



STATUTE OF THE EGS

ARTICLE 1 NAMES AND MEMBERS

1. The general name of the society is: **UNIO SOCIETATUM HISTORICARUM QUE EUROPAE**. However, in the Dutch-speaking areas it is called **Europese Gemeenschap van historische Schuttersgilden**, abbreviated to EGS. In German-speaking areas, the name of the society is the **European community of historic guilds**. In French-speaking areas, the name is **Communaute européenne des gildes**. In Polish-speaking areas **Europejska Wspólnota Historycznych Strzelców** and in the other areas **European community of historical guilds**.
2. The following may apply to become members of the Association, hereinafter referred to as the EGS, in accordance with the Statutes and/or Articles of Association of the EGS: Christian historical shooting guilds, shooting clubs, shooting fraternities and societies wearing uniforms or traditional costumes or similar organisations and/or societies in European countries. The Plenary Assembly of the EGS decides on admission on the proposal of the Presidium.
3. The Regions of the EGS, founded, incorporated and notarised in Eindhoven (Netherlands), shall, where necessary, be registered and incorporated in all regions in which it has members in accordance with the customs and laws of the countries concerned.

ARTICLE 2 IDENTITY, PURPOSE AND MEANS

1. The EGS is a community of autonomous shooting organisations with the same or similar purposes, which find their binding element in the brotherhood between the members.
2. The EGS is committed to the European idea and international understanding. It promotes the community of European nations (especially in the EU) within the framework of its specific activities for shooting customs and traditions and supports the European unification process in its Christian-influenced self-image.
3. The EGS sets itself the overarching goal of promoting the unity of historically characterised shooting associations with a democratic self-image and a commitment to the European idea. In doing so, it is essential that the independence of each association and each society is preserved and that the characteristic peculiarities and cultural specialities of each association and each country are maintained, despite all efforts towards commonality and community.
4. The EGS aims to preserve historical traditions and customs and promote their cultivation in order to develop international brotherhood and comradeship within and between the affiliated societies and thus lay the foundation for a friendship that unites peoples.
5. The EGS does not intervene in the specific affairs of its member associations

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ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Active members are interdisciplinary bodies and societies (associations) that pay the membership fee set by the Plenary Assembly. Independent individual societies can only become members if there is no EGS-affiliated body in their own country that they can join.
2. Regions of the EGS are divided into regions; the division is governed by separate regulations.
3. Members (bodies and/or societies) must be affiliated with one of the regions in which they feel historically and/or traditionally and/or geographically at home.
4. Natural persons cannot be admitted to the EGS.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIP FEE

- a. The membership fee is determined at the plenary meeting.
- b. In order to have the right to vote in the plenary meeting, the membership fee for the current year must be paid.

ARTICLE 5 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application for membership must be submitted in writing to the President or the General Secretary of the EGS.

1. The request for admission must be accompanied by a clear statement indicating whether the society can fulfil the objectives of the EGS.
2. The Executive Committee first discusses the admission. If the application is approved, the next plenary meeting makes the final decision.

ARTICLE 6 END OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership ends through resignation or exclusion.

A. EXIT

1. A member who wishes to resign must notify the Regional Secretary or Regional President of the region concerned in writing. The regional secretary or regional president will then announce this at the next plenary meeting.
2. The membership fee must be paid for the entire association year even if membership is terminated in the meantime.



B. EXCLUSION

A member may be excluded from membership at the proposal of the Executive Committee:

1. In the event of gross violation of the Articles of Association or violations of the objectives of the EGS.
2. If the annual membership fee has not been paid within the set deadline of one month after a written reminder has been sent.
3. In the event of a change in your own objectives that are no longer compatible with those of the EGS.

C. LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

1. An appeal may be lodged with the EGS Court of Arbitration against an exclusion decision.
2. A member who leaves or is expelled from the EGS for any reason whatsoever may not assert any claim to the EGS's monetary or material assets or invoke a civil judge.

