



UESpT STATUTE

Between the members who agree with the present statute an international body is set up, **Union Européene Sport pour Tous** (Acronym UESpT).

UESpT is the F.I.S.p.T Continental Union for Europe.

Art. 1 Seat

The legal seat and the operative seat are both in the city where the President actually lives.

The seat may be changed but the new seat is to be deliberated in the course of an Extraordinary General Assembly by a 2/3 majority of the members.

Art. 2 Language

The official languages of the UESpT are French and English. If contested or if any disagreements concerning the translations occur the authoritative text shall be in the French text.

The organisers of UESpT is to promote “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” and to establish a link between organizations and individuals interested in its purpose. The organisers of the UESpT meetings may add the language of the Country where the meeting takes place.

Art. 3 Purposes

UESpT is not politically dependant and excludes itself from all religious discussions. It is a non-profit making association pursuing public welfare objectives. Its duration is unlimited. It joins specifically to the principles disclosed in the European Convention on Human Rights and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

UESpT is open to all organizations and persons of all countries that want to take part in it.

It is completely non-political and respects all religions and is antiracist.

Art. 4 Mission

The association, non-profit, works on and outside the European Union territories in an homogeneous way, following the aims here mentioned:

- a) Promoting, according and with the collaboration of the Institutions of the European Union, initiatives aimed at the formation and the strengthening of the identity of the European citizens, valuing the different cultural identities which characterise the people of the Union;
- b) Favours the development of the education as well as the material, moral, intellectual and spiritual growth of the European citizens in order to promote different educational events and paths in accordance with the age. The access to the events is vouched for all the citizens and in particular for disabled people who could benefit of the educational programmes adapted to the skills of everyone assuring, at the same time, the wider participation at collective level;



- c) Favours the cooperation between schools, educational institutes, sports organizations in order to integrating the sports practice in the teaching, in a structured and sustainable way, guarantying the presence of sport as means to reach the objectives of the course of study;
- d) Promoting an education to the values of freedom, understanding, tolerance, loyalty, respect and solidarity in order to develop an attitude devoted to an educational behaviour, respecting the cultural identity of each one;
- e) Encouraging the education of an European awareness that is based on the principles of freedom and human dignity without any discrimination in terms of political, religious, economic or social beliefs;
- f) Promoting, for the interaction and teamwork, the values of solidarity, tolerance and mutual understanding in different situations related to the search of Himself, in Himself with the Environment, in Himself in relation to others, favouring the development of cooperative behaviour and the adoption of a lifestyle that is inspired by the best possible use of physical and spiritual energy, with the aim of a common growth and progress, in harmony and mutual exchange of concessions;
- g) Creating effective and long-term partnerships with different institutions like media, schools, voluntary associations, enterprises, public and local institutes, with the aim of spreading the educational action with sports disciplines, arts and professions;
- h) Favours the cooperation between educational institutes, sports organizations and public authorities, for the creation of educational paths replying to the needs of non-formal teaching, ensuring an exchange of practical improvements among the members of the participating Countries;
- i) Developing procedures and tools to facilitate the identification, the creation, the authorization and the quality of the operators of the sectors of the arts and trades, professions and sports disciplines in order to foster peer recognition between national organizations of the EU member states in order to ensure better circulation of people, goods and services in full compliance with the consumer. Organising training courses and in-service training for Sport for All leaders; to create the most favourable conditions so that they can accomplish their task, and to promote the “Leaders without frontiers” programme. Favours the professional development of the workers in the arts, professions and sports disciplines sectors in order to promote the activities destined to harmonizing the tasks that characterize it with the tasks requested by the European Union politics;

Art. 5 Objectives

The objectives of the UESpT is to promote “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” and to establish a link between organizations and individuals interested in its purpose.

