

Emmaus Europe regional assembly

Extraordinary assembly of the 24th of October

Presentation of statutory and regulatory amendments

These proposed changes are being put forward to address the nine requirements listed below.

Additions are underlined and deletions are crossed out in the "amended article/rule" column below.

The previous versions of the statutes and the versions put to the vote are available online on the members' area of the emmaus-europe.org website.

The **articles** refer to the statutes and the **rules** to the internal regulations.

1. Inclusion of the fight against gender discrimination in the list of forms of discrimination to which Emmaus Europe is committed.

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Article 3 - Aim	The aim of Emmaus Europe, directly and/or through the intermediary of the National Organisations where they exist, is to: 1. Reinforce and safeguard the identity of Emmaus in Europe, in order to fight against all forms of exclusion and of social, racial, political, economic, religious, philosophical, ethnic and other forms of discrimination, and to fight for the recognition and effective enjoyment of the rights of the poorest people, in Europe and everywhere in the world;	The aim of Emmaus Europe, directly and/or through the intermediary of the National Organisations where they exist, is to: 1. Reinforce and safeguard the identity of Emmaus in Europe, in order to fight against all forms of exclusion and of social, racial, political, economic, religious, philosophical, ethnic, <u>gender</u> and other forms of discrimination, and to fight for the recognition and effective enjoyment of the rights of the poorest people, in Europe and everywhere in the world;

2. Bring the Europe region's statutes into line with the EI statutes for aspects that have changed over the years.

a/ Add the possibility of holding online votes and online assemblies

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Article 16 - Place	It can be held in any place in Europe.	It can be held in any place in Europe, <u>as decided by the regional council.</u> <u>If exceptional circumstances justify it, the regional assembly</u>

		<u>may be held remotely or by post, and all voting will be electronic or postal.</u>
Article 18 – Postal consultation	Inexistent	<u>If exceptional circumstances justify it, the regional council may consult the regional assembly by post or electronic communications. This consultation may cover all the points provided for in Articles 26 and 27 of these Statutes.</u>
Article 23 - Quorum	In order to make valid decisions, the regional assembly must consist of at least half the member organisations, either present or duly represented. If this quorum is not reached at the ordinary regional assembly, another regional assembly is convened within six months and may take decisions in the absence of a quorum.	In order to make valid decisions, the regional assembly must consist of at least half the member organisations, either present or duly represented. If this quorum is not reached at the ordinary regional assembly, another regional assembly is convened within six months and may take decisions in the absence of a quorum. <u>In the event of a regional assembly held remotely or by post, the quorum is calculated based on the number of Member Organisations that have cast valid votes when each vote closes</u>
Article 38 - Meetings	The meetings of the regional council may be held at any location the regional executive chooses. All meetings are convened in writing, at least two months in advance, unless there is an emergency or there are exceptional circumstances. The notification to attend must contain the agenda. A consultation may take place by correspondence on the initiative of the regional executive. A decision is considered to be adopted if it is approved in writing by the majority of responses received within the set time limit. The regional council meets physically at least twice a year, in addition to any meetings by correspondence.	The meetings of the regional council may be held at any location the regional executive chooses. All meetings are convened in writing, at least <u>one month</u> in advance, unless there is an emergency or there are exceptional circumstances. The notification to attend must contain the agenda. <u>If exceptional circumstances justify it, the regional council may be consulted by post or by electronic communication on the executive’s initiative. A decision is considered to have been taken if approved in writing or electronic communication by the majority of the responses received within the voting deadline.</u> <u>An e-document is equivalent to a paper document, provided that the person who issued it can be</u>

		<u>duly identified and that it is signed, sent and kept in conditions that are conducive to ensuring its integrity.</u> <u>The regional council meets in-person at least twice a year, apart from any postal or online meetings.</u>
Article 60 – Communication methods	Inexistent	<u>When applying the statutes and internal regulations, e-documents are regarded as the equivalent of paper documents, provided that the person who issued it can be duly identified and that it is signed, sent and kept in conditions that are conducive to ensuring its integrity.</u>

b/ Integrate the use of a simple majority for GA and RCEE votes, as is done at the international level.

