

# E@I By-Laws

## SECTION I – Name, Background, Head Office and Members

### *Article 1 – Name*

- 1) The name of the Organisation is "E@I" .
- 2) The letter "E" indicates that the organisation is involved in Education. In a broader context this also includes Efficient communication, Esperanto, Evolution and Europe.  
The letter "I" indicates that the organisation deals with means of communication such as the Internet. In a broader context, this also includes the words: Intercultural, Information, Idea and Inspiration.  
The character "@" represents the synergistic effect of these two concepts, needed to achieve fast and easy international communication.

While it would be possible to freely expand the abbreviation to “Education@Internet”, because of the many meanings of the letters E and I, only the abbreviated form of the name “E@I” shall be used.

### *Article 2 – Background*

- 1) E@I acquired legal standing on the day it was registered with Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Slovak Republic, under Bill 116/1985 Collection of Conditions of Activities of Organisations with an International Element.
- 2) E@I was founded on the groundwork laid by the activities and experiences of an international working group that focused primarily on Internet-related projects. This organisation operated without legal standing under this same name since 1999.

### *Article 3 – Head Office*

- 1) The head office of the Organisation is at the address: Víťazná 840/67A, 958 04 Partizánske, Slovakia.
- 2) E@I operates worldwide by use of the Internet.

### *Article 4 – Members*

- 1) Persons between the ages of 15 and 35 (inclusively) who agree with the By-Laws may become regular Members.
- 2) Persons under the age of 15 or over the age of 35 may become Supporters. Supporters do not have voting rights.
- 3) Every Member shall have access to a functional e-mail address.

## SECTION II – Objectives

### *Article 5 – General*

- 1) The Organisation is a politically independent international nongovernmental youth organisation.

### *Article 6 – Vision, Goals and Means*

- 1) The vision of E@I is a world of peace and harmony where all citizens may communicate worldwide

with ease and speed.

2) Goals of [E@I](#) are

- a) To promote the growth of cross-cultural learning and international collaboration and communication.
- b) To support the learning and use of both Internet methods and languages.
- c) To help promote the ideas embodied by the United Nations Charter and its Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

3) Means / Methods of [E@I](#) are

- 1) To initiate and support projects relating to international youth collaboration.
- 2) To organise educational and cultural events related to its goals.
- 3) To raise awareness on the importance and usefulness of barrier-free international communication.

### **SECTION III – Composition of the Organisation**

#### *Article 7 – Composition*

The Organisation consists of:

- a) Members,
- b) a Board of Directors,
- c) an Electoral Committee, and
- d) a Financial Committee.

#### *Article 8 – Members*

- 1) The Members consist of all regular Members (as defined by Article 4) of the Organisation, i.e. those aged between 15 and 35.
- 2) The body of Members exercise the highest decisive authority of the Organisation.

#### *Article 9 – Members' Rights*

Members have the right to:

- a) Follow and discuss the Organisation's activity
- b) Suggest projects to undertake
- c) Collaborate on [E@I](#) projects
- d) Suggest future activities of the Organisation
- e) Call for a vote
- f) Cast a vote when an election or decision is proclaimed among the Members

Members should:

- a) Respect the by-laws
- b) Remain informed about the organization's activities

#### *Article 10 – Members' Meetings*

- 1) Because the Organisation is Internet-based, it does not have a mandatory physical annual meeting for decision-making.

2) All discussions and decisions may take place on the Internet.

#### *Article 11 – Members' Voting*

1) A vote may be called by three (3) Members or by one (1) Director.

2) The ballot time shall be a minimum of seven (7) days.

#### *Article 12 – Becoming a Member*

1) One becomes a Member of E@I by:

a) Completing an application whose contents will be sent to E@I, or

b) Sending an e-mail to the Organisation E@I.

2) In the application or e-mail message mentioned in paragraph 1, the applicant shall briefly present himself or herself and must include his or her name(s) and surname(s) (or his or her full name), year of birth and country of citizenship.

3) Membership becomes valid on the day the new member receives a message confirming his or her e-mail address.

#### *Article 13 – Membership Cancellation*

One's membership may be annulled:

a) By sending an e-mail to the Organisation or by completing an online form. The resigning Member shall include a brief explanation of the reasons for his or her decision, if possible.

b) By dismissal, if the member violates the by-laws of E@I in a significant way.