The association aims to follow the above objectives by, among others, the activities listed below:

- a) Continuing education of the members in order to facilitate their integration into the labour
- b) The promotion, through the members, of cultural, social and sports events, the organization of conventions, seminars, meetings, social and study tour;
- c) The promotion of a deeper knowledge of the European Union activities, of its policy and if its financial program;



- d) Offering services about the conception, the activation, the evaluation of the intervention expected in the frame of the c-financed by the European Union, with the aim of favouring a more active participation by the European Professionals to the activities of the Union and to the many opportunities that it offers;
- e) The promotion in the European and National Institutions of the role of the Social Educator of Europe and of the Professionals specialised in the European social and economical field;
- f) UESpT assumes the role of representing the members at the European and National Institutions acting in full transparency, independence and impartiality.
- g) UESpT establishes for its own rules the procedures in which it could recognise the societies, the organizations and the associations working in the in their fields of arts, professions and sports disciplines.
- h) The association works with the institutions and the organizations of the European Union, the other international and supranational institutions, as well as with national institutions and governments, following the application of the fundamental economic freedom granted by the Bills, the abolition of technical and physical barriers, the physical, moral, intellectual and spiritual knowledge of its people.

UESpT intends particularly:

- a) Organising international “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” meetings by means of symposia, conferences, regional and international seminar and congresses, informative weeks, weeks of adventure and sport explorations, study trips, etc.
- b) Furthering “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” and supporting its development;
- c) Stimulating “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” sponsorship;
- d) Organising events, sports festivals, games, international “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” journeys and to promote sports tourism and culture in general;
- e) Furthering scientific research adapted to the “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” practice and to concentrate on management aspects;
- f) Participating in activities of regional and world organizations, which are able to rouse a growing interest of public opinion in “Sport for All”;
- g) Gathering, publishing and distributing documents of the federation’s social aim;
- h) Making increasing use of mass media in order to promote “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” activities;
- i) Stimulating the construction of more leisure sport facilities;
- j) Helping in launching international “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” campaigns;
- k) Favouring and developing the relationships with the CNO, the other International Organizations, the Governments, and the non governmental Organizations and with the Organizations that have the objective to promote sport and spread, at all levels in the world, the interests in sport and stipulating with them possible Memoranda of Understanding.
- l) Collecting, to ordering and spreading the information among the members and give own points of view and decisions to the other organizations.



Art. 6 Democratic principles and equality of possibilities

The organization and the working of the association inspires itself to the principles of democracy and participation with the aim of granting the same possibilities of participating to the member assembly, regardless of gender, race, social condition, political and religious beliefs and personal opinions.

Art. 7 Mediation

The association does not act as mediator between members and consumers; it does not interfere in the relationship between members and it does not limit the autonomy and their professional freedom.

Art. 8 Ethical Code

The members must respect the ethical code established in the Jitakyoei International Educational Standard Rules.

The association supervises the members to respect the above-mentioned ethical code and can pass, in an extreme case, appropriate sanctions in the terms and in the limits of the supervision rules approved by the Board of Directors.

Art. 9 Annual Exercise and duration of the Association

The annual exercise starts on January, 1st and ends on December, 31st.

All the physical adult people, with legal capacity, active in the fields of art, professions and sports disciplines which spread the same aims can demand for the adhesion to the Association. The request for admission, undersigned by the person concerned in a dedicated form given by the Association, is disclosed to the Board of Directors.

Art. 10 Members

The UESpT is composed of:

- a) **Funders:** are members having directed and contributed to the foundation and constitution of the UESpT, as registered in the minutes of the general Assembly in Strasbourg (1984)
- b) **Ordinary members:** are natural persons or corporate bodies who have paid the membership fee and who have been admitted by the Board of Directors. Active members of the UESpT may be:
 - **Collective members:**
 - national, regional or local non-governmental organizations developing “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport”, operating in the European Union
 - official governmental bodies of countries being legally constituted in charge of the development of “Sport for All” and “Culture Through Sport” in their own countries, regions or municipalities
 - **Individual members:**
 - individuals interested in the objective of the UESpT



- c) **Honorary members:** are natural persons or corporate bodies who rendered the UESpT exceptional services. The title of honorary member may be awarded by the General Assembly at the request of the Board of Directors. Those who are given the title of honorary members are entitled to have a consultative voice in the General Assembly. Their admission has to be accepted by the General Assembly with a two-thirds majority of members present.

Art. 11 Membership Fee

The General Assembly at the proposal of the Board of Directors, decides on the membership fee for the different members. The amount of the membership fee is subject to periodical index adjustment depending on the economic situations and has to be decided upon by the Board of Directors.

