

Constitution of the Association “Wisdom Together”



§ 1 Name and head office of the association, financial year

1. The name of the association is: Wisdom Together.
2. After its registration in the register of associations it will also bear the suffix "e.V."
3. The association is located in Munich, Germany.
4. The financial year of the association corresponds to the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose

Spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social differences foster a divided world and bring about isolated personalities when people increasingly distance themselves from each other and their environment. Despite being driven by positive motivations, the leading and responsible persons in the areas mentioned are unable to cope with a variety of related problems. Addressing this dilemma only a worldwide joint initiative by all people (humans) can contribute to creating an ethical foundation that guides their thoughts and actions. This foundation must encompass all areas of daily life, whether of societal, political, economic, technological, scientific or educational nature.

1. The association shall only pursue aims, which are directly of a non-profit making nature, as defined in the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the Fiscal Code of Germany of 1977. The purpose of the association Wisdom Together is to foster an international mindset and tolerance in all areas of cultural diplomacy.

This includes:

- fostering an international mindset, tolerance in all areas of culture and the idea of cultural diplomacy itself,
- fostering parenting and education, and
- fostering civic engagement for non-profit charitable purposes.

Aims:

Initiation and support of ethics institutions of other non-profit entities and of activities that contribute to interpersonal encounters between peoples in order to gain more knowledge about other peoples and deepen the understanding of the benefits of peaceful coexistence.

These aims will be achieved by e.g.:

- Conducting international congresses, round tables and conferences for intercultural encounters and discussions with the primary topic “intercultural dialogue, societal harmonization and development based on ethics”
- Free publications like info leaflets or online blogs with the aim of contributing to understanding societal processes
- Research and adequate presentation of information that are of significant added value for the target readers
- Organizing and conducting workshops and round tables to foster collaboration between diverse spiritual, scientific and cultural groups, to support open exchange of thoughts and to encourage the development and implementation of binding ideas and concepts
- Participation at and hosting of events about cultural diplomacy and the development of an international mindset
- Supporting the understanding of cultural, spiritual and linguistic diversity through offering digital applications and online platforms for education and personal development

In this context the association is always open for contacts, collaboration, suggestions and initiatives.

1. The association shall act on the basis of selflessness. It shall not primarily pursue its own economic aims.
2. The association’s funds may only be used for the purpose and aims set out in the constitution. In their capacity as members, the members of the association shall receive no endowments or dividends from the association’s funds. In addition to this, no parties shall benefit from expenditure, which is alien to the purpose of the corporation or from inadequately high remunerations.
3. The organs of the association may receive adequate remuneration.
4. The organs of the association may be reimbursed for outlays and expenses. Payment of a flat-rate expense allowance and a flat-rate reimbursement of outlays shall be permitted.

§ 3 Membership

1. Any natural person or legal entity may become an active member of the association. The association has ordinary, supporting and honorary members. Supporting members support the association with their

financial contribution. Supporting members shall not have voting rights at the general assembly of members.

2. An application to join the association must be made in writing and the committee shall decide whether to approve the application. For minors, the application must be made by a legal representative.
3. A member may resign from the association at any time. Notice must be given in writing and received by the committee 3 months before the resignation.
4. A member may be excluded from the association if he or she grossly acts against the interests of the association or has been in arrears with membership dues for more than three months and has failed to pay the dues after being reminded in writing and noticed about possible exclusion. The committee shall decide about the exclusion.
5. The membership ends with the death of a member (or with the termination of a legal entity respectively).
6. Members who have resigned or who have been excluded from the association shall have no claim to a share in the assets of the association.
7. Members are required to pay an annual membership due upon joining the association. The committee shall determine and govern the amount and due date.
8. Honorary members are exempted from the payment of membership dues.
9. Any member may initiate and lead a project in the name of the association if and to the extent to which the project is approved by the committee.
10. The project groups have organizational autonomy, meaning they may create their own organizational structure for completing their project. The project groups shall keep the committee informed about the planning and completion status of the project.
11. Project management members who are not members of the association must agree to the regulations for project work set forth in this constitution.