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Article 25- Voting system	<p>The proposals submitted to the ordinary regional assembly are adopted by absolute majority of member organisations present or duly represented. In the event of a tied vote, the proposal in question is deemed to be rejected.</p> <p>Voting takes place by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by at least 10 percent of the member organisations present or duly represented.</p> <p>Postal voting is not authorised.</p>	<p>The proposals submitted to the ordinary regional assembly are adopted by <u>simple majority</u> of member organisations present or duly represented. In the event of a tied vote, the proposal in question is deemed to be rejected.</p> <p>Voting takes place by show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested by at least 10 percent of the member organisations present or duly represented.</p> <p><u>The election of incumbent and replacement CEIs and the presidential election take place by secret ballot.</u></p> <p>Postal voting is not authorised, <u>apart from in exceptional circumstances justifying a remote consultation of the regional assembly as provided for in Article 18 of these Statutes.</u></p>

Article 40 – Voting method and minutes	Each member has the right to only one vote. However, if a national delegate is at the same time a Councillor of Emmaus International, s/he shall have two votes. Decisions are taken by absolute majority of the members present. The EE president has the casting vote in the event of a tie. Minutes of the meeting shall be drafted by the secretary.	Each member has the right to only one vote. Decisions are taken by absolute a <u>simple majority</u> of the members present. The EE president has the casting vote in the event of a tie. Minutes of the meeting shall be drafted by the secretary
Article 43 – Meeting, decisions and minutes	The regional executive meets as often as necessary and at least four times a year. It makes its decisions by absolute majority of the members present. It cannot take a decision unless the majority of its members are present. The minutes of the regional executive are sent to each member of the regional council in accordance with the procedure laid down in the internal rules.	The regional executive meets as often as necessary and at least four times a year. It makes its decisions by <u>a simple majority</u> of the members present. It cannot take a decision unless the majority of its members are present. The minutes of the regional executive are sent to each member of the regional council in accordance with the procedure laid down in the internal rules.
Regulation 9- Voting method	For all Ordinary and Extraordinary Regional Assembly votes, the majority in accordance with articles 24 and 26 of Emmaus Europe is the absolute majority of the member organisations in attendance or duly represented at the meeting for Ordinary Assemblies and in the 2/3 majority of the member organisations in attendance or duly represented at the meeting for Extraordinary Assemblies. This means that blank or spoiled ballot papers and abstentions will be regarded as “no” votes. Non-voters must also be included when calculating the majority.	For all Ordinary and Extraordinary Regional Assembly votes, the majority in accordance with articles 25 and 27 of Emmaus Europe is <u>a simple</u> majority of the member organisations in attendance or duly represented at the meeting for Ordinary Assemblies and <u>a</u> 2/3 majority of the member organisations in attendance or duly represented at the meeting for Extraordinary Assemblies

c/ Other changes to be in line with EI's statutes.

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Article 3 - Aim	Emmaus Europe is the Regional Organisation of Emmaus International for the European continent, as defined by article 55 of the Emmaus International Statutes. As such, its general aim	Emmaus Europe is the Regional Organisation of Emmaus International for the European continent, as defined by article <u>59</u> of the Emmaus International Statutes. As such, its general aim

	<p>is to implement Emmaus International's policies and decisions on the continent. The aim of Emmaus Europe, directly and/or through the intermediary of the National Organisations where they exist, is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinforce and safeguard the identity of Emmaus in Europe, in order to fight against all forms of exclusion and of social, racial, political, economic, religious, philosophical, ethnic and other forms of discrimination, and to fight for the recognition and effective enjoyment of the rights of the poorest people, in Europe and everywhere in the world; 2. Serve as a liaison and mutual-aid body between the Emmaus members in Europe, all the while respecting their respective personality and their individual autonomy; 3. Contribute and ensure that the activity of its members complies with the Emmaus International orientations, and especially its fundamental documents and the decisions of its General Assemblies. 	<p>is to implement Emmaus International's policies and decisions on the continent. <u>Its undertakings towards Emmaus International are comprehensively formalised in a contract signed with Emmaus International in accordance with Rule 97 of the Emmaus International Regulations.</u></p> <p>The aim of Emmaus Europe, directly and/or through the intermediary of the National Organisations where they exist, is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reinforce and safeguard the identity of Emmaus in Europe, in order to fight against all forms of exclusion and of social, racial, political, economic, religious, philosophical, ethnic, gender and other forms of discrimination, and to fight for the recognition and effective enjoyment of the rights of the poorest people, in Europe and everywhere in the world; 2. Serve as a liaison and mutual-aid body between the Emmaus members in Europe, all the while respecting their respective personality and their individual autonomy; 3. Contribute and ensure that the activity of its members complies with the Emmaus International orientations, and especially its fundamental documents and the decisions of its General Assemblies. 4. <u>Jointly with Emmaus International protect the Emmaus and Abbé Pierre names and the Emmaus International logo in the region.</u>
<p>Article 27 - Exclusive powers of the extraordinary regional assembly</p>	<p>Only the extraordinary regional assembly has the right:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To modify the statutes; 2. To dissolve Emmaus Europe. <p>Decisions concerning this article may only be taken by a majority of two-thirds of the member organisations present or duly represented.</p>	<p><u>If requested in writing by half of the Emmaus Europe member organisations, or on the Regional Council's initiative, the EE president must convene an extraordinary regional assembly within a maximum timeframe of three months.</u></p>

