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ARTICLE 1 Name and purpose

Under the name

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shooting associations from European countries have joined forces to cultivate their traditions in the spirit of European cultural diversity and to serve European unification.

Cooperation is based on the general principles laid down in the statutes of the European community of historic guilds (EGS), which specified in these regulations.

The EGS brings together historical, traditional costume-wearing and Christian traditional shooting associations and societies and thus comparable formations.

The "Knights of St. Sebastianus in Europe" are active in the EGS as a Christian community with its own order constitution. The EGS is the founder and sponsor of this Knighthood/community, which has its roots in the Catholic Church.

The EGS is to be officially registered in all European countries in which it is represented, subject to the filing of Articles of Association and regulations

The registered office of the EGS is Eindhoven (Netherlands).

The postal address is the address of the respective General Secretary.

ARTICLE Nature and task

1. As a contribution to the creation of a united Europe, the EGS aims to preserve and support the traditions, customs and traditions of the affiliated societies, while respecting their independence and specific character. It aims to promote European brotherhood in a Christian spirit, so that a lasting friendship can develop between nations.

The tasks of the EGS lie in the preservation of culture and homeland, in the promotion of the Christian spirit in Europe and in international understanding.

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2. The statutory purposes are realized in particular through the cultivation of traditional customs and traditions, the dissemination of a lively historical awareness, the preservation of European shooting traditions in their diversity by passing them on to younger generations and the instruction of young people in history, customs and Christian, socially influenced ideas.

This is achieved through the preparation and implementation of a wide range of joint activities, regular meetings of the affiliated associations, participation in international shooting meetings, the organization of European cultural encounters (e.g. as part of European shooters' meetings) and competitions with a sporting and cultural background, the promotion of scientific projects and social projects.

The shooters are supported by the guiding principle of European brotherhood. The fundamental principle is the realization that fraternal cooperation promotes European unification and unity and ensures peaceful coexistence in Europe.

The European community of historic guilds (EGS) thus contributes to a great friendship that unites peoples in Europe and makes its contribution to the creation of a united Christian Europe.

3. Through its activities in the international field of international understanding, the EGS helps to strengthen the reputation of the participating countries.
4. The EGS pursues exclusively and directly non-profit, charitable and religious purposes within the meaning of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code (AO).

The EGS is a non-profit organization and does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes

EGS funds may only be used for statutory purposes. Members do not receive any benefits from EGS funds.

No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the EGS or from disproportionately high remuneration.

5. The EGS shall act itself, but may use the services of third parties to fulfill its tasks. use auxiliary persons.

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ARTICLE Membership

1. Ordinary members (active members)

are umbrella organizations and associations that are to the objectives and principles of the EGS and have been admitted to the EGS by resolution of the Plenary Assembly. The right to vote in the Plenary Assembly is dependent on the payment of the membership fee. Individual associations can only become members in exceptional cases if there is no umbrella organization for them to join. Individuals cannot be admitted.

2. Associate members

are societies which, without having to fulfill the conditions for full membership, support the EGS and enjoy guest rights by decision of the Plenary Assembly. In particular, these may be individual associations that wish to express their solidarity with the EGS and its objectives supporting membership or associations that are aiming for full membership in the medium term and would initially like to get to know the EGS better as associate members.

Associate members have a seat in the Plenary Assembly, but no voting rights. They pay the annual fee set by the Plenary Assembly. The right of hospitality granted by the Plenary Assembly may be limited in time and may be withdrawn at any time.

ARTICLE Fee

Members shall pay contributions to the EGS, the amount of which shall be determined by the Plenary Assembly. The contributions shall be paid by the end of March of each year. The financial year is the calendar year.

ARTICLE Admission to the EGS

The written request for admission to the EGS shall be addressed to the President or the General Secretary of the EGS.

The application for admission must be justified, contain all necessary information on the statutes, objectives and history of the society and prove that the applicant complies with the objectives of the EGS and recognizes its statutes and regulations as binding (written acknowledgement).

Admission is first discussed by the Executive Committee after consultation with the region. If the application is approved, the next plenary assembly makes the final decision.

Before the vote, those responsible for the society seeking admission have the opportunity to present their association to the plenary assembly in person.

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ARTICLE 6 Termination of membership

Membership of the EGS ends with resignation or exclusion.

1. Withdrawal

Every society is free to withdraw from the EGS. The written declaration of resignation must be sent to the General Secretary and/or the President via the responsible persons in the region. The resignation is at the next Plenary Assembly and thus becomes effective. The membership fee set by the Plenary Assembly must be in full by the end of the year in which the society withdraws.

