



STATUTE

Belgrade 2017

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 12 and 22 of the Act on Associations (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia No. 51/09) and the provisions of Article 13 of the Statute, the Sixth Board Meeting held on 03 June 2017 in Belgrade, adopted the following

STATUTE OF AN ASSOCIATION WESTERN BALKANS INSTITUTE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The association Western Balkans Institute (hereinafter: Association) is a voluntary, non-governmental, non-political and non-profit association, incorporated for an indefinite period of time in order to achieve objectives in the following fields:

- education and training
- social policy
- youth policy
- labour relations and employment
- entrepreneurship and local economic development
- agriculture and rural development
- sustainable development

All terms in this Statute expressed in the grammatical masculine gender shall refer to identical terms in the grammatical feminine gender.

Article 2

The name of the Association is: Zapadnobalkanski institut.

The name of the Association in the English language is: Western Balkans Institute.

The acronym of the Association is: WEBIN.

The seat of the Association is in Belgrade.

The Association performs its activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Article 3

The Association has a seal and logo.

The seal of the association is a circle. In the middle is the logo of the Association covering 50% of a seal. Below the logo with an outline of the seal, it is written with capital Cyrillic letters БЕОГРАД. Above the logo with an outline of the seal it is written in Cyrillic and Latin letters *Западнобалкански институт – Western Balkans Institute*.

The logo of the Association is dashed circular maze, below which or right of which is written in capital Latin letter acronym *WEBIN*, and below which is written the name of the Association in English *Western Balkans Institute*.

MISSION AND VISION

Article 4

The mission and vision statement of the Association in Serbian language is as follows: "Promovišemo socio-ekonomske politike i prakse da bismo kreirali ideje za prosperitetna društva."

The mission and vision statement of the Association in English language is as follows: "Promoting socio-economic policies and practices to create ideas for prosperous societies".

OBJECTIVES

Article 5

The objectives of the Association are:

- encouraging the integration processes in the Western Balkans region and between the region and the European Union
- contributing to democratization and strengthening of good governance mechanisms through citizen involvement in decision-making processes
- encouraging networking and cooperation among all relevant stakeholders in the Western Balkans and between the region and the European Union
- promoting the principles of sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals
- enhancing the environment for poverty reduction and social inclusion of citizens
- promoting peace, tolerance, integration and respect for human a rights of citizens;

Article 6

In order to achieve its objectives the Association:

- collects, translates and processes expert and scientific literature
- organizes and carries out expert and scientific researches
- monitors and analyzes trends in the fields of work
- organizes panels, seminars, workshops, experts meetings and counseling and other forms of education and information exchange
- publishes books, reports, opinions, handbooks and other publications in accordance with the law
- takes part in the production of TV, virtual and radio program

- organizes social and media promotion and advocacy campaigns
- cooperates with similar organizations, associations institutions, universities and individuals in the country and abroad
- carries out other activities which are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Association, in accordance with the law;

MEMBERSHIP

Article 7

Membership in the Association may be full and associate.

Article 8

Member of the Association may be any person of a legal age who accepts the objectives and Statutes of the Association by submitting written or electronic application. The Governing Board shall decide on the membership.

Member of the Association may resign from membership by giving written or electronic statement of resignation. Membership in the Association may be terminated by exclusion from membership for violating the provisions of the Statute, jeopardizing the reputation of the Association or promoting Fascism, Nazism, anti-Semitism, war, violence and discrimination. The Board shall decide on the exclusion following a proposal of the Governing Board.

Article 9

A full member of the Association has a right to: equally together with the other members take part in achieving the objectives of the Association, directly take part in decisions at the Board, as well as via the bodies of the Association, elect and be elected into the bodies of the Association, be informed of the work of the Association.

The full member of the Association is obliged to: contribute to achieving the objectives of the Association, take part, in keeping with his/her interests, in the Association's activities, comply with the Statute and maintain the reputation of the Association.

Article 10

An associate member of the Association has a right to: take part, in keeping with his/her interests, in the Association's activities, be informed of the work of the Association.

The associate member does not have a right to: directly take part in decisions at the Board, as well as via the bodies of the Association, elect and be elected into the bodies of the Association.

The associate member of the Association is obliged to: contribute to achieving the objectives of the Association, comply with the Statute and maintain the reputation of the Association.

THE BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 11

The bodies of the Association are the Board and the Governing Board.

The Association may have Advisory Boards constituted by the Board.

The Association may have the Programs and teams which are not considered the bodies of the Association.

