-NL board and can also delegate one elected representative from the local board to the JEF-NL board.
 - b. The membership contribution will be arranged over by local sections.
 - c. Local sections are obligated to change their statutes in this period if they are in conflict with this document.
2. JEF-NL board on request of the authorities of local section, can impose temporary governance measures for agreed amount of time in said section, no longer than 6 calendar months. Said temporary measures cannot be extended. JEF-NL board is obliged to call a GMA of local section within said time of 6 months, which elects the new board of the section in question. Authorities of the section are assumed to be:
 - Last known board of local section;
 - At least 20% of the members of section in case when the members of the section’s board cannot be found or contacted.

Article 8: Financial transparency

1. Every member, and every interested party, can freely take knowledge of the accounts of the association with the treasurer or the member of the JEF-NL board which is qualified in this matter.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL MEMBERS ASSEMBLY

Article 9: General provisions

1. The GMA is the highest body within JEF-NL and appoints the JEF-NL board.
2. The GMA is comprised of all members. Where
 - a. regular members have the right to assembly, the right to speak, the right to

amendment and the right to vote during the GMA;

b. honorary members have the right to assembly and the right to speak during the GMA.

3. The GMA is authorized to debate all subjects provided by the statutes and provided by law, such as, among others, changes in the statutes, the approval of the budget and the year budget to be sent to JEF-NL, discharging board members, abolishing the association.

Article 10: Announcement and agenda

1. The GMA will be summoned by the JEF-NL board.

2. A GMA will be held on a yearly basis.

3. The invitation and agenda of the GMA has to be announced at least two weeks beforehand in writing to the members of the assembly.

4. JEF-NL can be summoned for an Extraordinary General Members Assembly by the JEF-NL board or by written request supported by a minimum of 1/5 of the members.

5. If the JEF-NL board fails to announce a GMA the members of the assembly are allowed to announce a GMA by themselves.

Article 11: Procedures

1. The GMA will be presided by the President of the JEF-NL board or in absence by the Vice-president.

2. If the GMA has been announced by the members of the association due to the failure of the board to announce a GMA the GMA will appoint a chairman of the meeting.

3. The President will be aided by a secretary which the President appoints for this purpose.

4. The GMA will appoint the Voting committee. This will consist of two members of which at least who aren't members of the Board. The Voting committee will count the votes during the meeting and establish the result of the voting in consensus.

5. After the appointment of the Voting committee it will first establish the quorum, 1/3 of the members of the association. If the quorum can't be made the GMA will be disbanded and a new date will be announced.

6. Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of the present or represented members except during those cases provided by law or the statutes. In case of a balance in the number of votes the chairman of the meeting will give the deciding vote.

7. Only based on unanimity points can be added to the agenda.

8. No change of the statutes can be adopted unless at least two thirds of the members of the GMA are present. A change can only be passed with a two thirds majority.

9. In all other respects changes to the constitution will be made in accordance with the statutory provisions.

Article 12: Report of the GMA

1. The decisions of the GMA are determined in a report, signed by the President and the secretary.

2. This report will be kept by the President of the JEF-NL board.

3. All members or third parties who are of interest can ask for a copy of this register signed by the President and the secretary of the JEF-NL board.

CHAPTER VI

REGIONAL AND LOCAL SECTIONS

Article 13: Sections

1. JEF-NL can acknowledge other associations and groups of members as regional sections or local sections. The acknowledgement and mutual relations between the national association and her local sections are regulated according to the statutes and internal rules of the regional and local sections.

2. The statutes and internal rules of the regional and local sections cannot conflict with the statutes of JEF-NL.
3. The constitution of JEF-NL has primacy over the constitutions of sections in case of a conflict between the constitutions. In this case the constitution of the section will have to be changed in accordance to the JEF-NL constitution.
4. If extraordinary situation occurs JEF-NL board has right to dissolve a section. Extraordinary situation is defined as:
 - a) No active board of the section for period of one and half year from the last GMA of the section.
 - b) No internal or external activities on local or regional level for more than a year.
5. The JEF-NL board, on request of the board of the local section, can dissolve a local section. When the local section is dissolved, all commodities and documents of the local section, including rights to social media accounts, promotional materials, credentials etc., revert back to the JEF-NL board.

Article 14: Relations with sections

1. The JEF-NL board advises and controls the activities of a local section.
2. The JEF-NL board accords a yearly budget to regional and local sections. The board will report on this budget at the yearly GMA.
3. Local and Regional Sections can broaden their positions, if they follow the ideals and motivations named in Art. 2.

CHAPTER VII

OTHER PROVISIONS

Article 15: Dissolution

1. In the case of the dissolution of JEF-NL, her patrimony will be divided in equal parts to the sections in the Netherlands, or, subsidiary, to an association with goals and/or activities which are more or less similar.

Article 16: Other provisions

1. All matters not explicitly determined in the present statutes falls under the legal provisions regarding those matters.