2. Expulsion

A member society of the EGS may be excluded by the Plenary Assembly at the request of the Executive Committee if the society or its members have committed gross violations of the interests of the EGS, its objectives and principles or the statutes and regulations. The region be heard before the decision of the Plenary Assembly.

A gross violation is deemed to have occurred, among other things, if the member association is in arrears with its membership fee and has not paid within the set period of one month despite a reminder.

In particular, a change in the objectives of the member society is also considered a gross violation if it conflicts with the objectives of the EGS and its principles.

An appeal may be lodged against an expulsion and a request may be made for this to be reviewed by an EGS arbitration tribunal. The decision of the arbitration tribunal is binding and cannot be legally challenged.

3. General information

Regardless of the reason why a member association leaves the EGS - resignation or exclusion - a claim to any assets of the EGS or to a dispute is excluded.

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ARTICLE 7 Structure of the EGS

1. the bodies

- the Plenary Assembly
- the Presidium

2. The other committees / institutions

- The Grand Master
- the Honorary Council
- the Knights of St. Sebastian in Europe
- the arbitration tribunal

ARTICLE 7.1

The Plenary Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the EGS. All elected or delegated representatives (delegates) of the member associations are represented here.

- a. Voting rights in the plenary assembly are based on the number of member associations. This means that each association sends one representative (delegate) to the plenary assembly for every 50 member associations or part thereof.
- b. The plenary meeting must be convened in writing at least twice a year. The place of the meeting and the agenda must be announced. The President is obliged to convene a further plenary meeting if this is requested by at least two regions, stating the reasons. In this case, too, the prescribed notice periods apply. The same applies if at least 50% - 1 of the delegates entitled to vote at the plenary assembly request this.
- c. All delegates to the plenary assembly receive a written invitation to the meeting. If unable to attend, each delegate may delegate their voting rights to a member of the plenary assembly from their own region by means of a written declaration. The delegation is limited to a maximum of three votes per member of the plenary assembly.
- d. The President of the EGS chairs the Plenary Assembly. If he is unable to do so, he is represented by a Vice president appointed by him
- e. The plenary assembly is responsible for these matters:
 1. election of the Presidium (if not delegated)
 2. approval of the minutes of the plenary meeting
 3. passing resolutions on the statutes, regulations (articles of association) and rules of procedure of the EGS
 4. determination of the membership fee
 5. passing resolutions on the budget
 6. election of the auditors
 7. resolution on the annual accounts of the EGS
 8. discharge of the statutory board (executive presidium) and the entire presidium

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9. establishment of EGS commissions and election of commission chairpersons (on the (at the suggestion of the Presidium)
 10. appointment of the members of the Court of Arbitration
 11. passing resolutions on decorations and awards and honours of the EGS and establishing guidelines for the awarding of the same.
 12. admission of new members
 13. amendment of the Order's Constitution and Rule of the "Knights of the Holy Sebastianus in Europe" (at the request of the General Chapter)
 14. resolution on the dissolution of the Knighthood.
 15. resolution on the exclusion of a member association
 16. resolution on the dissolution of the EGS
- f. Unless otherwise specified, resolutions are passed by simple majority. The Plenary Assembly may decide on all items on the agenda drawn up by the General Secretary in consultation with the President, regardless of the number of delegates present. Only the representatives (delegates) of the bodies that have paid the membership fee have the right to vote. However, resolutions on amendments to the statutes, the regulations or the rules of procedure of the EGS, the membership fee, the budget or admission or exclusion of members can only be passed with a 2/3 majority of those present. A resolution to dissolve the EGS can only be passed if at least half of all those entitled to vote are present and a two-thirds majority is . If less than half of the members entitled to vote are present, a new plenary meeting must be convened within two months (at the earliest, however, after one month), which then constitutes a quorum with the required 2/3 majority regardless of the number of members present and entitled to vote.
- g. All matters relating to the EGS that not dealt with by another EGS body are dealt with by the Executive Presidium (statutory board) of the EGS.
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ARTICLE 7.2

The Presidium consists of the Executive Presidium and the Extended Presidium. It represents the EGS internally and externally. The Executive Committee meets at least twice a year.

