

RULES OF INTERNAL ORDER

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1 General Provisions

1.1 The party

1.1.1 The European Free Alliance is a Political Party at European Level (PPEL) with European Personality under the REG (EU, Euratom) 1141/2014.

1.1.2 The European Free Alliance, with acronym “EFA” is constituted as a “non-profit organisation” [in Dutch “Vereniging Zonder Winstoogmerk” or its acronym “VZW”; in French “Association sans but lucratif” or its acronym “ASBL”) under the Belgian law.

1.1.3 The EFA as PPEL, is formed by political parties, political organisations and individual members.

1.1.4 To pursue its aims and objectives as stated in the Articles of Association, the EFA promotes and supports all forms of cooperation among its members.

1.2 The Rules of Internal Order

1.2.1 The Rules of Internal Order (RIO) regulate the application of the Articles of Association (AoA) and the matters that these explicitly delegate.

1.2.2 All the matters which are not regulated by the AoA nor RIO are subject to applicable law.

1.2.3 In case of controversy with AoA provisions, the latter shall apply without prejudice to the Belgian and European law.

2 Membership

2.1 The Observer Members

2.1.1 The bilateral agreement on co-operation shall bind the EFA and the applicant party based in a country that has started the accession procedure to the EU.

2.1.2 The country must be an official candidate to the EU at the moment the party or organisation of that country applies for membership.

2.1.3 The agreement shall include the obligation, for the applicant, to comply with the EFA's Articles of Association and Rules of Internal Order.

2.1.4 The agreement must include the obligation for the applicant party to act in accordance to the EFA principles and European and international standards in terms of human, social and civic rights.

2.1.5 The applicant includes in the agreement an explicit commitment to pursue its political objectives peacefully and democratically.

2.1.6 The bilateral agreement on co-operation between an applicant party and the EFA must be drafted and accepted by the EFA Bureau before the convening of the General Assembly that is requested to vote on the membership.

2.2 The Associated Members

2.2.1 Europe as intended in §2 of the Art. 8 of the AoA is formed by the states and territories listed in the Annex II.

2.2.2 The Bureau drafts the content and approves the Annex II.

2.2.3 The Annex II is subject to amendments by the General Assembly.

2.2.4 The agreement shall include the obligation, for the applicant, to comply with the EFA's Articles of Association and Rules of Internal Order.

2.2.5 The agreement must include the obligation for the applicant party to act in accordance to the EFA principles and international standards in terms of human, social and civic rights.

2.2.6 The applicant includes an explicit commitment to pursue its political objectives peacefully and democratically.

2.2.7 The bilateral agreement on co-operation between an applicant party and the EFA must be drafted and accepted by the Bureau before the convening of the General Assembly that is requested to vote on the Membership.

2.2.8 In the first meeting after thirty months from the signature of a co-operation agreement, the Bureau evaluates the agreement.

2.2.9 The Bureau appoints from one to three members to draft a report and to advise the Bureau whether to renew, amend, suspend or end the agreement.

2.2.10 The Bureau advises the General Assembly on the renewal, suspension or termination of the agreement.

2.2.11 The General Assembly votes on the advice of the Bureau and doesn't need to justify its decision.

2.3 The Honorary members

2.3.1 The honorary Members may be accepted by the General Assembly after a proposal of the Bureau.

2.3.2 The decision shall be taken with simple majority.

2.3.3 Honorary Members are chosen among former Members of the European Parliament, former members of the Bureau, or other relevant people in the history of the EFA.

2.3.4 In the case mentioned by 2.3.1, the proposal of the Bureau shall be made after having consulted the member party concerned.

2.3.5 Honorary members can only be accepted if they are no longer elected or working for the EFA as staff.

2.4 Individual Members

2.4.1 The individual Members may be accepted by the General Assembly after a proposal of the Bureau.

2.4.2 The decision shall be taken with simple majority.

2.4.3 Only elected members belonging to parties and organisations non-member of the EFA can become Individual Members.

2.4.4 The individual membership ends automatically with the elected mandate. The General Assembly ratifies the end of the membership in the first meeting after the end of the mandate of the Individual Member.

