

In accordance with the provisions of Article 11 and 12 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 51/09) on Founding Assembly held on August 01st 2012 in Kragujevac was adopted:

**STATUTE
of the
ASSOCIATION „AARHUS CENTRE“**

Field of achieving the goals

Article 1

Association „AARHUS CENTRE“ (hereinafter referred to as: Association) is non-governmental and non-profit association, established for indetermenated period due to the realization of aims in the field of: the Implementation of the Aarhus Convention, Environmental Protection, Sustainable development and the Development of Democracy.

Aims of the Association

Article 2

The Association is established for the fulfillment of following objectives:

- Support to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention in Serbia;
- Protection and improvement of the situation of the environment;
- Support in achievement of sustainable development and its promotion;
- Support to correct and sustainable implementation of the strategy, laws and regulations in the field of environmental protection, sustainable development, and information;
- Advocacy and lobbying for the implementation of principles of sustainable development and Aarhus Convention in all segments of life and all sectors of the society;
- Establishment and development of the international cooperation in the field of the environmental protection, sustainable development and the development of democracy;
- Establishment of inter - sectorial communication and cooperation due to the achievement of sustainable development and successful environmental protection;
- Conservation of natural resources for the future generation.

Article 3

For the purpose of fulfilment of its objectives the Association shall in particular:

1. Develops, recommends and implements various projects that contribute to achieving the objectives of the Association
2. Collect and process the scientific, specialized and promotional literature in the field of sustainable development, environmental protection, informing and the democracy

3. Organize, alone or in cooperation with other organizations and institutions, meetings, conferences, counseling, seminars, conferences, actions, camps and other forms of activities in the areas of the Aarhus Convention, sustainable development, environmental protection and democracy;
4. Publish books and other publications on sustainable development, environmental protection, Aarhus Convention and democracy in accordance with law
5. Participate in conferences, counseling, meetings, seminars, camps and other forms of education in the fields of sustainable development, environmental protection, the Aarhus Convention and democracy;
6. Develop cooperation with various organizations, institutions and enterprises in the country and abroad that are dealing with similar issues

The title and the head-office

Article 4

The title of the Association in Serbian language is „ARHUS CENTAR“.

The title of the Association in English language is „AARHUS CENTRE“.

Abbreviation is: „AC KG“

The head-office of the association is in Kragujevac, 68/2-2 Tanaska Rajica str.

The association conducts its activities in the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Terms and method of membership and termination of membership

Article 5

A member of the association can be any person accepting the objectives and the Statute of the Association submitting an application for membership to the legal representative.

A minor who has attained the age of 14 can join the association by enclosing a certified statement on approval by his legal representative.

For a person under the age of 14, as referred to paragraph 1. of this article, the application shall be submitted by his legal representative

Article 6

The decision on membership is made by the Assembly and shall immediately notify the applicant.

A member can resign his/her membership by submitting the written statement on resignation. For the withdrawal of a minor member consent of the legal representative is not necessary.

Membership in Association may cease due to a longer inactivity of a member, non – compliance with the provisions of the Statute or violation to the reputation of the Association.

The decision on termination of membership is made by the Assembly based on justified proposal made by the legal representative of the Association.

A member must have an opportunity to declare on reasons why the proposal for a decision on the termination of his/her membership in the Association is submitted.

Rights obligations and responsibilities of membership

Article 7

A member has the right to:

1. Participate in accomplishment of objectives of the Association equally with other members;
2. Participate directly in decision making process in the Assembly, as well as through other bodies of the Association;
3. Elect and be elected in bodies of the Association;
4. Be timely and fully informed about the work and activities of the Association.

Obligations of a member are:

1. To contribute actively to accomplishment of the Association's objectives;
2. To participate, according to his/her interests, in the activities of the Association;
3. To pay the membership fee;
4. To execute other tasks entrusted to him/her by the legal representative or Assembly of the Association.

Internal organization

Article 8

Bodies of the Association are the Assembly and the legal representative of the Association.

Legal representative is elected by the Assembly. The Assembly also elect and the deputy representative of the Association.

Article 9

The Assembly of the Association is composed of all its members.