Only the members who paid the current annual membership fee are eligible to vote.

Art. 12 Loss

UESpT membership expires:

- in the event of resignation, dismissal or non-payment of the membership fee
- if the Board of Directors decides with a 2/3 majority the exclusion of the members;

The member concerned is asked in advance to give full explanation. An appeal can be introduced to the General Assembly.

Art. 13 UESpT Bodies

The bodies of the UESpT are:

- The General Assembly
- The Board of Directors
- The Commissions

Art. 14 Assembly

- a) The Assembly is made up by the Founder and the Ordinary Members. It can be established, in its first convocation, provided that there is at least half of the members. In its second convocation, the Assembly shall be considered anyway as validly constituted.
- b) The Assembly is called and presided by the President or, in his absence, by both the General Secretary and by the oldest member of the Board of Directors.
- c) The Assembly is called, in ordinary session, at least once a year during the first half year following the closure of the exercise and, in extraordinary session, when the President considers it necessary or at least a fifth of the Members asking it in writing.
- d) The call of the Assembly is sent to each Member, with the Agenda at least fifteen (15) days before the day of the meeting, by means of a registered letter with return receipt, by certified email, or through a notice published on the website of the Association.
- e) All the Members can be represented in the Assembly with a proxy. At the same time, each Member cannot receive and present more than two proxy.



- f) The assembly is expressed by the majority of votes and by public vote. If at least a fifth of the present or represented Members ask for, the vote can be done in secret ballot. In case of a tie, the vote is repeated.
- g) The assembly can not express itself on issues that those written on the agenda.
- h) The Assembly appoints and dismisses the members of the Board of Directors and approves the count of the past year and the budget of the next year of the Association.
- i) The General Secretary or in his absence a member of the Board of Directors delegated for this purpose by the person who chairs, draw up a verbal process of each session of the Assembly. This verbal process is communicated to the Members by means of a registered letter, by certified email and preserved at the social seat, at the Members' disposal. The President, if he considers it worthwhile, can decide to publish the verbal process, a part or an extract of it, on the website of the Association.

Art. 15 The Board of Directors

- j) The Board of Directors is the executive authority of the Association and is responsible for its ordinary and extraordinary management.
- k) It is made up by the President, two V. Presidents, the General Secretary, the Treasurer and two Advisors. The Board of Directors will anyway be formed of an odd number of members. Each member of the Board of Directors can occupy only one position.
- l) The President is the legal representative of the Association, he acts in the name and on behalf of it, even in judiciary. Based on the President's proposal, he can give special power to act, also in justice, to a Member of the Board or to another member. In this case, the subject and the duration of the mandate are defined by a conferment deliberation.
- m) The Board normally meets each three months and each time it is necessary. The session of the Board will be considered validly composed on condition that at least the half of the members, round up to the next integer, are present. The members of the Board can take part to the session also by videoconference and teleconference systems.
- n) The Board is called and presided by the President or, in his absence, both by the General Secretary and by the oldest member of the Board of Directors.
- o) The call of the Board will reach all the members, with the Agenda, at least five (5) days before the date by means of a registered letter, by certified email.
- p) The Board of Directors lasts 4 years, except for revocation or resignation of one or more members. The term of office is fixed to four (4) years and can be renewed.
- q) The resigned Member of Board it is replaced by the Board itself. If the majority of the members of the Board of Directors or the President are failing, the Board is forfeited and the Assembly is called without notice in order to proceed for a new elections.
- r) The forfeited Board maintains its function until the establishment of a new board
- s) The Board deliberates with a simple majority of votes and with public voting. In case of tie, the vote of the person who presides is determinant for the deliberation.
- t) The Board presents to the Assembly of the Members, for every yearly period, the amounts of the past year and the budget of the beginning year.



