



THE POLITICAL YOUTH NETWORK

STATUTE

Part I: General regulations

Definition of the Political Youth Network

Article 1

The Political Youth Network (hereinafter: PYN) is an international network of youth organisations that operate as a part of or as subsidiary organisations to the political parties. PYN is dedicated to the education of young politicians in the field of human rights and training of practical political skills aiming to encourage cross-border exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Members of the PYN

Article 2

PYN members recognise mutual interest in enhancing both professional and practical skills required for solving tasks such as representing or leading a community in public and political life of their societies. Moreover, regardless of their political orientation, programme and organisational formation, with full respect for their political, worldview, racial, ethnic, gender-wise and religious differences, PYN members recognise their own responsibility in achieving shared goals that derive from exchanging experiences, cross-border cooperation and human rights protection in their societies.

Content of the Statute

Article 3

This Statute determines the basic goals and principles of work, rights and duties of members, organisational structure as well as all other issues essential for the structure and work of PYN.

Part II: Objectives of the PYN

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Article 4

The objectives of PYN consist of the following elements:

- establishing a communication platform among PYN members, organising and implementing activities that are identified by PYN as an object of mutual interest;
- encouraging participation of youth in processes of political activity and decision making through education, specialisation and project cooperation;
- organising PYN meetings with the purpose of exchanging experiences;
- empowering initiatives and projects of regional and European character and supporting their institutionalisation;
- raising awareness about human rights issues, their violation and protection mechanisms.



Part III: Organisational Structure of PYN

Article 5

(1) PYN bodies are:

- PYN Secretariat;
- PYN Assembly;
- Permanent work groups.

(2) Decisions within these three bodies are adopted in the presence of at least half of the members of the certain body by simple majority.

PYN Secretariat

Article 6

(1) PYN Secretariat (hereinafter: Secretariat) is an executive body of PYN which implements decisions of the PYN Assembly and of the permanent work groups.

(2) Tasks of the Secretariat are:

- convoking and preparing the agenda of the Assembly;
- submitting annual activity report to the Assembly;
- proposing Statute change;
- ensuring continuous work of the permanent workgroups;
- informing and reporting to PYN members about activities;
- adopting financial plan of PYN activities;
- executing all necessary coordination with an aim of flawless work of PYN;
- adopting rules and procedures and other regulations in accordance with the Statute;
- securing the presence of PYN in the public;
- executing all required tasks between Assembly sessions;
- adopting Rules and procedures on its own work.

(3) The Secretariat is formed by the staff of the Youth Initiative for Human Rights, appointed by each of its office in the region.

PYN Assembly

Article 7

(1) PYN Assembly (hereinafter: Assembly) consists of the PYN members represented by one representative.

(2) The Assembly adopts strategic plan for the activities of PYN.

(3) The Assembly elects members of the permanent work groups by simple majority decision of all present members.

(4) The Assembly decides on accepting new members to PYN.

(5) The Assembly considers annual report about activities and financial report of the Secretariat on the occasion of its session or via online communication (emails, voice calls, video conferences, etc.)

(6) If appropriate, the Assembly can establish a working group and assign tasks for it.



Permanent work groups of PYN

Article 8

- (1) The permanent work groups of PYN are governing bodies of PYN.
- (2) The Assembly determines the members, size and objectives of the permanent workgroups.

Part IV: Establishment and Membership of PYN

Establishment of PYN

Article 9

PYN is established at the Founding Assembly of the Political Youth Network held on 30th March, 2014 in Zagreb in the presence of members of the Secretariat and future PYN members.

Basic Regulations on PYN Membership

Article 10

- (1) Any youth branch organisation to the political parties, or a political party itself if its youth branch is not formally registered, that accepts this Statute can become a PYN member.
- (2) An organisation that has in its program or practically promotes racial, religious or ethnic hatred, xenophobia, homophobia or other form of hatred that represents a source of discrimination, hostility and violence cannot become a PYN member.
- (3) Membership can be put on hold in the case when a PYN member is accused for violating the Statute or obstructing PYN activities, on the proposal of the Secretariat and by two thirds of votes of the Assembly.
- (4) The Secretariat collects and keeps track of data about PYN members.
- (5) The list of PYN members is publicly accessible on the Secretariat's website.

Joining PYN

Article 11

- (1) Acceptance of the new members is processed during Assembly session, which is held at least once a year in presence of at least half of the members or is arranged via online communication (via emails, voice calls, video conferences, etc.).
- (2) The PYN Membership is acquired by the simple majority of the votes of the Assembly. Prior to their acceptance, potential members are required to deliver a signed and stamped Statement of Accession.

Rights of PYN Members

Article 12

The rights of the PYN members are:

- equality with all other PYN members;
- participation in the work of the Assembly;
- information about all joint activities within the Network;
- participation in all activities of PYN;
- conceiving and suggesting joint activities to other PYN members.



Duties of the PYN Members

Article 13

The duties of the PYN members are:

- to respect the Statute;
- to be dedicated to the goals of PYN;
- to respect other PYN members;
- to participate in the Assembly.

Part V: Financing the PYN Activities

General Regulations about Financing the PYN Activities

Article 14

Activities are financed from:

- inland or foreign funds;
- sponsorships and donations;
- other sources in accordance with the law.

Financial Report

Article 15

- (1) Financial report is submitted once a year to the Assembly.
- (2) Financial report is available to the PYN members as well as to the general public.

Part VI: Other Regulations

Statute Language

Article 16

The translations of this Statute exist in Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, English, Montenegrin and Serbian and are of equal accountability for the functioning of the PYN.

Adoption and Modification of the Statute

Article 17

- (1) Modifications of the Statute can be suggested by:
 - the Secretariat;
 - permanent work groups;
 - at least three members of the Network.
- (2) Modifications of the Statute are becoming valid immediately after their adoption.

Transitional and Final Regulations of the Statute

Article 18

- (1) This Statute became valid immediately after its adoption at the Founding Assembly in Zagreb, held on 30th March, 2014.
- (2) Amendments to the Statue are adopted at the Assembly in Sarajevo, held on 14th October, 2015.