

RULES OF INTERNAL ORDER

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1. General Provisions

1.1. The party

- 1.1.1. The European Free Alliance, hereinafter referred to as “Party” is a European political party [EUPP] with European personality.
- 1.1.2. The European Free Alliance abbreviated “EFA”, is governed by Regulation [UE, Euratom] No 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 22 October 2014 on the statute of and funding of European political parties and European political foundations, hereinafter referred to as “Regulation” and applies Belgian law, which is seen as having a subsidiary character.
- 1.1.3. The EFA is composed by political parties, organisations and individuals.
- 1.1.4. To pursue its aims and objectives as stated in the Articles of Association, the EFA promotes and supports all forms of cooperation among its members.

1.2. The Rules of Internal Order

- 1.2.1. The Rules of Internal Order hereinafter referred to as “RIO” regulate the application of the Articles of Association abbreviated as “AoA” and the matters explicitly delegated by the AoA to the RIO.
- 1.2.2. All the matters which are not regulated by the AoA nor the RIO are subject to any applicable law, or, in case a specific provision would be lacking, to customs and practices.
- 1.2.3. In case of controversy with AoA provisions, the latter shall apply without prejudice to any conflicting applicable legislative norm.

2. Membership

2.1. Categories of members

- 2.1.1. Legal persons exclusively are eligible to become full members.
- 2.1.2. Individuals holding an elected office may apply for individual membership.
- 2.1.3. Individual supporters, affiliated within the body "Friends of EFA" are subject, in addition to the AoA and these RIO, to the specific rules established for them.
- 2.1.4. The mere membership as individual supporter to the Party does not entitle to any claim on the Party assets, image, distinctive image, logo, nor entitles to represent the Party to the general public or third parties.
- 2.1.5. The number and rights of the members designated by the "Friends of EFA" to participate ex officio to the General Assembly are approved each year by the Bureau before the General Assembly is convened.
- 2.1.6. The quality of member is undetermined and cannot be revoked or be subject to renunciation except in the cases explicitly foreseen in the AoA.
- 2.1.7. The quality of member cannot be transferred.
- 2.1.8. The quality of member cannot be inherited or traded, without prejudice to the cases foreseen in the AoA.

2.2. On the procedure to request full membership

- 2.2.1. Parties and organisations applying for full membership shall follow the procedure described hereunder.
- 2.2.2. Any political party or organisation aiming to become member of the Party shall address an official request to the registered office of EFA and to the email address "info@e-f-a.org". The applicant shall include to the official request:
 - 2.2.2.1. A letter of motivation addressed to the President in which it is explicitly mentioned the commitment to respect, follow and agree with the values on which the EU is founded, included but not limited to the content of Article 3 of the TEU, the AoA and the political manifesto of the EFA;

- 2.2.2.2. A copy of its Statutes or by-laws, translated in English;
 - 2.2.2.3. The political program of the applicant;
 - 2.2.2.4. the description of the internal organisation and decision-making process if not present in the Statutes or by-laws;
 - 2.2.2.5. A list of elected representatives, if any;
 - 2.2.2.6. A copy of the results of the most recent elections in which the party or organisation has taken part;
 - 2.2.2.7. A sample of some recent publications, if any.
- 2.2.3. The documents submitted with the official request will be made available to the members of the EFA Bureau and to the General Assembly.
 - 2.2.4. The EFA Secretariat collects the necessary documents and information concerning the application and transmits the application dossier to the Bureau.
 - 2.2.5. The Bureau gives a preliminary advice on the application before submitting it to the General Assembly for the vote.
 - 2.2.6. The General Assembly adopts a decision concerning candidate members with a simple majority.
 - 2.2.7. The decision of the General Assembly on membership has immediate effect.
 - 2.2.8. The result of the vote is communicated to the applicant if not present at the General Assembly meeting.
 - 2.2.9. The Bureau formulates a non-binding opinion on the full membership request and puts it forward to the General Assembly.
 - 2.2.10. The General Assembly votes on the full membership.
 - 2.2.11. The General Assembly voting on membership automatically amends the Annex I of the AoA.