- u) The Board adopts the regulations to interpret and implement the rules in this statute as well as the internal organization, the management and the administration of the Association
- v) The General Secretary or, in case of his absence, a Member of the Board of Directors delegated by the presidency, draws up the minutes of each Board of Directors Assembly. The minutes must be kept at the head office at disposition of the Members. The President, if he sees fit, respecting the confidentiality of the Members, could decide to publish a part or an extract of the minutes on the website of the Association.
- w) The Treasure checks the found and the asset of the Association, issuing the receipt as evidence of the payment of each debit. He is the bookkeeper, responsible of the account books of the Association.
- x) The Advisors in the Board of Directors have the function to assist the President, the General Secretary and the Treasure in case of questions and to keep the relationships with the Commissions.
- y) Between the session of the General Assembly the Board of Directors must see to it that members who died or resigned are replaced. Members who are co-opted in this way have right to vote. The duration of the mandate of co-opted members lasts until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Art. 16 Elections

Each country, represented by a member present, has a vote during the voting time. Only the active members have right to vote.

Each country has the right to cast one vote in elections and the decision of resolutions, provided that country has at least one active financial member in attendance.

A nomination committee formed by active members who are not members of the Board committee, is elected by the general meeting to prepare the next elections. The candidates to the election of the Board Committee must arrive at the UESpT General Secretariat at least three months before the General Meeting where the elections are carried out, with a resolution from UESpT's presidency.

Each candidate must send an official letter from the UESpT member recommending his candidacy.

Art. 17 The President

The President runs the UESpT: he must see to it that the Association operates well and he represents the UESpT in all official acts of civil life.

The President represents the UESpT in legal matters and can only be represented by a mandatory who has been given a special procuration. Representatives of the UESpT may not have their civil rights.

The President decides on the expenses. He presides the debates of the Board of Directors and the General Assembly.

In case of absence of the President, he shall be represented by the first Vice-President.

In case of absence of the latter, he will be represented "as interim" by the oldest Vice-President.

Art. 18 The Advisors

The two Advisors are elected by the General Assembly under the same conditions as described under art.15

They are entrusted with the specific task of organizing the working and the development of the UESpT Commissions.



Art. 19 The Auditors

The General Assembly elects two auditors who propose to give the Treasures final discharge from his financial administration.

Art. 20 The General Secretary

The Secretary General is responsible for the Secretarial of the Board of Directors and ordinary and extraordinary General Assemblies. He carries out all actions decided by the bodies of the UESpT and coordinates all activities of the different bodies. In case of absence of the Secretary General, he must be represented by the Deputy Secretary General.

Art. 21 The Treasures

The Treasurer keeps the accounting of the UESpT, he elaborates the annual budget that he proposes to the Executive Bureau and he takes the necessary measures for the financial management of the UESpT.

Resources of UESpT are composed of:

- membership fees;
- sponsorship;
- grants, donations and legacies;
- assistance in material and organizational means;
- temporary transfer of staff members from public and private bodies to the UESpT;
- resources resulting from the promotional campaigns

The UESpT patrimony is solely responsible for the engagements entered into on behalf of the Association.

Art. 22 Amendments of the Statute

Amendments to statute can only be made if two-thirds of members present at the Extraordinary General Assembly and eligible to vote, approve.

All proposals for amending statutes must be included in the agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly which is submitted to all members at least 2 months before the meeting.

Art. 23 Dissolution

The dissolution of the UESpT can only be validly decided upon at an Extraordinary General Assembly specially convened for this purpose.

In this meeting apply voting regulations stipulated for the appropriation of UESpT property, that can only be allotted to public establishments or public utility services with the same objectives as the UESpT.

Art. 24 Rules of procedures

- The Rules of Procedure drawn up by the Board of Directors specify the mode of application of the statute.
- The President or an authorized member of the Board of Directors must at short date deposit in Court of Law of the city in which the federation has its seat all documents related to:
 - amendments to statute
 - change of name of the federation



- transfer of legal seat
- changes in the Board of Directors
- The members commit themselves to respect the statute of the UESpT and will see to it that decisions made by the General Assembly and the Board of Directors are carried out. All other business concerning organization, administration and functioning of the UESpT not provided for in the present statute are within the competence of the Board of Directors.
- The provisions of the local common law are applicable to all other matters not provided for in the present statute.

Note: The present statute (composed by 24 articles) adopted considering the UESpT statute drawn up in Strasbourg on 24/2/1984 and considering the statutory conclusions reached at the Extraordinary General Assembly in Milan on December 5, 2014).

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