2.5 Rights and duties of members

2.5.1 The Members of the EFA have the right:

2.5.1.1 to attend the General Assembly;

2.5.1.2 to be regularly informed about the political activities of the other members;

2.5.1.3 to receive support for their activities;

2.5.1.4 to use the name and the image of the EFA;

2.5.1.5 to receive political solidarity.

2.5.2 The Members of the EFA have the following duties:

2.5.2.1 to maintain regular contacts and good relations with the other members;

2.5.2.2 to comply with all their financial obligation to the EFA;

2.5.2.3 to forward all their publications to the EFA office;

2.5.2.4 to respect and comply with the provisions of the AoA and the RIO.

2.5.3 Only full members have the right to vote in the GA.

2.6 Application for membership

2.6.1 A nation/region may be represented by only one political party. However, another politically active party from the same geographical area may become a member with the consent of the member of the PPEL.

2.6.2 Any political party or political organisation wishing to join the EFA must submit a written application.

2.6.3 The application shall contain:

2.6.3.1 a letter of motivation addressed to the President in which is explicitly mentioned the commitment to respect, follow and agree the values on which the EU is founded, included but not limited to the content of Article 3 of the TEU and the AoA and political manifesto of the EFA;

2.6.3.2 the political program of the applicant;

2.6.3.3 the statute of the party or organisation;

2.6.3.4 the description of the internal organisation and decision-making process if not present in the statute;

2.6.3.5 a list of elected representatives, if any;

2.6.3.6 a copy of the results of the most recent elections in which the party or organisation has taken part;

2.6.3.7 a sample of some recent publications, if any.

2.6.4 The documents submitted with the application will be made available to the members of the EFA Bureau and General Assembly.

2.6.5 The office of the EFA collects the necessary documents and information concerning the application and transmits the application dossier to the Bureau.

2.6.6 The Bureau gives a preliminary advice on the application before submitting it to the General Assembly for the vote.

2.6.7 The General Assembly adopts a decision concerning membership with a simple majority vote.

2.6.8 The decision of the General Assembly on membership has immediate effect.

2.6.9 Every member of the EFA can propose to the Bureau to invite non-members to the General Assembly meetings. The Bureau adopts the proposal by simple majority.

2.6.10 After one year of Observer membership the member can request to become Full member.

2.6.11 The request must be notified to the Bureau in time to be included in the agenda of the General Assembly, following the provisions of the AoA.

2.6.12 The General Assembly votes on the Full membership.

2.6.13 The General Assembly voting on membership automatically amends the Annex II of the AoA.

2.7 Resignation, Suspension, Expulsion

2.7.1 Every member can resign at any time.

2.7.2 The Bureau discusses all the suspension and exclusion proposals.

2.7.3 The Bureau gives to the General Assembly a non-binding opinion on every suspension or expulsion proposal in the form of a recommendation.

2.7.4 The Bureau informs the concerned member following the adoption of its recommendation to the General Assembly in the shortest delay.

2.7.5 At the General Assembly, where the decision on the suspension or expulsion is to be taken, the concerned member has the right to state and defend its case with only one speaker.

2.7.6 Following that intervention, the General Assembly votes on the proposal to suspend or expel the member.

2.7.7 The decision has immediate effect.

2.7.8 The General Assembly, taking note of any resignation or voting on resignation or expulsion automatically amends the Annex II of the AoA.

2.8 Friends of the EFA

2.8.1 The Friends of the EFA are not considered as members of the Association.

2.8.2 Natural and legal persons that support the EFA's aims and objectives, the EFA's political program and which accept the articles of association and the Rules of Internal Order may apply to become Friends of the EFA.

2.8.3 The Bureau decides on the acceptance of the applications of the "Friends of the EFA".

2.8.4 The decision of the Bureau shall be taken by simple majority.

2.8.5 The Bureau may decide upon the establishment of a contribution system for the Friends of the EFA.

2.8.6 The friends of the EFA can be suspended or expelled following a debate and decision taken by the Bureau by a simple majority.

3 The EFA and International organisations

3.1 European Partners

3.1.1 The EFA and its European partners are mutually committed to a strong cooperation and they are jointly responsible for regular consultation and coordination to ensure that the EFA presence is enhanced.

3.1.2 The European Free Alliance has as its specific responsibility the coordination and consultation on all matters concerning the EFA Members.