2.3. Individual members

- 2.3.1. Any natural person holding an elected office at sub-state, state or European level may request to become an individual member of the Party.
- 2.3.2. The candidate shall not be, at the time of the request for membership, a member of an EFA member.
- 2.3.3. The candidate shall address a written request for membership to the Bureau, stating the reasons for the application and declaring to not be a member of any other European political party.
- 2.3.4. The request for membership can be sent to the email address info@e-f-a.org and by post to the legal address of EFA.
- 2.3.5. The Bureau, or any of its members expressly mandated, can conduct personal interviews with candidate individual members to allow the Bureau to take an informed decision regarding the acceptance of the candidate.
- 2.3.6. The Bureau informs the members exercising their activity in the same territory, or Member State, of the candidate, if any, to allow them to give, within thirty (30) days, a binding opinion to the Bureau regarding the acceptance of the new individual member.
- 2.3.7. The individual members are accepted by a decision of the Bureau.
- 2.3.8. The decision shall be taken unanimously among the members present or represented.
- 2.3.9. If the Individual member affiliates to an EFA member, the quality of individual member is deemed to be extinct.
- 2.3.10. The Bureau communicates, in the shortest delay, to the General Assembly, the decision of accepting an individual member.
- 2.3.11. The individual membership ends automatically with the elected mandate.
- 2.3.12. The Bureau communicates, in the shortest delay, to the General Assembly, the end of each individual membership.

- 2.3.13. The General Assembly may repeal the membership approved by the Bureau in the first meeting after the decision of the Bureau.
- 2.3.14. Individual members, unless otherwise foreseen, are not entitled to vote in the General Assembly.
- 2.3.15. The General Assembly may request a contribution from individual members.

2.4. The Honorary members

- 2.4.1. Natural persons who have honoured the Party through their outstanding achievements may be eligible to be nominated honorary members.
- 2.4.2. Honorary Members may be chosen among former Members of the European Parliament, former members of the Bureau, or other relevant people in the history of the EFA.
- 2.4.3. The Bureau shall consult the person to appoint and verify the eventual contentment to receive the title.
- 2.4.4. The honorary Members may be accepted by the General Assembly after a proposal of the Bureau.
- 2.4.5. The decision shall be taken with simple majority.
- 2.4.6. Honorary members can only be accepted if they are no longer elected, no longer have a responsibility within EFA nor employed by EFA.

2.5. Rights and duties of members

- 2.5.1. The Members of the EFA have the right:
 - 2.5.1.1. to attend the General Assembly;
 - 2.5.1.2. to be regularly informed about the political activities of the other members;
 - 2.5.1.3. to receive support for their activities;

2.5.1.4. to use the name and the image of the EFA;

2.5.1.5. to receive political solidarity.

2.5.2. The Members of the EFA have the following duties:

2.5.2.1. to maintain regular contacts and good relations with the other members;

2.5.2.2. to comply with all their financial obligation to the EFA;

2.5.2.3. to forward all their publications to the EFA office;

2.5.2.4. to respect and comply with the provisions of the AoA and the RIO.

2.6. Veto on new members

2.6.1. A territory is, in principle, represented in the Party by only one political party/organisation.

2.6.2. Whenever another political party or movement from the same geographical area officially requests to become member of EFA, the Bureau shall request to the EFA member(s) which is(are) active in the same territory an opinion before assessing the membership application.

2.6.3. Each EFA member operating in the same territory may formulate a motivated opinion regarding the official request for membership within thirty [30] days from the request of the Bureau.

2.6.4. The opinion is binding towards the Bureau.

2.7. Resignation, Suspension, Expulsion

2.7.1. The Bureau informs the General Assembly about any member which is deemed to have resigned following the situation outlined in article 19(3) of AoA.

2.7.2. At least one-twentieth [1/20] of the full members of the Party may propose to the Bureau the suspension or the expulsion of a member of EFA.

