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**EUROPEAN ALLIANCE  
FOR THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATION OF  
ENGINEERING COMPETENCIES**  
Non-Profit Association  
(abbreviated name: **ENGINET**)

**STATUTES**

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## **SECTION 1 GENERAL**

### **Article S1 – NAME AND FORM**

The Alliance is an European body (EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CERTIFICATION OF ENGINEERING COMPETENCIES), commonly called "ENGINET". It is a non-profit association of national orders of engineers, associations or other bodies officially representing engineers, and does not provide any financial benefits to its Members or Officers.

### **Article S2 – REGISTERED OFFICE**

Its registered office is established in Rome and is currently located at the CNI offices - via XX Settembre 5, Rome (Italy).

It can be transferred to any other location by decision of the Board, to be published in the web-site.

### **Article S3 – DURATION**

Its duration is unlimited. The dissolution of ENGINET can take place as a result of the decision of the qualified majority of the Board. – see S24

### **Article S4 – LANGUAGES**

The official language is English.

### **Article S5 – PURPOSES**

ENGINET is born from a group of Orders of Engineers and professional bodies in Europe, joined with the objective of creating together mutual recognition and a common network regarding the certification of competencies for engineers, with the aim of promoting and enhancing the value of engineers worldwide, without distinction of borders and to allow their free mobility in a shared and qualified job market.

## **Article S6– LIMITS OF SCOPE**

ENGINET does not interfere in its Members' local activities. It does not engage in political, religious or trade union activities.

Nothing in this agreement supersedes national or international legislation as applicable in the jurisdiction of the signatory or similar.

## **SECTION 2 MEMBERSHIP – ADMISSION – RESIGNATION**

### **Article S7– MEMBERS**

ENGINET is formed at first by its Founding Members. Subsequently ENGINET may admit Ordinary Members, Affiliated Members and Associates. Members endorse ENGINET's purposes mentioned in Article S5.

#### **S7.1 Founding Members**

The founding members are:

- AIPE and AQPE : Spain
- CNI (AGENZIA CERT'ing) : Italy
- ORDEM DOS ENGENHEIROS : Portugal
- SNIPF : France
- ENGINEERING COUNCIL : UK

The founding members have special rights to be defined by the By-laws. The members are the Orders of Engineers or the professional Bodies which delegate their representative.

Each country can be represented by one or more bodies but has got only one vote according to the article S11.

#### **S7.2 Ordinary Members**

Ordinary members are admitted as new members by the Board, according to S1, S5 and S8 and they will represent countries not already included in the founding Members

### **S7.3 Affiliated Members**

Affiliated Members are other Engineering Organizations. They will pay a membership fee to be determined by the Board. They have no voting rights and can be invited to the Board as Observers.

### **S7.4 Associates**

Associates are companies or associations, which are interested in supporting ENGINET's activities through sponsoring, etc.

Associates are not members of ENGINET.

## **Article S8– ADMISSION**

### **S8.1 Ordinary Members**

An applicant for Membership (Article S7.2) shall:

- Send an application for membership to the Board of ENGINET at the registered offices of ENGINET,
- Confirm in writing acceptance of these Statutes,
- Confirm in writing that it agrees to pay the annual subscriptions fixed by the Board.

Upon the Board's recommendation, the applicant may be admitted by following specific rules approved by the Board.

### **S8.2 Affiliated Members**

An applicant for affiliated membership (Article S7.3) shall :

- Send an application for Affiliated Membership to the Board of ENGINET at the registered offices of ENGINET,
- Confirm in writing acceptance of these Statutes,

Upon the Board's recommendation, the applicant may be admitted by following specific rules approved by the Board.

### **S8.3 Associates**

Associates are admitted by a decision of the Board of ENGINET upon an application submitted to the Board at the registered offices of ENGINET.

## **Article S9 – RESIGNATION - EXPULSION**

### **Resignation**

A Member of ENGINET may resign at any time, but in any case respecting a minimum notice period (to be fixed by the By-laws) within the end of the current calendar year. The Member will be considered to have resigned and left ENGINET as Member in the following calendar year.

### **Expulsion**

The Board can decide to expel a Member, upon a recommendation presented to it by one or more Board Members in the following significant circumstances :

- (i) when by its actions or behaviour is in serious breach of ENGINET's Statutes, or
- (ii) when repeatedly violates the Statutes of ENGINET, or
- (iii) when brings the reputation of ENGINET into disrepute, or
- (iv) when no longer has the qualifications required by Articles S5 and S7 of the Statutes but does not resign.

Concerning point (iii) the Board may however, in urgent cases, immediately suspend a Member until final decision. No Member shall be expelled until it has been invited to present its defence in writing to the Board and until a formal decision of the Board will be communicated by letter and signed by the Coordinator.

### **Consequences of resignation / expulsion**

If a Member resigns or is expelled it shall be required to pay all debts and the subscription for the current year.

Upon decision of the Board, the Treasurer may take all steps necessary including legal action, to collect all outstanding dues and fees from Members leaving or being expelled from ENGINET.

The Members who resign, who have been suspended or expelled, for any reason, lose their rights as Member. They cannot claim for any payback or economical loss and or loss of image.