3.2 The EFA in the European Parliament

3.2.1 The elected Members of the European Parliament from the EFA member parties will in principle sit in the EFA Group or sub-group in the European Parliament.

3.2.2 This should be communicated by simple notification to the Bureau and the General Assembly.

3.2.3 The EFA and the EFA group or sub-group in the EP shall maintain a close relationship, informing each other about the political activities and initiatives of the respective members.

3.2.4 Without prejudice to the other provisions of this article, the EFA shall act to coordinate and keep an open line of communication with all the EFA Members of the European Parliament regardless the Group of which they are members of.

3.3 International organisations

3.3.1 The Members of international organisations and conferences elected or appointed by the EFA members shall submit an annual report of their activities to the General Assembly.

3.3.2 In case of elected representatives of the EFA members forming Groups or sub-Groups in assemblies other than the European Parliament, there should be a mutual cooperation with the EFA.

3.4 Exchange of information

3.4.1 The Bureau, assisted by the EFA office is responsible for the exchange of information between the elected members in international organisations and in the European Parliament and the EFA members and bodies.

3.5 European elections

3.5.1 Two years prior to European Parliament elections a process to update the EFA's European Electoral Program should start.

3.5.2 The General Assembly will be invited to adopt the electoral program one year before the elections.

3.5.3 The EFA participates in the Elections of the European Parliament and in the election of any other EU body directly or through its members.

4 Bodies of the EFA

4.1 The General Assembly

4.1.1 The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year.

4.1.2 The General Assembly can request opinions to the Bureau, to the Honorary members and to the EFA staff about any subject, in all the cases prescribed by the AoA or RIO and in any other circumstances.

4.1.3 The members are notified about the convening of the General Assembly at least 60 days before the day of the meeting.

4.1.4 The final agenda including the motions and declarations shall be sent to all members at least 8 days before the meeting.

4.2 The Bureau

4.2.1 The Bureau shall meet at least once a year.

4.2.2 The annual meeting can't coincide with the meeting of the General Assembly.

4.2.3 Elected members of the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions can take part in the Bureau without the right to vote.

4.2.4 The Bureau can decide to allow the outgoing President of the EFA to attend the Bureau meetings for one year.

4.2.5 The outgoing President attending the Bureau meetings has the right to speak but not the right to vote.

4.2.6 The Bureau members are elected with secret ballot.

4.2.7 In preparation for the General Assembly, the Bureau shall prepare a list of all the nominations and shall submit a recommendation to the General Assembly in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the PPEL and to guarantee a balanced geographical representation.

4.3 The Staff Committee

4.3.1 The staff committee is composed by 3 people.

4.3.2 It should be composed by people of different gender.

4.3.3 At least one of its members should not be a member of the EFA Bureau.

4.3.4 The Staff committee is renewed every three years.

4.3.5 The Bureau collects the candidacies for the staff committee among the members of the EFA.

4.3.6 The General Assembly elects the members of the staff committee among the candidates presented with a simple majority vote and secret ballot.

4.3.7 The staff committee elects a President among its members.

4.3.8 The staff committee informs and advises the Bureau and the organisation on staff issues.

4.3.9 In case of a conflict on staff issues, the staff committee mediates between the parts to reach a solution.

4.3.10 The staff committee is convened at least once a year by its President.

4.3.11 Any member of the staff can request a meeting of the staff committee by written request to its President.

4.3.12 The President has the right to accept or dismiss any request of a meeting from the staff after a consultation with all the members of the staff committee and the director of the PPEL.

4.3.13 In case of a conflict between the employees of the EFA and those of the EFAY and/or the CMC, the organisation involved has the right to appoint a representative in the EFA staff committee that will mediate in that case.

4.4 The Secretariat

4.4.1 The Secretariat is composed by all the members of the staff of the EFA.

4.4.2 The members of the staff are all the employees in any form employed by the EFA, including voluntary workers and interns.

4.4.3 All the members of the staff employed in any form by the EFA will be employed under the labour regulations of the country in which the EFA has its legal seat.

4.4.4 The Secretariat carries out the decisions taken by the Bureau and the General Assembly and under supervision of the Director.

