

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 Dutch section 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. Jonge Jeropeeske Federalisten Nederland
 - b. Young European Federalists Netherlands
 - c. Junge Europäische Föderalisten Niederlande
 - d. Jeunes Européens Fédéralistes Pays-Bas
 - e. Jonge Europeanen
 - f. Young Europeans
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 Federalists are principally derived from the Ventotene manifesto, the Political Platform for Young European Federalists Europe and their policy as determined by the European Congress or the Federal Committee.
4. For this purpose JEF-NL will, based on its federalist ideas, direct its 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 with the existing legal framework of the Kingdom of Netherlands and the European Union.

CHAPTER III

THE MEMBERS

Article 3: Membership

1. JEF-NL consists of regular members and honorary members. Collectively these are known as the “members of the association”.
2. Membership is reserved for natural persons personal and therefore non-transferable.
3. Regular members can be persons with the age of sixteen until, and including, thirty-four.
4. The members can leave the association by:
 - a. upon the death of the member;
 - b. by cancellation by the member;
 - c. by cancellation by the association;
 - d. by dismay;
 - e. by non-payment of the membership fee at the start of each operating year;
 - f. by reaching the age of thirty-five.
5. Honorary members leave the association:
 - a. upon the death of the member;
 - b. by cancellation by the member;
 - c. by cancellation by the association;
 - d. by dismay.
6. The board of JEF-NL can, on the suggestion of local or regional sections, and based on the conditions chosen by the board, award certain persons the title of honorary member of the association. They can revoke honorary membership in the same manner.

Article 4: Rights of the members of the association

1. Every member of the association has the right to:
 - a. be included in the membership list;
 - b. view the statutes;
 - c. be admitted to the meeting in which a resolution of suspension, termination of membership by the association, by removal as such of the relevant member of the association is dealt with, and is authorized to speak about it;
 - d. receive a written justification from the JEF-NL board about decisions of suspension, termination of membership by the association, by removal as such or on the decision not to grant membership of JEF-NL.

2. Every ordinary member has the right:
 - a. to attend the meeting of JEF-NL or of the local or regional department to which they belong and make the floor in person or by written proxy;
 - b. to make use in person of the voting rights at the members' meeting of JEF-NL or of the local or regional department to which they belong;
 - c. to attend the General Members' Meeting, hereinafter referred to as "GMA", in person or by written proxy, and to speak there;
 - d. to make use of the right to vote in the GMA in person or by proxy authorized in writing;
 - e. to apply for board positions;
 - f. to apply for positions in the special bodies within the association;
 - g. to be informed about changes in the membership fee at least three months prior to a working year, via the website and via email. With a planned increase of the membership contribution, members reserve the right to cancel membership before the start of the new working year.

3. Every honorary member has the right:
 - a. to attend the members' meeting of JEF-NL or of the local or regional section to which they belong and to speak there;
 - b. to attend the GMA in person and to speak there;
 - c. to be exempted from paying the membership fee.

Article 5: Duties of the members of the association

1. Every ordinary member is obliged to:
 - a. the annual payment of the membership contribution, the amount of which is allocated and collected by the JEF-NL board;
 - b. providing the required information for maintenance of the member file (name, date of birth, contact and address details).
2. Every honorary member is obliged to:
 - a. providing the required information for maintenance of the member file (name, contact and address details).

CHAPTER IV THE JEF-NL BOARD

Article 6: General provisions

1. The JEF-NL board is charged with the administration and management of the organization 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 GMA, or those which are in conflict with the law.
3. The JEF-NL board is competent in the following matters with regard to the realization of the social purpose of JEF-NL:
 - a. the organization and coordination of political actions;
 - b. determining the views of JEF-NL;
 - c. the organization and coordination of federalist activities in the Netherlands;
 - d. the representation in the organs of JEF Europe;
 - e. maintaining relations with other European or federalist associations on Dutch territory;
 - f. the organization and coordination of activities specifically targeted at "non-students";
 - g. distributing information about the activities of JEF-NL;
 - h. arranging contacts with the members of the association;

- i. the organization and coordination of all other activities directly or indirectly related to the foregoing, without this list being restrictive.
4. The JEF-NL board can also engage in activities locally through regional or local sections.
5. The JEF-NL board is authorized to handle the following matters with regard to managing the organization of JEF-NL:
 - a. the maintenance of a membership file and the membership administration;
 - b. deciding not to grant a person membership;
 - c. collecting the membership fee and transferring an annually determined amount to JEF Europe;
 - d. termination of membership of JEF-NL through cancellation by the association or expulsion;
 - e. suspending members of the association or members of the board of JEF-NL;
 - f. granting a member of the association the authority to represent JEF-NL for a certain period, not longer than two weeks and renewable up to three times, insofar as this is not inconsistent with JEF Europe's statutes;
 - g. all other activities that are directly or indirectly related to the foregoing, without this list being restrictive.

Article 7: Members of the JEF-NL Board

1. The members of the JEF-NL board are elected and appointed by the GMA from the ordinary members.
2. The members of the JEF-NL board are appointed for a duration of one year. Their mandate is renewable.
3. The JEF-NL board will consist of at least three members who perform the following board duties:
 - a. President;
 - b. Secretary-General;
 - c. Treasurer;
4. If the JEF-NL board consists of more than three members, they will first of all complete the following board duties:
 - a. Vice-president;

- b. Communication Officer;
 - c. International Officer.
5. The members of the JEF-NL board leave the board:
- a. after the GMM in which new members of the JEF-NL board are elected by the GMA;
 - b. by termination of membership of JEF-NL;
 - c. by cancellation by the member of the JEF-NL board;
 - d. by cancellation by JEF-NL.
6. In the event of termination of a board membership, the other members of the JEF-NL board take on the management duties of the departing member of the JEF-NL board and ensure that the members of the association are informed of this.