§ 4 The committee

1. The general committee shall consist of the first chairman, the second chairman, the treasurer and the secretary.
2. In accordance with section 26 of the German Civil Code the committee shall consist of the first chairman and the second chairman. Each of them shall be entitled to represent the association alone, both judicially and extra-judicially.
3. The first and the second chairmen of the committee shall be elected by the general assembly of members for a period of 6 years. The chairmen of the committee shall remain in office until new chairmen have been elected, even if their term of office has expired. Other committee members shall be elected for a period of 3 years. Only members of the association may be elected as committee member. Committee membership ends with the termination of membership of the association.
4. In particular, the general committee is responsible for:
 - Summoning and preparing the general assembly of members and drawing up the agenda
 - Implementing the decisions adopted by the general assembly of members
 - Managing the assets of the association and producing the annual report
 - The admission of new members
 - The appointment of honorary members
 - Validating and approving partnerships
 - Developing and approving operative activities of the association
 - Deciding about financial contributions or earnings from services offered by the association
5. Committee members shall be paid adequate remuneration for the amount of work or time they have contributed. The general committee shall determine the case and amount of the remuneration with particular committee members being excluded from voting in the decision about their own remuneration. This also applies if the committee is exempt from the limitations of §181 of the German Civil Code through respective regulations in the constitution. The decision on the amount of the remuneration shall be valid for a minimum of three years. The committee shall be responsible for concluding contracts of employment with committee members according to § 26 of the German Civil Code.

6. The committee determines and authorizes sponsoring memberships of companies, organizations or individuals. Applications for sponsoring memberships may be submitted to the committee by members and non-members.
7. The committee shall ensure that all financial resources contributed to the association are used according to its purpose and shall justify the use at the general assembly of members.
8. Committee members are exempt from the limitations of §181 of the German Civil Code.

§ 5 Procedural rules of the committee

1. The committee shall meet as required. Meetings may be held by means of videoconferences and shall be summoned by the chairman or his or her deputy with a notice period of one week. The committee may adopt resolutions when at least two members are present at the meeting. The majority of valid votes cast is required to pass a resolution. In case of a voting tie, the chairman or, if he or she is prevented from attending, his or her deputy shall have the casting vote.
2. The resolutions of the committee shall be documented in the meeting minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the minute-taker and the chairman or his or her deputy.

§ 6 General assembly of members

1. An ordinary meeting of the general assembly of members shall be held once a year. The meetings may be held by means of videoconferences. Members may thereafter use common videoconference applications such as Skype to participate at the general assembly of members in order to contribute and/or cast their votes. Additional meetings of the general assembly of members shall be summoned if required by the interests of the association or if at least 25% of its members demand a meeting in writing, specifying the reasons and aims.
2. Every meeting of the general assembly of members shall be summoned by the committee in writing together with the agenda and with a notice period of eight weeks.

3. The chair of the meeting shall be the first chairman or, if he or she is prevented from attending, the second chairman. If both are prevented from attending, the general assembly of members shall elect the chair of the meeting. The secretary for the meeting shall be appointed by the chair of the meeting.
4. Every meeting of the general assembly of members summoned according to the rules may adopt resolutions regardless of the number of members present.
5. The resolutions of the general assembly of members shall be passed by a simple majority of valid votes cast unless otherwise specified by law or this constitution. A majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of valid votes cast is required to amend the constitution and the purpose of the association. Voting proxies shall be permitted.
6. The voting right may be given to members at least two years after joining the association and only with proof of the active support of at least two projects of the association per year, such as a retreat, a conference or a workshop. Foundation members as well as committee members are exempted from this rule.
7. Resolutions of the general assembly of members shall be documented in the meeting minutes. The minutes shall be signed by the chair of the meeting and the secretary.
8. The general assembly of members is responsible for:
 - Amendments to the constitution
 - Electing and dismissing committee members
 - Approving the annual report and supporting the committee
 - Dissolution of the association

§ 7 Dissolution of the association and use of its assets

1. A majority of $\frac{4}{5}$ of valid votes cast is required to dissolve the association.
2. If the association is dissolved or is no longer eligible for tax relief, the assets of the association shall be transferred to a legal person under

public law or another entity eligible for tax relief, any of which using the assets for fostering an international mindset.

§ 8 Amendments to the constitution by the committee

The general committee may decide on, also in writing or via email, amendments to the constitution that are required by the registry court or the tax authority.

§ 9 Severability clause

If any regulation of this constitution is or becomes invalid, this shall not affect the application of all other regulations of this constitution, and the constitution as a whole.