4.4.5 The Secretariat keeps contact with the EFA members and supports them in all their needs.

4.4.6 The Secretariat keeps the EFA financial books and accounts updated.

4.4.7 The Secretariat prepares the Statutory meetings.

4.4.8 The termination of a contract of a member of staff can be done following an evaluation and an advice by the staff committee without prejudice to the applicable labour laws.

5 Finances

5.1 Contributions

5.1.1 The system of contributions is established in the Annex I.

5.1.2 The amendment of the Annex I is voted by the General Assembly.

5.1.3 Failing to fulfil the financial obligations to the the EFA results in an automatic suspension of the voting rights in the General Assembly.

5.1.4 In addition to what 5.1.3 prescribes, the EFA will not reimburse the travel and accommodation costs of the delegates of the parties in arrears.

5.2 Allowances

5.2.1 The EFA President, Bureau and employees are payable an allowance in case of their participation in missions, statutory meetings and similar activities abroad of their place of work or living.

5.2.2 The compensation is of 65€ per night spent abroad.

5.2.3 The compensation is received on top of the reimbursement for the expenses made on behalf and for the Association.

5.3 Reimbursements

5.3.1 The reimbursement of expenses of travel and accommodation costs can only be accorded upon presentation of the original receipts that justify the expense.

5.3.2 The requests of reimbursement must be submitted before the end of every financial year.

5.4 Co-organised projects

5.4.1 The EFA can co-organise projects with the EFA members or other organisations, called partners.

5.4.2 The EFA will not contribute more than 50% of the total budget of each co-organised project.

5.4.3 The co-organised projects are approved considering their relevance for the achievement of the EFA's aims and objectives.

5.4.4 Partners wishing to co-organise a project with the EFA shall send a request to the EFA offices at least one month before the starting date of the project.

The request must include:

5.4.4.1 a description of the project;

5.4.4.2 the objective[s] of the project;

5.4.4.3 the means and actions necessary to achieve the objectives;

5.4.4.4 the total budget of the project and the part the EFA pays and the part the partner[s] pay;

5.4.4.5 the name and role of other partners involved, if any;

5.4.4.6 The amount of project contribution the proposing partner will pay.

5.4.5 The Bureau shall decide the funding of co-organised projects having in mind a balanced and equal distribution of resources among all the members.

5.4.6 For every co-financed project an agreement between the partners is signed, containing their respective obligations and a description of the shared costs by the partners involved.

5.4.7 The payment[s] are done by the EFA only for the expenses agreed in the cooperation agreement and justified by the presentation of original invoices or receipts.

5.4.8 The original invoices and receipts must be sent to the EFA offices in the shortest delay possible.

5.4.9 Copies of all the invoices paid by the partner/s will also need to be handed over to the EFA.

5.4.10 Every co-organised project must comply with the Financial Regulations and other applicable legislation of the European Union and that of the member states where the project takes place.

5.4.11 Every co-organised project must include every form of publicity or advertising to the public, particularly with the mention that the project has been executed with the financial support of the European Parliament.

5.4.12 The mention contained in 5.4.11 shall appear as well in every other material connected to the project.

5.4.13 It should also be clearly indicated that the project engages exclusively its author[s] and that the European Parliament is not responsible for the content or the use of the information of the project.

5.5 Publications

5.5.1 Every material published, distributed or created by, for or on behalf of the EFA and any other publication, material or project and related material and communication funded directly or indirectly by the EFA must mention the EFA and include the provisions 5.4.11 and 5.4.13.

5.5.2 The mention of the EFA shall always contain its logo as described in Annex I of the AoA, the reference to the website and any other relevant information contained in Art. 1 and 2 of the AoA.

5.5.3 When possible, the items mentioned in 5.5.1 shall use the corporate fonts and colours of the EFA as described in the Annex I of the AoA.

5.6 Donations

5.6.1 The European Free Alliance may accept donations from natural or legal persons of up to a value of EUR 18 000 per year and per donor.

5.6.2 The EFA annually transmits to the competent authorities a list of all donors with their corresponding donations, indicating both the nature and the value of the individual donations.

5.6.3 For donations from natural persons the value of which exceeds EUR 1500 and is below or equal to EUR 3000, the donors need to express their written consent to the publication.