ARTICLE 7 BODIES OF THE EGS

- I. The plenary assembly
- II. The Presidium
- III. The other committees (including the Council of Honour)

ARTICLE 7.I THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY

- a. The Plenary Assembly is the highest decision-making body of the EGS. All elected or delegated representatives of the members are represented here.
- b. The number of members with voting rights is set out in the regulations.
- c. Invitations to the plenary meeting may also be issued to guests (e.g. scientists, experts, representatives of friendly societies), who then participate in an advisory capacity (without voting rights).
- d. Only the representatives of the bodies that have duly paid the membership fee have the right to vote.
- e. are the responsibility of the plenary assembly:
 1. Election of the Executive Committee
 2. Approval of the minutes of the plenary meeting
 3. Resolution on the EGS statutes, regulations (articles of association) and rules of procedure
 4. Determination of the membership fee
 5. Resolution on the budget
 6. Appointment of the auditors



7. Discharge of the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the entire Presidium
 8. Deciding on decorations and awards and honours of the EGS as well as establishing guidelines for the awarding of the same.
 9. Admission of new members
 10. Resolution on the exclusion of a member
- f. Resolution on the dissolution of the EGS
1. Unless otherwise specified, resolutions in the plenary assembly are passed by a simple majority of votes. Regardless of the number of delegates present, the plenary assembly may decide on all items on the agenda drawn up by the General Secretary in consultation with the President.
 2. A majority of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote is required to pass a resolution on the amendment/revision of the articles of association, the regulations or the rules of procedure, on the membership fee, the budget or the admission or exclusion of members.
 3. A resolution on dissolution can only be passed if at least half of all voting delegates are present and a two-thirds majority is achieved. If less than half of the delegates entitled to vote are present, a new plenary assembly must be convened within two months (but no earlier than one month), which can then decide on the dissolution with a two-thirds majority regardless of the number of members.

ARTICLE 7.II THE PRESIDENCY

The Presidium consists of the Executive Presidium and the Extended Presidium. The members of the Executive Committee are

1. The President
2. The Vice presidents
3. The General Secretary
4. The Treasurer

The (extended) Executive Committee also includes the following members:

5. The chairpersons of the regions (delegated by the regions)
6. Other members, if provided for in the regulations.

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TASKS OF THE PRESIDIUM

- a. The Executive Committee is the governing body. Its most important task is to promote the prosperous co-operation between the bodies and to direct the business of the EGS.
- b. The Executive Committee meets at least twice a year. The date and venue are determined by the President in consultation with the General Secretary.
- c. The Executive Committee is obliged to convene a meeting within three months of receiving a request supported by three members of the Executive Committee.
- d. The Executive Committee monitors the activities of the EGS bodies and ensures compliance with the statutes and regulations.

ARTICLE 7.II.1 THE PRESIDENT

Duties and responsibilities:

- a. The President is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a period of six (6) years.
- b. The President chairs the meetings of the Presidium and the plenary assembly.
- c. If he is personally prevented from attending, he is authorised to transfer the chairmanship of the meeting to another member, either wholly or temporarily.
- d. The President bears special responsibility as Chairman of the EGS. In particular, he fulfils the representative tasks.
- e. Together with the General Secretary (in his absence with another member of the Executive Presidium), he represents the EGS with all rights and duties.
- f. The President is authorised to attend all meetings of the EGS Association.

ARTICLE 7.II.2 THE VICE PRESIDENT(S)

Duties and responsibilities:

- a. Vice president(s) are elected by the plenary assembly for a period of six (6) years.
- b. They support the President in his duties and are authorised to represent him in his absence.
- c. They have a seat on the Executive Committee of the EGS and participate in the Plenary Assembly with voting rights.

ARTICLE 7.II.3 THE CHAIRPERSONS IN THE REGIONS

- a. The Regions of the EGS are divided into different regions. Details are set out in the regulations. Each region elects its own chairman.
- b. The chairpersons of the Regions are members of the Presidium of the EGS by virtue of their office. They are members of the Executive Committee as long as they hold the position of Chairperson in their region.
- c. The chairpersons look after the associations I societies in their region and represent the region both internally and externally.