## **SECTION 3 ORGANISATION**

### **Article S10 - STRUCTURE**

ENGINET is organised according to the following structure :

- the Board is composed by founding and ordinary members, represented by their delegates. The number of delegates will be defined by the By-laws.

The board is managed by:

- the Coordinator
- the Vice Coordinator
- the Secretary Treasurer

### **Article S11 – BOARD COMPOSITION, DURATION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND VOTING RIGHTS**

The Board is composed by the delegates representing the Founding and Ordinary Members.

A Coordinator, a Vice-Coordinator, and a Secretary-Treasurer of the Board are elected by the Board for a two-year term and may be reelected once to the same position.

Each country has got one vote



## **Article S12 – THE COORDINATOR**

The Coordinator is elected by the Board by simple majority voting for a two-year term and may be re-elected once.

He will be elected from the list of candidates presented by the Members of the Board and circulated among the Members of the Board at least three months before the election day.

The Coordinator is the representative of ENGINET.

## **Article S13 –BOARD MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

The Board meets at least once a year, called by the Coordinator. The Coordinator acts as Chairman of meetings of the Board. When the Coordinator is unable to attend a Board meeting his function shall be fulfilled by the Vice-Coordinator.

The Board is valid when the majority of the Members are present, or represented by a written conferred delegation to another Member.

Only one delegation per Member is permitted.

## **Article S14 – POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board implements ENGINET's policy and initiates new activities supporting ENGINET's policy.

## **Article S15 – CREATION OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

In order to deal with special issues of common interest, the Board may, from time to time, establish Committees and "ad hoc" Working Groups.

The Board will supervise and co-ordinate the activities of all Committees and Working Groups.

## **Article S16 – THE VICE-COORDINATOR**

The Vice-Coordinator serves as acting Coordinator if and as long as the Coordinator is unable to act.

The duration of the mandate of the Vice-Coordinator acting as Coordinator shall be decided by the Board.

He will be elected among the Members of the Board in the same election day of the Coordinator.

## **Article S17 – SECRETARY - TREASURER AND EXPENDITURES MANAGEMENT**

The Secretary Treasurer is appointed or dismissed on behalf of ENGINET by decision of the Board.

He will be elected among the Members of the Board in the same election day of the Coordinator.

The Secretary Treasurer manages the day-to-day business as Officer of the Organization in accordance with the decisions of the Board.

Only the Board can approve any expenditure in the name of the Alliance ENGINET.

The Secretary Treasurer is responsible for submission of ENGINET's financial forecast and budget for the incoming year, to be approved by the Board, during the second half of the financial year.

He shall manage the preparation of the balance sheet, the revised forecast for the current year and the budget proposal for the coming year, that shall be sent to the Members, in agreement with the Coordinator, at least one month before the Board Meeting for the approval.

## **SECTION 4 FINANCE**

### **Article S18 – RESOURCES**

ENGINET's resources derive from:

- Its members' subscriptions and contributions which will be defined into the By-laws
- Gifts, grants and subsidies if any,
- Revenues from its own authorised activity if any,
- The yield of its bank accounts,
- Any other contribution that may comply with the purpose and tasks of ENGINET.

### **Article S19 – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year is the calendar year.

## **SECTION 5 AMENDMENTS**

### **Article S20 – AMENDMENT OF THESE STATUTES**

These statutes may be amended only by the Board.

Any proposal to amend the Statutes must be addressed in writing to the registered office of ENGINET.

Such request shall be circulated by the Coordinator to all Members and the Coordinator will call for an extraordinary Board meeting. Any amendment requires a qualified majority consisting of two thirds of the voting members.

## **SECTION 6 ADDITIONAL INTERNAL RULES**

### **Article S21 – BY-LAWS**

**S21.1** The By-laws of ENGINET cover subjects not covered by the Statutes.  
The By-laws are formulated by the Board.

**S21.2** Any proposal to amend the By-laws must be addressed in writing to the registered office of ENGINET.  
Such request shall be circulated by the Coordinator to all Members and the Coordinator will call for an ordinary Board meeting. Any amendment requires a simple majority of the voting members.

### **Article S22 – GENERAL POLICIES**

ENGINET General Policies are prepared by the Board and subject to approval by simple majority. They have to be followed by all ENGINET Officers, Committees and Working Groups until amended or deleted by the Board.

## **SECTION 7 MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Article S23 – ARBITRATION**



In case of internal controversy, the dispute shall be brought before three wise arbiters. One arbiter shall be elected by each party and the two arbiters will elect a third independent arbiter. The decision of the arbiters is unappealable.

### **Article S24 – DISSOLUTION / LIQUIDATION**

This Alliance may be dissolved by the Board at a meeting held for that purpose. The decision must be supported by a qualified majority of two third of the voting members.

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**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>
FRANCE	SNIPF	J.F. MAGNANI	
SPAIN	AIPE AQPE	J.M. MARTINEZ F. GONZALEZ	
ITALY	CNI/Agenzia CERT'ing	G.A. NASTASI	
PORTUGAL	ORDEM DOS ENGENHEIROS	CARLOS MINEIRO AIRES FERNANDO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS	 
UK	ENGINEERING COUNCIL	D. CLARK	