5.6.4 Donations received within six months prior to elections to the European Parliament will be reported on a weekly basis to the Authority under the prescription of the regulation 1141/2014.

5.6.5 Any single donation the value of which exceeds EUR 12000 will be immediately reported to the above-mentioned Authority according to the applicable law.

5.6.6 The following donations are not allowed:

5.6.6.1 anonymous donations or contributions;

5.6.6.2 donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament;

5.6.6.3 donations from any public authority from a Member State or a third country, or from any undertaking over which such a public authority may exercise, directly or indirectly, a dominant influence by virtue of its ownership of it, its financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it;

5.6.6.4 donations from any private entities based in a third country or from individuals from a third country who are not entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.

5.6.7 Any prohibited donation will, within 30 days following the date of its receipt:

5.6.7.1 be returned to the donor or to any person acting on the donor's behalf; or

5.6.7.2 where it is not possible to return it, be reported to the Authority and the European Parliament.

5.6.8 The ceiling laid down in the paragraph 5.6.1 shall not apply for elected members of the European Parliament, of a national parliament or of a regional parliament or regional assembly.

5.7 Privacy and Protection of Personal Data

5.7.1 The EFA processes personal data under the Directive 1995/46/EC as well as the Belgian Privacy Act of 8 December 1992.

5.7.2 Personal data is securely stored and not shared or disclosed to third parties without the consent of the subjects concerned, unless this is necessary for the compliance with a legal obligation.

5.7.3 Subjects may request at any time the rectification or the erasure of their personal data addressing such request to the EFA Secretariat, 1 Boomkwekerijstraat – 1000, Brussels, Belgium.

5.7.4 Personal data of donors is treated under these Rules of Internal Order, the Articles of Association or the Regulation 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations and may be subject of publication.

6 Motions and declarations

6.1 Motions

6.1.1 Motions shall aim at broadening, updating and forming the EFA general policies.

6.1.2 The motions shall be presented, discussed and voted in the General Assembly.

- 6.1.3 All the members can submit motions.
- 6.1.4 The motions shall be sent to the Bureau at least 30 days prior to the General Assembly meeting.
- 6.1.5 The text of the motions shall be in English.
- 6.1.6 The EFA Bureau discusses the text of each motion.
- 6.1.7 The Bureau can suggest amendments to the text of the motion to the proponent.
- 6.1.8 The proponent must reply to the suggested amendments to the Bureau within 10 days after the reception of the suggestion[s].
- 6.1.9 The motions are included in the final agenda of the General Assembly and the text of the motions and its amendments attached.
- 6.1.10 The speaker of each motion has three minutes to explain the motion in the General Assembly.
- 6.1.11 Any member of the General Assembly can propose amendments in writing within the deadline set by the EFA secretariat and in the General Assembly has ninety seconds to defend the proposed amendment[s].
- 6.1.12 The General Assembly votes with simple majority first on the amendment[s], if any, and then on the text of the resulting motion.
- 6.1.13 Motions approved shall be considered when drafting the EFA political manifesto.

6.2 Urgency motions

- 6.2.1 Urgency motions aim at responding to urgent political situations.
- 6.2.2 For a motion to be qualified as urgent it should comply with the following criteria:
- 6.2.2.1 it could not have been foreseen at the deadline set to submit motions.
 - 6.2.2.2 it requires to be of a non-contentious nature which can permit overwhelming acceptance.
- 6.2.3 Until 24 hours prior to the General Assembly urgency motions can be submitted, stating the urgency reasons.
- 6.2.4 The Bureau decides whether the urgency motions qualifies for discussion in the General Assembly.
- 6.2.5 The urgency motions are presented at the beginning of the General Assembly, prior to the first point of the Agenda.

6.2.6 The discussion of the urgency motions is held after the discussion of the other motions or after the end of agenda points.

6.2.7 Amendments to urgency motions must be notified to the Presidium of the General Assembly at least 3 hours before the discussion of the urgency motions.

6.2.8 The presidium decides on the acceptance and discussion of the amendments.

6.2.9 The General Assembly adopts urgency motions with simple majority.

6.3 Structure of motions, urgency motions and amendments

6.3.1 Motions and urgency motions should follow a standard structure:

6.3.1.1 the texts may have an explanatory note and should have an introduction and a conclusion.