Article 12

The Board is the highest decision-making body composed of the members of the Association.

The Board regularly convenes once a year, preferably in the first semester. The meeting of the Board is convened by the Chairperson of the Governing Board by notification stating the place and time of the Board Meeting.

Board decisions are valid if more than half the members (50%+1) are present. The Board Meeting is chaired by a person who is elected at the beginning of the Meeting along with recorder.

Article 13

The Board:

1. adopts the Strategic and Financial Framework and annual Plan of Work for the following period
2. adopts the Statute, as well as all amendments and changes to the Statute with 2/3 majority vote of present members
3. adopts the Standing Orders and other general documents of the Association with 2/3 majority vote of present members
4. adopts the Annual Report and Financial Report of the Association
5. appoints and discharges the members of the Governing Board
6. appoints and discharges the legal representatives of the Association
7. establishes the Advisory Boards of the Association, appoints and discharges their members
8. decides on the association with other association in the country and abroad
9. decides to exclude from the membership in the Association
10. decides on status changes and termination of the Association with 2/3 majority vote of present members
11. decides on all other matters in accordance with the Statute;

Article 14

The Governing Board is executive body of the Association which is in charge of implementing the objectives of the Association.

The Governing Board has 3 members which are appointed and discharged by the Board.

The mandate of the members of the Governing Board lasts 2 years and they can be reelected to carry out the same function. The Governing Board chooses a chairperson and 2 deputy chairpersons from its members.

Article 15

The Governing Board chooses a representative of the Association – the person which represents the Association in legal trade and has the rights and obligations of a financial authority.

The method and procedure of appointing and discharging the representative of the Association, the Governing Board shall define in its own acts.

Article 16

The Governing Board:

1. manages the operations of the Association in between the two Board Meetings and adopts decisions in order to realize objectives of the Association
2. organizes regular operations of the Association
3. appoints a person to manage administrative and technical affairs and operation of the Association and carries out tasks concerning material financial operation of the Association
4. decides on the program structure of the Association
5. provides transparency of work of the Association
6. dispose of tangible and intangible property of the Association
7. decides on launching proceedings for the compensation of damages in cases from Article 25, paragraph 2 of the Act on Associations and, if need be, determines a special representative of the Association for those proceedings
8. decides on other issues in accordance with the Statute;

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Advisory Board is a body of the Association, established by the Board for definite or indefinite period of time, to advise other bodies of the Association.

Procedure of appointing and discharging of the members, along with the way of operation, shall be defined by the Standing Orders.

MAKING DECISIONS

Article 18

The Association makes decisions by a simple majority vote of present members except in cases where the way of making decision is differently regulated by this Statute, The Standing Orders and the Law.

TRANSPARENCY OF WORK

Article 19

The operations of the Association are open to the public.

The Governing Board takes care of regularly notifying the members and the public about the operations and activities of the Association, directly or via press releases, web presentations, publications or in any such other appropriate manner.

Article 20

The work of the Association shall specifically be regulated by the Standing Orders which shall be adopted by the Board.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Article 21

In order to achieve its objectives the Association establishes contacts and cooperates with other associations and relevant stakeholders in the country and abroad.

The Association can become a member of international associations which carry out objectives in the same or similar fields of work and a decision thereof is made by the Board.

MATERIAL FINANCIAL OPERATION

Article 22

The Association accumulates funds from membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations and gifts (in cash or in-kind), financial subsidies interests, rent or in any other legally allowed way.

Article 23

The Association acquires funds by providing educational services i.e. carries out commercial activities: 8560 – Auxiliary educational services.

The Association can commence to carry out this activity directly only after it has been entered into the Register of Commercial Entities.

Article 24

The Association can acquire funds also from participation fees for seminars and other forms of education and training from the field of its work, from providing services, counseling, as well as from other other similar kinds of commercial activities that the Association carries out.

Profit acquired by carrying out commercial and other activities can exclusively be used to achieve the objectives of the Association, including the costs of the Association's everyday activities and the Association's own participation in financing certain programs and projects.

WINDING UP THE OPERATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 25

The Association shall cease its operations by a decision of the Board, when the conditions to achieve the objectives of the Association no longer exist, as well as other cases regulated by the law.

In the case of winding up the operation of the Association, the property of the Association will be transferred to the Museum of Science and Technics.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 26

The provisions of the Act on Association shall directly be applied to all issues which are not regulated by this Statute.

Article 27

The Statute shall come into force on the day following its adoption.

Chairperson of the Board

Marko Stojanović