

On the basis of the Provisions of Art. 78 and 12 of the Law on Associations (“Sl. glasnik RS”, 51/09) and Art. 19 of the Society Statute, in order to harmonize this legal document to the Law on Associations, a Special Assembly of the Environmental Center “Habitat”, as the highest authority, on its session held on December 29, 2010, legislates a new

S T A T U T E

I BASIC PROVISIONS

Article 1

Ekološki centar “Stanište” (hereinafter referred to as the Association) is organized as a voluntary, nongovernmental, nonprofit association, founded on September 18, 2007 indefinitely, established to achieve the objectives in the area of environmental protection, with registration No. 08879567, registered at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Serbia, Police Department in Pančevo, Vršac Police Station, under Ref. No. 39, dated September 24, 2007.

Article 2

Full name of the Association is Ekološki centar “Stanište”.
The abbreviated name of the Association is EC “Stanište”.
Name in English is the Ecological Centre “Habitat”.
The residence of the Association is in Vršac, Žarko Zrenjanin street No. 26/32.

Article 3

The Association organizes its activities on the territory of the Republic of Serbia.

Article 4

The Association is a social legal person, with all the rights, obligations and responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia, Laws and this Statute.
For all the obligations rising from the work and transactions of the Association, the Association is responsible by all its resources.

Article 5

The Association has a round seal, diameter 25 mm, with its full name (in cyrillic letters) written along the edge: Ecological Center “Habitat” Vršac.

II GOALS AND TASKS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 6

The Association has the following goals and tasks:

- to improve the relationship between local communities and their natural environment, through activities in the areas of environmental protection, sustainable development, strategic planning and development of local policies, agricultural production and eco-tourism, education and counseling, management of natural resources, waste management, energy efficiency management, international cooperation and social ecology, through the fostering of solidarity, democratic local, cross-sector, intercultural dialogue and other values of civil society, especially in economically underdeveloped areas, including youth and other vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Article 7

For realizing the goals and tasks, stated in the previous article, individually or in cooperation with other organizations, the Association can:

- prepare and execute the projects in different areas of environmental protection, sustainable development and agricultural production;
- perform researches and development in the field of natural, technological and social sciences;
- organize educational and professional meetings - conferences, training sessions, seminars, environmental camps, study visits, and public advocacy campaigns, forums and other social skills;
- publish newsletters, magazines, books and other publications;
- produce TV and radio broadcasts and other electronic publications.

Article 8

To perform the activities listed in the Article 7 of this Statute, the Association may establish an appropriate form of business enterprise or take an independent action.

The Association provides its funds and resources through performing an economic activity - Research and development in other natural and technical-technological sciences (Code 72.19).

The Association can start its economic activity after the entry in the Register of economic entities only.

Profits made in the manner referred to as in paragraph 2 of this article can only be used for achieving the objectives of the Association, including the costs of the regular work of the Association and their own participation in the financing of specific projects.

III MEMBERSHIP

Article 9

Members of the Association may be physical persons only.

Article 10

Members of the Association may be persons who possess the adequate education, knowledge, work and professional experience, necessary for contribution to achieving the goals and to perform the activities outlined in Articles 6 and 7 of this Statute.

Article 11

Decisions on admission to and exclusion from membership of the Association are given by the Executive Board.

The decision refusing membership, as well as the decision to exclude from membership may be appealed in the General Assembly of the Association within 8 days from receipt of the decision.

Article 12

The member of the Association may be excluded from the Association membership if working against the objectives of the Association, or impairing the reputation of the Association, by the Executive Board.

Article 13

The Executive Board decides on the amount of annual dues.

Dues for the current year are paid by the end of the calendar year.

The Executive Board decides on removal from the register of members of the Association who do not settle their dues within the period outlined in paragraph 2 of this article.

IV ASSOCIATION AUTHORITIES

Article 14

The Authorities of the Association are: General Assembly, Executive Board, Supervisory Board and the President.

Article 15

The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Association.
The General Assembly shall meet regularly at least once a year.
The special General Assembly session is called by the decision of the Executive Board, Supervisory Board, or upon the request of at least one third of members of the Association.

Article 16

The General Assembly comprises all members of the Association.
The General Assembly shall decide by majority vote of members present.
Voting is public, unless the General Assembly, by majority, decides otherwise.