6.3.1.2 amendments or discussions on an explanatory note are not accepted.

6.3.2 The total length of the motions and urgency motions is 1000 and 550 words respectively; including the explanatory note, introduction and conclusion.

6.3.3 Motions, urgency motions and amendments shall be introduced using a standard template.

6.3.4 The template is made available to all the members at any request and shall be accessible at any time.

6.4 Declarations

6.4.1 The declarations are intended to bring a particular political issue to the attention of the EFA and encourage the member parties to take action.

6.4.2 The declarations shall be presented, discussed and voted in the General Assembly.

6.4.3 All the members can submit declarations.

6.4.4 The declarations shall be sent to the Bureau at least 30 days prior to the General Assembly meeting.

6.4.5 The text of the declarations shall be in English.

6.4.6 The EFA Bureau discusses the text of each declaration.

6.4.7 The Bureau can suggest amendments to the text of the declaration to the proponent.

6.4.8 The proponent must reply to the suggested amendments to the Bureau within 10 days after the reception of the suggestion[s].

6.4.9 If the amendments are accepted the motion is presented for a vote to the General Assembly.

6.4.10 The title of the declaration is included in the final agenda of the General Assembly and its text and the related amendments, if any, attached.

6.4.11 The speaker of each declaration has three minutes to explain the declaration in the General Assembly.

6.4.12 Any member of the General Assembly can propose amendments in writing within the deadline set by the EFA secretariat and has in the General Assembly ninety seconds to defend the proposed amendment[s].

6.4.13 The General Assembly votes with simple majority first on the amendment[s], if any, and then on the resulting text of each declaration.

6.4.14 Declarations approved shall be considered when drafting the EFA political manifesto.

7 The EFA Youth

7.1 Relations between the EFA and the EFA Youth

7.1.1 The non-profit association “EFA Youth” (EFAy) constituted in Belgium and registered as non-profit organisation [ASBL/VZW] under Belgian law and having its seat at Boomkwekerijstraat 1,4 - 1000 Brussel, is the official youth branch of the EFA.

7.1.2 The cooperation between the EFA and its youth branch, the EFAy, is based on the following principles:

7.1.2.1 The EFA and the EFAy commit to mutual respect and cooperation;

7.1.2.2 The EFA shall defend the point of view of the EFAy in aiming to be financed by the European Parliament if the EC stops admin-grants;

7.1.2.3 The EFAy commits itself to increase its self-financing;

7.1.2.4 Regular EFA-EFAy work meetings between the Presidents or representatives of the two Associations are held.

7.1.3 The EFAy representatives are invited to the EFA Bureau meetings.

7.1.4 The EFAy representatives have the right to speak and to vote on issues related to the EFAy.

7.1.5 The EFA Bureau and General Assembly’s agendas shall always include a point on the EFAy.

7.1.6 The EFAy has the right to receive the minutes of the statutory meetings of the EFA.

7.1.7 The EFAy has the right to receive all the information about every the EFA activity.

7.2 Financial Support

7.2.1 The EFA can agree with the EFAy a form of financial support.

7.2.2 The agreement for financial support shall at all points be compatible with the EU and Belgian law and comply with the rules of the European Parliament.

8 Centre Maurits Coppieters

8.1 Relations between the EFA and the CMC

8.1.1 The CMC is the only and official European Political Foundation linked to the EFA.

8.1.2 The the EFA and the CMC Foundation are bound by the European Regulations.

8.1.3 The two organisations have different responsibilities, whereas the CMC is responsible for the promotion and construction of a European-wide political debate and awareness, whereas the EFA for the promotion of policies that reflect its aims and objectives.

8.1.4 The EFA recognises the independent character of CMC.

8.1.5 The two organisations should work closely together to make sure that programmes are mutually supported and functions are assumed by the most appropriate and effective partner.

9 Amendments

9.1.1 The Rules of Internal Order may be amended by the General Assembly.

9.1.2 Proposed amendments must be sent to the Bureau, which shall forward them, with its opinion, to the General Assembly for the vote.

The General Assembly adopts the amendments with simple majority