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ARTICLE 7.II.4 THE GENERAL SECRETARY

- a. The General Secretary is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a period of six (6) years. He is responsible for the general management and organisation of the business of the EGS.
- b. He has a seat on the Executive Committee of the EGS and participates in the Plenary Assembly with voting rights. He must ensure that all resolutions of the Plenary Assembly and the Executive Committee are implemented correctly.
- c. Together with the President, he represents the EGS internally and externally.
- d. It prepares the plenary meetings.
- e. He ensures that invitations to EGS meetings are sent out in good time.
- f. He shall ensure that a report/minutes are prepared and sent to the members within 4 weeks of a meeting.
- g. He is authorised to attend all meetings of the EGS Association

ARTICLE 7.II.5 THE TREASURER/TREASURER

- a. The Treasurer is elected by the Plenary Assembly for a period of six (6) years.
- b. He has a seat on the Executive Committee and participates in the Plenary Assembly with voting rights.
- c. Each year, it must draw up a budget and submit it to the plenary assembly.
- d. He submits his annual cash report to the plenary assembly. The cash report must be audited by two auditors elected by the plenary assembly. The Treasurer must make all information and documents available to the auditors. The auditors report to the plenary assembly. The plenary assembly then decides on the discharge of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE 8 SUBDIVISION OF THE EGS INTO REGIONS

The Regions of the EGS shall be divided into regions.

- a. The subdivision is governed by the regulations.
- b. Members must be affiliated with a region.
- c. The members join the region to which they belong according to the regulations. Care must be taken to ensure that historical, traditional and/or geographical characteristics are preserved.
- e. The regions adopt their own statutes, which may not contradict the statutes and regulations and must be submitted to the Executive Committee for confirmation.

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ARTICLE 9 BOARD OF HONOUR AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Persons who recognise the objectives of the EGS and who have made an active contribution to the realisation of these objectives in their own way and who have acquired special merits may be appointed to the Honorary Council on the proposal of the Presidium or from the Regions. These may be persons from the ecclesiastical, political or scientific fields or those who have rendered outstanding services to the societies and bodies through their personal commitment. In particular, long-standing members of the Executive Committee or the Plenary Assembly may be appointed to the Council of Honour after they have retired from their function.

Exceptionally deserving members of the Executive Committee may be specially honoured by the Plenary Assembly upon leaving office by adding the word "Honorary" to their previous function description, e.g. Honorary President, etc.

ARTICLE 10 ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL

- a. In the event of differences of opinion within the EGS, the Executive Committee is primarily obliged to endeavour to find an amicable solution.
- b. If these endeavours are unsuccessful, an arbitration tribunal will be formed by the Executive Committee from members of the Plenary Assembly. Details are set out in the regulations.

ARTICLE 11 DISSOLUTION OF THE EGS

Should the dissolution of the EGS be decided in accordance with the Articles of Association, the acting General Secretary must carry out the liquidation.

- a. The material assets of the EGS (such as banners, flags, royal silver, chains of office and other valuable items) are transferred to a museum for safekeeping by means of a notarised deed.
- b. The notarial deed must describe that:
 1. the EGS property may be exhibited by the museum;
 2. the property must be returned to the EGS in the event of re-establishment, even if the re-establishment may take place under a different name.
 3. Before the return takes place, it must be carefully examined whether the new society is established with the same objectives as the current EGS, with the same cancellation provisions.
 4. After deducting the costs of cancellation, the EGS funds are given to a European charitable foundation, which can then use them for charitable purposes.



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ARTICLE 12 ASSOCIATION YEAR AND FINAL PROVISIONS

The association year coincides with the calendar year.

- a. These Articles of Association provide the EGS with a legal framework. All details and further specifications are regulated in a set of regulations (a statute with supplementary rules of procedure), which is adopted by the plenary assembly. The regulations and rules of procedure of the EGS are binding implementing provisions for these framework statutes

ARTICLE 13 ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

These Articles of Association are binding for all members.

- a. These statutes were adopted by the plenary assembly on the tenth of April two thousand and ten (10 April 2010).

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