- a. The Executive Committee forms the statutory Executive Board. Its members are
 1. the President of the EGS
 2. the Vice presidents
 3. the General Secretary
 4. the Treasurer (Penningmeester)

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- b. The extended Executive Committee also includes the following members:
 - 1. the respective regional chairman as a representative of his region. Region 1 (Germany north of the Main) receives an additional seat on the Executive Committee due to its membership strength.
 - 2. the Spiritual Advisory Board, which is appointed in accordance with church rules but requires appointment by the plenary assembly.
 - 3. the Legal Advisor
 - 4. the Social Officer
 - 5. the master of ceremonies
- c. The task of the Executive Committee is to implement the resolutions of the Plenary Assembly and to represent the EGS in and out of court. It receives the results of the meetings of the specialist committees, draws up proposals for the plenary assembly and prepares its meeting. The Presidium participates in the organization and preparation of the "European Festivals of the EGS" through representatives. The members of the Presidium have a seat and vote in the Plenary Assembly. The other tasks of the Presidium are governed by the EGS Rules of Procedure, unless already specified in the Articles of Association.

ARTICLE 7.2.a.1

The President is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of six years. Re-election is permitted.

The President chairs the meetings of the Plenary Assembly and the Executive Committee. He oversees the work of these bodies. He maintains close contact with the other members of the Executive Committee, keeps himself informed about their work and sets the dates of the meetings of the EGS committees.

ARTICLE 7.2.a.2

Vice presidents are elected for a period of six years on the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The Vice presidents assume the duties of the President in his absence or if he is unable to attend.

ARTICLE 7.2.a.3

The General Secretary is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of six years. He is responsible for managing the day-to-day business of the EGS. He is the recipient of mail and it to the relevant persons and committees as necessary. He is responsible for handling and dealing with any correspondence that arises. He is to be invited to the meetings of the EGS committees and prepares the minutes, which are countersigned by the President. The General Secretary is responsible, in agreement with the President, for preparing the working and plenary meetings and for sending out the invitations at least 4 weeks in advance (date of postmark).

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ARTICLE 7.2.a.4

The Treasurer (Penningmeester) is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a term of six years. He manages the finances of the EGS as a prudent businessman. Every year, he must submit the audited annual accounts and a budget proposal for the following year to the plenary assembly. He must provide the auditors with a complete insight into the business documents required for the audit and provide comprehensive information.

ARTICLE 8 Elections

1. Unless otherwise specified, the members of the Executive Committee are elected for a term of six years. The members of the Executive Committee from the regions are delegated by the regions (not elected by the plenary assembly), but require confirmation by the plenary assembly.
2. Elections to the Executive Committee should be held at different times so that the entire Executive Committee does not have to be re-elected at the same time. Details are set out in the rules of procedure. The staggered election period is intended to ensure continuity in the work of the Executive Board.
3. The following applies to voting and elections: Abstentions are not counted when determining the majority. In the event of a tie, a motion is deemed to have been rejected. At the request of more than half of the members present, voting must be by secret ballot. If several candidates are standing for election, must always be by secret ballot. If several candidates receive the same proportion of votes, a run-off vote must be held between the candidates with the highest proportions of votes. In the event of another tie, the lot drawn by the President (chairman of the meeting) shall decide.

ARTICLE 9 Division of the EGS into regions

1. The areas of activity of the EGS are determined by the regions, which are headed by a regional chairman.
2. Five regions have been defined:
 - Region 1: Central-North Europe
(Germany, north of the river Main)
 - Region 2: Europe-Center-South
(Germany, south of the Main / Austria / Switzerland / Lichtenstein)
 - Region 3: Europe-North-West
(Finland / Sweden / Norway / Great Britain / Denmark / Netherlands)
 - Region 4: Europe-South-West
(Belgium / Luxembourg / France / Spain / Portugal / Italy / Greece / San Marino)
 - Region 5: Europe-East
(Poland / Hungary / Slovakia / Czech Republic / Croatia / Ukraine / Estonia / Latvia / Lithuania / Russia)

The allocation of further countries or national territories is determined by the rules of procedure.

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3. Assignment to a region is mandatory for all members of the EGS.
The member associations assign themselves to the region in which they feel historically, traditionally, culturally and/or geographically at home
4. The regions and their committees are bound by the instructions of the plenary assembly.
If a region is dissolved, the assets and all material assets must be transferred to the Regions of the EGS so that it can reinstall the region and transfer the assets to the committees of the newly formed region.
5. The regions shall draw up their own statutes and rules of procedure. These may not contradict the statutes and regulations of the EGS and must be approved by the Executive Committee. The statutes and regulations of the EGS are part of the regional statutes as framework statutes, which in particular take into account national particularities with regard to registration and tax liability.

ARTICLE 10 The Grand Master

The EGS feels closely connected to the House of Habsburg. The Community represents the European idea as it was shaped by Otto von Habsburg. For many years, Otto von Habsburg was

Grand Master of the EGS and Grand Master of the Knights of St. Sebastian for many years. In his succession, the House of Habsburg provides the Grand Master of the European community of historic guilds. As Patron, the Grand Master has a representative position and participates in the meetings of the Presidium and the Plenary Assembly as a formative advisor with a seat and a vote.