2) Upon reaching 36 years of age, one's membership does not end, but the Member becomes a Supporter.

#### *Article 14 – Board of Directors*

The Board of Directors leads and supervises the Organisation.

#### *Article 15 – Composition of the Board of Directors*

The Board of Directors consists of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of nine (9) members of equal status. The Board of Directors has a Coordinator, a Secretary, a Treasurer, as well as other roles if need be.

#### *Article 16 – Duties of the Board of Directors*

The duties of the Board of Directors are to:

a) Supervise the finances of the Organisation

b) Inform the Members on its actions and activities

c) Implement decisions made by the Members

d) Ensure that the organisation is developing well

e) Make progress on the Organisation's goals

### *Article 17 – Election of the Board of Directors*

- 1) A new Board of Directors is elected every two years.
- 2) The Electoral Committee proposes a number of Directors to the Members, who shall then agree or disagree with this decision at the beginning of the process of electing a new Board of Directors.
- 3) Directors are elected by simple majority of Members via electronic (online) vote.

### *Article 18 – Board of Directors Meetings*

The Board of Directors shall regularly convene on the Internet at a rate that feels appropriate, at a minimum of 4 times per year

### *Article 19 – Decisions of the Board of Directors*

If a matter is not covered by these By-Laws, then decisions by the Board of Directors shall be made by simple majority.

### *Article 20 – Resignation of a Director*

A Director who resigns shall inform the Members in writing.

### *Article 21 – Dismissal of a Director*

- 1) A member of the Board of Directors may be dismissed by simple majority of Members if he or she:
  - a) Does not fulfil his or her duties in a satisfactory manner, and/or
  - b) Acts against these By-Laws or against the interests of the Organisation.
- 2) Proposals for dismissal of a Director are to be sent to the Members by at least two (2) Directors or five (5) Members.

### *Article 22 – Electoral Committee*

- 1) The Electoral Committee consists of three (3) Members.
- 2) The Electoral Committee has the task of nominating new Directors prior to regular elections (held every two years) and, when necessary, irregular elections. It shall present its nominations to the Members at least fourteen (14) days before voting on new Directors takes place.
- 3) Members of the Electoral Committee are elected immediately after a regular election of new Directors, and they remain members of the committee until the next election of Directors.
- 4) The Electoral Committee verifies and ensures that only Members with voting rights may vote when a decision occurs among Members. After tallying, the Electoral Committee present the results of the vote to the Board of Directors and the Members.

### *Article 23 – Financial Committee*

The Financial Committee consists of three (3) Members who are not part of the Board of Directors. Their duty is to supervise the Organisation's financial activity.

### *Article 24 – Duties of the Financial Committee*

The primary duties of the Financial Committee are to:

- a) Read and verify all financial documents of the Organisation.

- b) Work together with the Treasurer of the Organisation to make financial information available to the Members and/or Board of Directors within two (2) weeks, if requested by a Member or Director.
- c) Prepare a yearly report on the financial state of the Organisation, which Members shall approve or reject by simple majority

## **SECTION IV – Finances**

### *Article 25 – General*

- 1) The activities of the Organisation are fuelled by donations and support from private members, companies or foundations.
- 2) Income from economic activities must be non-profit and may only be used to further the Objectives of the organisation.

### *Article 26 – Financial Responsibility*

The responsibility for finances is held by the entire Board of Directors.

## **SECTION V – Amendments to the By-Laws**

### *Article 27 – General*

- 1) Amendments to these By-Laws may be made by Board of Directors.

## **SECTION VI – Disbandment**

### *Article 28 – General*

The Organisation may only be disbanded by decision of three quarters (3/4) of Members.

### *Article 29 – Property*

In the case of disbandment of the Organisation by merging with another civil society or unregistered organisation, all property of the Organisation shall be transferred to this association.

## **SECTION VII – Miscellaneous Provisions**

### *Article 30*

- 1) On the day that E@I became established as a legally independent Organisation, the members of the organizing committee automatically became members of the Board of Directors. The term of this Board of Directors is one year.
- 2) "Simple majority" means the majority of those who voted.
- 3) "In writing" means by email.