The Assembly regularly meets once a year. Extraordinary sessions of the Assembly can be convened on the basis of a justified proposal of the legal representative of the Association, as well as on the basis of initiative of one third of members at least. The initiative shall be submitted in written to the legal representative of the Association in which should be stated issues proposed to be considered.

Assembly session shall be convened by the Legal representative of the Association, by written notice of the time and place of the meeting and its agenda. The session is chaired by a person who is, by public vote, elected at the beginning of the session.

The Assembly shall:

1. Adopt the plan and programme of work;
2. Adopt the Statute, as well as amendments and changes of the Statute
3. Adopt other general acts of the Association
4. Elect and relieve from duty legal representative of the Association;
5. Reconsider and adopt the financial plan and report;
6. Decides on the status changes and closure of Association;
7. Decides on accession in alliances and networks national or international.

Decisions of the Assembly are valid if at least one half of members are present at the session. The Assembly decides by majority of votes of the present members. Two-thirds majority of the present members is needed for the decision on amendments and changes of the Statute.

Article 10

Legal representative represents and acts on behalf of the Association in legal transactions and has the rights and duties of the ordering party in financial matters.

Legal representative has a mandate of two years, with possibility of re-election.

The Deputy Representative is authorized to represent the Association and sign all financial and other pecuniary related documents on behalf of the Association in the absence of legal representative.

Article 11

Legal Representative shall:

1. Manage the work of the Association between the two sessions of the Assembly and make decisions aimed at implementation of objectives of the Association;
2. Organize regular execution of activities of the Association;
3. Entrust special tasks to certain members;
4. Make financial decisions;
5. Decide on instituting of procedures pursuant to which changes and amendments of the Statute are adopted, upon own initiative or based on the proposal of at least three members of the Association and prepare the proposals for changes and amendments which it shall submit to the Assembly for adoption;
6. Decide on initiating the procedure for damage compensation in cases under Article 25. Paragraph 2. of the law on Associations and, if necessary nominate special representative of the Association for the procedure;
7. Decide on other issues for which are not, by law or by the Statute, authorized other bodies of the Association.

Public relation of work

Article 12

The work of the Association is open for public.

Legal Representative shall take care that all members and general public are informed regularly about the work and activities of the Association, directly or through internal publications, i.e. by means of press releases or other appropriate method.

Annual balance and reports on activities of the Association shall be submitted at the session of the Assembly of the Association.

Article 13

Aiming at accomplishment of the set objectives, the Association shall establish contacts and co-operate with other associations and organizations in the country and abroad.

The Association can join international associations for the environmental protection

and the Assembly shall decide about it.

The manner of acquiring funds for the realization of objectives and available funds

Article 14

The Association obtains funds by means of collected membership fees, donations and gifts, financial subventions and other methods prescribed by Law.

The Association may obtain funds from registration fees for seminars and other forms of education in the field of environmental protection, as well as from the sale of recyclable materials collected during the implementation of actions for environmental clean-up or products created within the workshops.

Work termination of the Association

Article 15

The Association shall terminate its work based on the decision of the Assembly, when conditions for implementation of objectives of the Association cease to exist as well as in other cases prescribed by Law.

Procedure with the assets of the Association in the case of termination of the Association

Article 16

In case of termination of work, the property of the Association shall be transferred onto other domestic non-profit legal entity established to achieve the same or similar objectives, i.e. the Assembly shall, by the decision of work termination, define to whom the property shall be transferred in accordance with the Law.

The appearance and content of the seal

Article 17

The Association shall have its round seal with the text reading: "Arhus centar", placed at the edge of the seal on upper side where the title of Association is written, in Serbian language, "Aarhus Centre", placed at the edge of the seal on lower side where the title of Association is written, in English language. In the central part of the seal abbreviated title of the Association "AC KG", also in the Serbian language.

Article 18

All issues that are not regulated by the Statute shall be subject to the provisions of the Law on Associations.

Article 19

The present Statute enters into force on the date of its adoption by the Constituent Assembly of the Association.

Chairperson
of the Founding Assembly

Natasa Matovic