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Regulation 2 – Member organisations	<p>Each National Organisation, where such an organisation exists, shall ensure that each of its member organisations includes the following wording in its statutes in the article on its aims and objectives: “The organisation is a member of Emmaus International and operates within the framework of Emmaus International’s policy directions and requirements, as defined by the Emmaus International statutes, the Universal Manifesto and other Emmaus International key documents, and by the decisions taken by its General Assemblies.”</p>	<p>Each National Organisation, where such an organisation exists, shall ensure that each of its member organisations includes the following wording in its statutes in the article on its aims and objectives: “The organisation is a member of Emmaus International and operates within the framework of Emmaus International’s policy directions and requirements, as defined by the Emmaus International statutes, the Universal Manifesto and other Emmaus International key documents, and by the decisions taken by its General Assemblies.”</p> <p><u>The National Organisation will report on the application of Regulation 2 by each Member Organisation to Emmaus Europe and Emmaus International.</u></p> <p><u>The Board sets the deadline for bringing the statutes into line. The Board may grant a derogation from this principle if a substantiated request is received.</u></p>
Regulation 4 - Obligations	Inexistent	<p><u>Each member organisation’s annual financial and social results are together based on a standard template adopted by the EI Board</u></p>
Regulation 5 – Fee for groups on probation	Inexistent	<p><u>The fee for groups on probation is a quarter of the fee they would pay if they were full members. This partial fee is due the year following entry on probation, and becomes a full fee the year following full membership.</u></p>

3. Include the changes made to the EI statutes at the Piriápolis World Assembly: review of the Wise Persons’ Committee and regional assembly

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Article 15 - Frequency	An important gathering for all the member organisations of Emmaus Europe, the regional assembly takes place in principle every four years or at any other shorter interval decided by the regional council.	An important gathering for all the member organisations of Emmaus Europe, the regional assembly takes place in principle every four years, <u>the year after the World Assembly.</u> <u>Beforehand, a regional electoral assembly elects the incumbent Councillors of Emmaus International and the substitute Councillors of Emmaus International at the earliest six months before and at the latest on the eve of the World Assembly.</u> <u>Another regional assembly may be held at any time if so decided by the regional council.</u>
Article 30 - Term of office	The term of office of the members of the regional council is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set by the Statutes and Internal Rules for the Councillors of Emmaus International. At the time of approval of the present statutes, this term of office is four years, renewable once; • Four years, renewable once, for the national delegates. 	The term of office of the members of the regional council is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set by the Statutes and Internal Rules for the Councillors of Emmaus International. <u>At the time of approval of these Statutes, as a rule the term of office lasts four years, renewable once. They are elected at electoral regional assemblies and take up their positions at the World Assembly following their election. Their term of office beings at one EI World Assembly and runs to the next EI World Assembly.</u> • <u>For national delegates, between two to four years, and they can be re-elected once in line with Article 33 of these statutes.</u>

4. European adaptation of the changes made to the EI statutes at the Piriápolis World Assembly:

a/ Procedure for replacing CEIs during the term of office and clarification about terms of office

N°	Original article/rule	Amended article/rule
Article 32 – Councillors of Emmaus International (CEIs)	Inexistent	<u>In addition to the 12 incumbents elected CEIs, the regional assembly proposes to non-elected candidates with at least an absolute majority of the votes cast</u>

		<p><u>that they become replacements. Each of the region's member organisations is only allowed to submit one candidate for election.</u></p> <p><u>Only the incumbent CEIs are full members of the regional council. The replacement CEIs only receive the regional council's working documents.</u></p> <p><u>If the period of office of a CEI ends between two General World Assemblies for the reasons listed in Article 30, the regional council calls as a replacement, for the rest of the period of of-vice, the replacement candidate who received the most votes at the regional assembly.</u></p> <p><u>This replacement CEI will be called to serve in the order of election, provided that there are no more than four CEIs in total from the same country. If this is the case, the next replacement candidate will be called to replace the candidate who is unable to continue.</u></p> <p><u>The EE president will decide which replacement candidate to call if the votes are tied.</u></p> <p><u>If they are no replacement candidates, the regional council may, as a last resort, call on the groups to put forward new candidates who will be elected by the regional council.</u></p>
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b/Role and term of office of national delegates