- 2.7.3. The proposal of suspension presented by the proponent member shall contain the indication of the duration of the suspension with an ending date.
- 2.7.4. The Bureau discusses all the suspension and exclusion proposals and formulates a recommendation for the General Assembly.
- 2.7.5. The Bureau votes with absolute majority on the recommendation that will put forward to the General Assembly.
- 2.7.6. The recommendation of the Bureau to the General Assembly is non-binding.
- 2.7.7. The Bureau informs the concerned member following the adoption of its recommendation to the General Assembly in the shortest delay.
- 2.7.8. At the General Assembly, where the decision on the suspension or expulsion is to be taken, the concerned member has the right to state and defend its case with only one speaker.
- 2.7.9. Following that intervention, the General Assembly votes on the proposal to suspend or expel the member.
- 2.7.10. When the General Assembly decides on the suspension of a member, includes in its decision the ending date of the suspension.
- 2.7.11. The decision has immediate effect.
- 2.7.12. The suspension of a member implies that EFA will not reimburse any expense of (a) representative[s]/delegate[s] of the suspended member, nor will organise any activity with the suspended member.
- 2.7.13. The suspension of a full member will also result in the suspension of its voting right.
- 2.7.14. After the expiration date of the suspension as approved by the General Assembly, the suspension is automatically lifted.
- 2.7.15. The General Assembly, taking note of any resignation or expelling a member automatically amends the Annex I of the AoA.

2.8. Friends of the EFA

- 2.8.1. The “Friends of EFA” is a network of all the individual supporters and doesn’t have a distinct legal personality from that of the Party.
- 2.8.2. The General Assembly is empowered to repeal the network at any time, voting for it with absolute majority.
- 2.8.3. Any individual that supports EFA’s aims and objectives, EFA’s political program and who accepts the articles of association, the Rules of Internal Order and the internal rules of the friends of EFA may apply to become an individual supporter in the “Friends of EFA” network.
- 2.8.4. The Bureau supervises the “Friends of the EFA” network.
- 2.8.5. The Bureau can establish the conditions to allow members of EFAY and Coppieters Foundation to register new members for the “Friends of EFA”.
- 2.8.6. The Supporters’ Committee is the body responsible for the internal organisation of the “Friends of EFA”.
- 2.8.7. The Bureau supervises the activities of the Supporters’ Committee and can dismiss its members at any time.
- 2.8.8. The dismissal of a member of the Supporters’ Committee shall be adopted with absolute majority and shall follow a hearing of the person concerned.
- 2.8.9. The Bureau may request the presence of any member of the Supporters’ Committee any time.
- 2.8.10. The General Assembly decides upon the establishment of a contribution system for the “Friends of the EFA”.
- 2.8.11. The General Assembly has the right to amend the internal rules for the friends of EFA.

3. Access to documents

3.1. Social Books

3.1.1. Third parties may request to the EFA Bureau a copy of any document contained in the social books of the party, provided that they substantiate their request with sufficient elements to define the aim and the finality of their request.

3.1.2. The social books from which copies of extracts can be requested by third parties are:

3.1.2.1. The register of members

3.1.2.2. The register of the minutes of the General Assembly

3.1.2.3. The accounts and annual financial statement of the Party.

3.1.3. Third parties may request access to any other document for which the applicable law foresees open access to the general public.

4. The EFA and International organisations

4.1. European Partners

4.1.1. EFA and its partners in the European Institutions are mutually committed to a strong cooperation and they are jointly responsible for regular consultation and coordination to ensure that the EFA presence is enhanced.

4.1.2. The European Free Alliance has as its specific responsibility the coordination and consultation on all matters concerning the EFA members.

4.2. EFA in the European Parliament

4.2.1. The elected Members of the European Parliament from EFA member parties will in principle sit in an EFA group or sub-group in the European Parliament.

4.2.2. The group affiliation of elected members of the European Parliament of EFA members should be communicated to the Bureau and the General Assembly.

- 4.2.3. EFA and the EFA group or sub-group in the EP shall maintain a close relationship, informing each other about the political activities and initiatives of the respective members.
- 4.2.4. Without prejudice to the other provisions of this article, EFA shall coordinate and keep an open line of communication with all EFA members of the European Parliament regardless the group of which they are members of.