ARTICLE 11 Honorary Council of the EGS

On the proposal of the Presidium and at the suggestion of the President and the Regions of the EGS, the Plenary Assembly may appoint to the Honorary Council of the EGS persons who have rendered outstanding services to the EGS, who are committed to the objectives of the EGS and who are or have been outstandingly committed to their realization. Members of the Honorary Council cannot be members of the Presidium or the Plenary Assembly and in this function have no voting rights in the Plenary Assembly. They can represent their tasks in the areas of the churches, politics, science or have been personally committed to European understanding. The tasks of the Honorary Council are defined by the Rules of Procedure of the EGS.

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ARTICLE 12 The Knights of St. Sebastian in Europe

The "Knights of St. Sebastianus in Europe" see themselves as a Christian community within the EGS. The Knighthood I Community has its roots in the Catholic Church and is linked to the House of Habsburg. The House of Habsburg provides the Grand Master of the Order. The Executive Presidium of the EGS forms the government of the Order. The constitution of the Order is to be drawn up in accordance with the rules of the law of the Order. The Order is to be formed and managed like a religious order of knights. The Order shall adopt a Rule of the Order which reflects the spiritual and substantive orders and contributes to their realization. The members of the order are bound by these rules. Recognition by the Catholic Church as a European Knighthood committed to Christian values is to be sought.

ARTICLE 13 The Court of Arbitration

In order to resolve fundamental differences of opinion within the EGS involving member associations, committees and their members out of court, the EGS shall form an arbitration tribunal if necessary.

1. To this end, the Plenary Assembly elects a total of eight delegates from its ranks on the proposal of the Executive Committee, who are available to act as arbitrators in arbitration proceedings.
2. If a fundamental dispute is pending, the parties involved may appeal to the court of arbitration. Disputes are deemed to be fundamental in particular if they relate to the implementation of the provisions of the Articles of Association and the Regulations or expressly stated in the Articles of Association or the Regulations as being to be decided by the arbitration tribunal.
3. The dispute must be reported to the General Secretary. The General Secretary, in consultation with the President, shall carry out a preliminary examination to determine whether there is a case for arbitration. If there is a dispute, the files are submitted to the Chairman of the Arbitration Tribunal
4. The Court of Arbitration convenes for plenary meetings as required. It is chaired by the General Secretary or the Legal Advisor. At least three arbitrators from among the appointed arbitrators must be present for the arbitration tribunal to be able to meet. Decisions are made by majority vote after hearing the parties concerned. If the parties concerned do not appear in person, a written statement may be submitted as an alternative. If necessary, the arbitration tribunal can postpone the decision until the next meeting or reject the dispute as unfounded or insufficiently substantiated
5. The arbitration tribunal shall make a final decision. Ordinary courts may not be called upon.

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ARTICLE 14 Dissolution of the EGS

If the Plenary Assembly passes a legally binding resolution to dissolve the EGS, the statutory Executive Board shall be responsible for liquidation. Even if the tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the assets shall be transferred to a non-profit organization which must use them exclusively for non-profit purposes in accordance with these Articles of Association. Material objects such as flags, royal silver, chains of office, trophies or similar objects are to be transferred to a non-profit organization (preferably a museum) with the express task that these objects are to be archived and taken into safekeeping. Use for exhibition purposes is permitted. If the EGS is re-established or re-founded - possibly under a different name, but with the same objectives as the EGS - the property handed over for safekeeping may - after careful examination - be handed over to this successor association upon request.

ARTICLE 15 Financial year / Adoption / Miscellaneous additions

The financial year of the EGS shall be the calendar year.

The languages of the EGS Plenary Assembly shall be German, Dutch, French, English and Polish. At all plenary meetings, care must be taken to ensure that all presentations and statements on the matter are short, concise and linguistically clear due to the necessary translations.

The German version of these regulations is the authentic edition.

ARTICLE 16 Entry into force

These Regulations supplement the Statutes of the European community of historic guilds. The Articles of Association and the Regulations have the character of statutes. Should there be a contradiction between the provisions of the Statutes and the Regulations in individual cases, the provisions of the Statutes shall prevail.

Details not covered by these regulations shall be supplemented by the rules of procedure.

These regulations enter into force upon their adoption by the Plenary Assembly. They are binding for all EGS member associations.

These regulations were submitted to the member organizations for consultation and were finally discussed and approved at the plenary meeting on 30.04.2011.

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