Article 8: Decision-making procedures

1. The JEF-NL board decides with a majority of the members present.
2. Invitations to the board meeting are sent by a member of the national board, at least two weeks before the meeting.

Article 9: Temporary administrative arrangement

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 the current administrative arrangement.

Article 10: 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

Special Organs

Article 11: Audit Committee

1. The aim of the Audit Committee is to investigate the annual report on the course of events in JEF-NL and the policy pursued and to report its findings to the GMA.
2. The Audit Committee will consist of a minimum of two members and a maximum of three members appointed by the GMA.
3. The members of the Audit Committee may not form part of the Board.
4. The board is obliged to provide the Audit Committee with all information requested by it for its investigation, to show it the cash and the values if required and to make the books, documents and other data carriers of the association available for consultation.

Chapter VI

General Members' Assembly

Article 12: General provisions

1. The GMA is the highest body within JEF-NL, appoints the JEF-NL board and is assigned all powers that are not assigned to other bodies by law or the articles of association.
2. The GMA is composed of all members of the association, except those members of the association who are suspended. At which:
 - a. ordinary members can participate in the GMA in person or by proxy authorized in writing;
 - b. honorary members can only participate in the GMA in person.
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.
4. In all cases where JEF-NL has a conflict of interest with one or more members of the JEF-NL board, the GMA may appoint one or more persons to represent JEF-NL.

Article 13: Announcement and agenda

1. The GMA will be summoned by the JEF-NL board.
2. The GMA is held at least once a year.

3. The GMA can be convened as often as deemed desirable, or when required by law or the articles of association.
4. The invitation and agenda of the GMA must be announced in writing to the members of the association at least two weeks in advance. At which:
 - a. the invitation to the ordinary members of the association must be given the opportunity to put candidates for management duties and special bodies.
5. 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.
6. If the JEF-NL board fails to announce a GMA the members of the assembly are allowed to announce a GMA by themselves.

Article 14: Procedures during the GMA

1. The GMA is chaired by:
 - a. the President of the JEF-NL board or, failing this, by the Vice-President in the case of a GMA convened by the JEF-NL board;
 - b. A chairperson of the meeting appointed by the GMA through a two-thirds majority of the members of the GMA in the case the GMA is convened by the ordinary members of the association.
2. The chairperson is assisted by a secretary who is appointed by the chairperson for that purpose.
3. The GMA will appoint the Voting Committee. This will consist of three members, at least two of whom are not members of the board. The Voting Committee will count the votes during the meeting and determine the result of the vote in consensus.
4. After the appointment of the Voting Committee, it will be the first to determine the quorum, 1/3 of the members of the association. If the quorum is not achieved, the GMA will be dissolved and a new date will be announced.
5. Decisions are taken by simple majority of the members present or represented, except for those cases provided for by law or in the articles of association. In the event of a tie of votes, the chairperson of the meeting has the casting vote.
6. Points can only be added to the daily order based on unanimity.
7. Amendments to the articles of association can only be adopted with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the GMA.

8. A proposed or existing provision in the articles of association, which limits the power to amend one or more other provisions, can only be amended with due regard to an equal limitation.
9. A provision in the articles of association, which excludes the authority to amend one or more other provisions, can only be amended with unanimity in a GMA, in which all members or delegates are present or represented.
10. After an amendment of the articles of association, the JEF-NL board is obliged to deposit a copy of the amendment and of the amended articles of association at the office of the trade register.

Article 16: 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.

Article 17: Participation in the GMA

1. A member of the association shall report of their participation in writing or orally.
2. A regular member of the association can give a proxy to vote to another regular member of the association.

Article 18: Participation in the GMA

1. The board of a regional or local section of JEF-NL which is a legal person can decide to send one or more delegates where:
 - a. the membership administration from the day before the GMA is valid
 - b. the delegates represent the absent regular members of the association which are part of the concerned regional or local section, except those regular members of the association which have been suspended, have given a proxy to vote to another regular member or have indicated to the JEF-NL board not to want to be represented.
 - c. there is one delegate for each five members for the sections which are part of a regional or local section, except for the ordinary members of the association who are suspended, have given their proxy to another member or to the board of JEF-NL, indicated not to want to be represented
 - d. The delegate can only give a proxy for their own vote.
2. The members of JEF Europe and of lateral sections of JEF Europe have access to the GMA. They inform the JEF-NL board of participation through written or oral confirmation.

3CHAPTER VII
REGIONAL AND LOCAL SECTIONS

Article 19: 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 its 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 articles of association of JEF-NL apply mutatis mutandis to the sections that are not legal persons and that have a GMA and a board; what is stipulated in the articles of association can be laid down in sectional regulations.

Article 20: Relations with the sections

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

Chapter VIII
Other Provisions

Article 21: Dissolution

1. In the case of the dissolution of JEF-NL, its assets will be transferred in equal parts to the division within the Netherlands that are legal persons, or, in the alternative, to an association with more or less similar objectives and / or activities.

Article 22: Other Provisions

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