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Article 29 - Members	<p>The regional council is made up of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The president of Emmaus Europe elected by the regional assembly. 2. The Councillors of Emmaus International, with a maximum of four Councillors per country. The number of these 	<p>The regional council is made up of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The president of Emmaus Europe elected by the regional assembly. 2. The <u>incumbent</u> Councillors of Emmaus International, with a maximum of four Councillors per country. The number of

	<p>Councillors is set by the Ordinary General Assembly. At the time of approval of the present statutes, this number is set at twelve;</p> <p>3. The national delegates, i.e. one per country</p>	<p>these Councillors is set by the Ordinary General Assembly. At the time of approval of the present statutes, this number is set at twelve, <u>including the EE president.</u></p> <p><u>3. National delegates,</u></p> <p><u>4. Country _____ representatives without voting rights if there are no national delegates.</u></p>
<p>Article 33 – National delegates</p>	<p>Inexistent</p>	<p><u>The national delegates facilitate contact, understanding and coordination of the Emmaus International movement, and their role is described in Article 56 of the Emmaus International Statutes.</u></p> <p><u>National delegates are elected by the member groups of the National Organisations or by a grouping of at least three groups from different countries that don't have National organisations, following a call for candidacies, in line with the procedure laid out in Article 58 of the Emmaus International Statutes. Emmaus Europe may choose a country representative in regional meetings as an observer if a country does not have a national delegate.</u></p> <p><u>The Europe Region NDs must sit on the board of their National Organisation, if applicable.</u></p> <p><u>It is forbidden to combine the roles of national delegate and CEI.</u></p>
<p>Regulation 9 (2019 version) – National Delegates</p>	<p>National delegates: Each nation with at least one group affiliated to Emmaus International must appoint a national delegate. The national delegate is elected with the agreement of the majority of the groups in the country in question. When there is just one affiliated group, the National Delegate is elected by the group. The National Delegate is a member of the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe (RCEE) and holds one vote. The role can be combined with that of CEI. In this scenario, anyone holding both</p>	<p><i>Rule deleted, replaced by article 33 (above) and rule 12 (below)</i></p>

	<p>roles has two votes on the Regional Council.</p> <p>If there is a national organisation (in countries in which there are more than three EI-affiliated groups), the national delegate should be elected by their national organisation and must be in regular contact with it in order to coordinate representation at the European level.</p> <p>For the record: Article 29 of Emmaus Europe's statutes states that the term of office for national delegates is four years, and national delegates can be re-elected once.</p>	
Regulation 12 – National Delegates	<p>Addition to article 31 of the statutes - National delegates are tasked with raising the awareness of their country's groups about the regional dimension of the Emmaus Movement and with reminding them that their membership of the Movement and Region involves obligations: taking part in the region's life and activities and paying their annual membership dues to Emmaus International and Emmaus Europe.</p>	<p><u>Addition to article 32 of the statutes: In accordance with EI's statutes, the national delegates are tasked with facilitating the decentralised coordination of the Movement and regularly communicating the political news from the country that they represent, the situation of the Emmaus group(s) in their country, and the decisions taken at the regional level, notably following regional councils. They convey the views of the groups and facilitate mutual understanding, in addition to the CEIs. They may identify people with the potential to get involved in the different governing bodies and in this way enable new people to be recruited to fill positions of responsibility. They also take part in the formation of groups on the life and workings of the Movement and make trial membership monitoring visits to groups in their country (working with a CEI).</u></p>

4. Clarification about the remit of the regional secretariat.

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Article 47 – Europe Region Secretariat	The secretariat of the Europe region has the following main tasks, under the authority of the regional executive:	The secretariat of the Europe region has the following main tasks, under the authority of the regional executive:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat for intra and extra-European solidarity initiatives; • Information and communication; • General administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat for intra and extra-European solidarity initiatives; • Information and communication; • General administration. • <u>Run the organisation</u> • <u>Coordinate awareness-raising and advocacy initiatives</u> • <u>Governance support</u>
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5. Establish the obligation for prospective CEIs to inform their national organisation about their candidacy and for prospective presidents to have a substantiated letter of support from their national organisation in order to forge stronger links between the national organisations and the international governing bodies. (Rules 11 and 18).