Article. 17

The Assembly session is presided by the Chair and the Chairman, elected at the session.

Article 18

The site and time of meeting is announced to the membership at least 7 days earlier.

Article 19

The General Assembly:

- 1) adopts a plan and work program;
- 2) adopts the Statute, as well as amendments to the Statute;
- 3) adopts the other general legal acts of the Association;
- 4) elects and dismisses the members of the Executive Board;
- 5) considers and adopts, at least annually, the reports of the Executive Board;
- 6) considers and adopts the financial plan and reports;
- 7) decides on any status changes and termination of the association;
- 8) decides on joining the alliance with the other associations in the country and abroad.

Article 20

The Executive Board has 3 members.
The Executive Board members are appointed by the General Assembly from members of the Association.
The Executive Board shall be appointed for a period of 4 years.
The Executive Board members may be re-appointed.
The Executive Board makes decisions at the meeting attended by the majority of members.
The Executive Board shall decide by majority vote of all members.

Article 21

The Executive Board elects the President among its members. The President of the Executive Board shall be elected for a term of 4 years and can be re-elected.

Article 22

The President of the Executive Board is the President of the Association.

Article 23

The Executive Board shall meet at least once in 2 months. The meetings are called by the President of the Board on his/her own initiative, or upon the request of at least two members.

Article 24

Chairman of the Board presides over meetings of the Board. In case of absence of a president, a session of the Governing Board chaired by one of its members.

Article 25

The Executive Board:

- 1) implements the decisions of the General Assembly,
- 2) manages the properties and resources of the Association,
- 3) manages the Association between two sessions of the General Assembly,
- 4) provides financial and other conditions for work of the Association,
- 5) decides upon the appointment and dismissal of the President of the Association,
- 6) decides upon the appointment and dismissal of the Secretary and the Treasurer,
- 7) decides on the admission to and the exclusion from membership,
- 8) makes proposals to the decisions by the General Assembly,
- 9) makes provisional decisions on matters within the jurisdiction of the General Assembly between the two sessions of the General Assembly, subjected to the verification by the General Assembly.

Article 26

The Supervisory Board is appointed for a period of 4 years. Members of the Supervisory Board may be re-appointed. The Supervisory Board has 3 members.

Article 27

The members of the Supervisory Board are appointed by the General Assembly from the members of the Association. The Supervisory Board makes decisions at the meeting attended by the majority of its members. The Supervisory Board shall decide by majority vote of its members.

Article 28

Supervisory Board:

- 1) controls the material and financial affairs and the legality of the Association,
- 2) controls the work of the Association in terms of material and financial operations of the Association,
- 3) may call the General Assembly.

Article 29

The President of the Executive Board is the President of the Association. The President is elected by the Executive Board from its members for a period of 4 years. The President may be re-elected.

Article 30

The President is authorized to:

- 1) represent the Association in the social community,
- 2) sign acts adopted by the General Assembly.

Article 31

The President is authorized as the principal finance.

Article 32

The Secretary is appointed by the Executive Board for a term of 4 years.

The Secretary may be re-appointed.

The Secretary is authorized to:

- 1) perform administrative and technical activities,
- 2) sign the orders, in the absence of the President.

V ASSOCIATION

Article 33

The Association may join the alliance with the societies and associations, or alliances of companies. Decision is made by the General Assembly.

VI FUNDING SOURCES AND THE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Article 34

Association resources may be cash, mobilities and immobilities.

Article 35

Sources of funding of the Association are:

- membership fees,
- donations,
- budgetary funds,g
- gifts,
- bequests.

VII MODALITY OF REALIZING PUBLICITY IN WOR

Article 36

The public work is accomplished by issuing the print and electronic publications.

XI TRANSITIONAL AND EXECUTIVE PROVISIONS

Article 37

The General Assembly decides upon the dissolution of the Association by a two thirds majority votes of the members present at the session. In case of dissolution, the properties are transferred to a non-profit domestic legal entity that was established to achieve the same or similar goals in the municipality. The General Assembly will enact the Decision on the dissolution and to whom the assets will be transferred, according to the Law.

Article 38

The Statute comes into force eight days from the date of enactment, which shall cease all previously applicable provisions of the Statute of the Association, dated September 18, 2007.

Chairman of the General Assembly
Zlatija Čočić Krasnić