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Regulation 11 - CEI	Standing for election as a CEI: candidates must explain their reasons for standing for election and their aims and objectives by means of a cover letter, accompanied by a CV, and a document in which their home group confirms its support for their candidacy.	Standing for election as a CEI: candidates must explain their reasons for standing for election and their aims and objectives by means of a cover letter, accompanied by a CV, and a document in which their home group confirms its support for their candidacy. <u>CEIs are asked to inform their national organisation that they are standing for election as president before they submit their candidacy so as to facilitate links between the movement's national organisations and the international organisation. This letter must be included in the application package.</u> <u>Each Emmaus Europe member organisation is only allowed to submit one candidate for election.</u> <u>Number of CEIs: The number of incumbent EI CEIs is set by the Ordinary General Assembly. The number was set at 12 on the date that these Internal Regulations were approved.</u> <u>Election of CEIs: The regional assembly produces minutes detailing the election of the incumbent CEIs and the replacements. The minutes must state that only member organisations of Emmaus International took part in the voting. The number of voters and</u>

		<p><u>the results of the vote are also listed.</u></p> <p><u>CEI termination of duties: Apart from the grounds for CEI terminating their duties listed in Article 30 of Emmaus Europe's Statutes, a CEI's term of office is also terminated in the event of unexcused absence from two consecutive Board meetings, or if removed from office by Emmaus Europe; this removal from office may take place even if not included as an item on the agenda.</u></p>
Regulation 18 - Candidacy	The candidacy cover letter must be accompanied by a CV and work programme, and a document in which the candidate's national organisation and regional organisation state that they have no reservations about the candidate's honesty and integrity.	The candidacy cover letter must be accompanied by a CV and work programme, and a document in which the candidate's national organisation states that <u>it has no reservations about the candidate's honesty and integrity and details its support for the prospective president</u>

6. Create the post of vice-president to reduce and share out the president's workload (Articles 42 and 51).

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Article 42 - Members and term of office	<p>The regional executive is made up of a minimum of five members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president elected from among the members of the regional assembly. The president of Emmaus Europe automatically becomes the president of the regional council. • The secretary and treasurer elected from within the regional council. <p>Regional executive members have a four-year mandate, which can be renewed once.</p> <p>The Regional Executive of Emmaus Europe includes Councillors of Emmaus International (CEI) and National Delegates in order to coordinate better with the Emmaus Movement.</p>	<p>The regional executive is made up of a minimum of five members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The president elected from among the members of the regional assembly. The president of Emmaus Europe automatically becomes the president of the regional council. • <u>The vice-president</u> • The secretary and treasurer elected from within the regional council. <p>Regional executive members' <u>term of office runs from one electoral GA to the next, and they can be re-elected once.</u></p> <p>The Regional Executive of Emmaus Europe includes Councillors of Emmaus International (CEI) and National Delegates in order to coordinate</p>

		better with the Emmaus Movement.
Article 51 - Remit	Inexistent	The vice-president's role is to assist the president in carrying out their duties. The vice-president may act through the delegated authority of the president or with the president's oversight. S/he may be given temporary or permanent specific duties to be carried out as decided by the president. The vice-presidents may deputize for the president if the president is unable to take part in the RC.

7. Establish the obligation for the president to be a CEI (Articles 29 and 48).

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Article 48 - Responsibilities	<p>Within Europe, the president represents Emmaus Europe in legal matters, to third parties and before the courts.</p> <p>S/he carries out all the duties entrusted to him/her by the law and the statutes.</p> <p>S/he is responsible for implementing the decisions of the regional assembly, of the regional council and of the regional executive, and s/he signs letters on behalf of the association.</p>	<p>Within Europe, the president represents Emmaus Europe in legal matters, to third parties and before the courts.</p> <p>S/he carries out all the duties entrusted to him/her by the law and the statutes.</p> <p>S/he is responsible for implementing the decisions of the regional assembly, of the regional council and of the regional executive, and s/he signs letters on behalf of the association.</p> <p><u>The president must be a CEI to improve coordination with the movement.</u></p>

8. A few editorial changes that do not affect the content have been made throughout the text, and the numbering has been adapted to reflect the addition of new articles. Finally, the texts in French and Spanish have been written in inclusive script to reflect the values of inclusion and equality between women and men advocated within the movement.