4.3. International organisations

- 4.3.1. The members of international organisations elected or appointed by EFA members shall submit an annual report of their activities to the General Assembly.
- 4.3.2. Elected representatives of EFA members forming groups or sub-groups in assemblies other than the European Parliament, should cooperate with the Party.

4.4. Exchange of information

- 4.4.1. The Bureau assisted by the EFA Secretariat is responsible for the exchange of information between the elected members in international organisations and in the European Parliament and the EFA members and bodies.

4.5. European elections

- 4.5.1. Two years prior to European Parliament elections a process to update the EFA's European Electoral Program should start.
- 4.5.2. The EFA participates in the elections of the European Parliament and in the election of any other EU body directly or through its members.

5. Bodies of EFA

5.1. The General Assembly

- 5.1.1. The General Assembly shall meet at least once a year.
- 5.1.2.

5.1.3. The two deputy returning officers selected by the President at the beginning of the General Assembly to form the Presidium shall be official delegates of full members of the Party.

5.2. The Bureau

5.2.1. The Bureau shall meet at least once a year.

5.2.2. The annual meeting can't coincide with the meeting of the General Assembly.

5.2.3. Elected members of the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions may be invited to Bureau meetings but without the right to vote.

5.2.4. An EFAY representative is invited to the EFA Bureau and has the right to vote on the EFAY agenda point, if any.

5.2.5. The travel and accommodation costs to attend Bureau meetings are reimbursed only to Bureau members.

5.2.6. If the Bureau so decides, travel and accommodation costs can also be reimbursed to any invitee to a Bureau meeting.

5.2.7. The Bureau informs the members of the Party of the renewal of the Bureau in due time to allow possible candidates to present their candidacies in time.

5.2.8. The candidacies for the Bureau shall be submitted to the Bureau in writing, indicating the name of the proposed permanent representative.

5.2.9. The Bureau puts forward to the General Assembly the list of candidacies.

5.2.10. The outgoing Bureau shall inform the General Assembly to consider a balanced representation when electing the new Bureau.

5.2.11. Candidates for the Bureau shall present to the General Assembly the person that will be designated as permanent representative in principle.

5.2.12. Candidate Bureau members may indicate their intention to stand for the position of President, Secretary-General or Treasurer.

- 5.2.13. The above-mentioned indication shall not be binding.
- 5.2.14. The General Assembly votes on the composition of the new Bureau by secret ballot.
- 5.2.15. Each member of the General Assembly can vote for a minimum of two (2) candidates and maximum of the number of eligible candidates.
- 5.2.16. The Bureau is composed by the candidates in order of votes received until the fulfilment of the available places.

5.3. The Staff Committee

- 5.3.1. The Staff Committee is composed by three (3) members.
- 5.3.2. It should be composed by individuals of different sexes.
- 5.3.3. The candidates shall be honorary members or affiliated to full members of EFA.
- 5.3.4. At least one of its members should not be a member of the EFA Bureau.
- 5.3.5. The Staff Committee is renewed every three (3) years.
- 5.3.6. The Bureau collects the candidacies for the Staff Committee.
- 5.3.7. The General Assembly elects the members of the Staff Committee following the procedure to elect the Bureau.
- 5.3.8. The Staff Committee elects a President among its members.
- 5.3.9. The Staff Committee informs and advises the Bureau on staff issues.
- 5.3.10. In case of a conflict on staff issues, the Staff Committee mediates between the parts to reach a solution.
- 5.3.11. The Staff Committee is convened at least once a year by its President.
- 5.3.12. Any member of the staff can request a meeting of the Staff Committee by written request to its President.

- 5.3.13. In case of a conflict between the employees of the EFA and those of the EFAY and/or the Coppieters Foundation, the organisation involved has the right to appoint a representative in the EFA Staff Committee that will mediate in that case.

5.4. The Secretariat

- 5.4.1. The Secretariat is composed by all the members of the staff of EFA.
- 5.4.2. The members of the staff are all the individuals in any form employed by EFA, including voluntary workers and interns.
- 5.4.3. In case EFA, the employer, wishes to engage a new member of staff, the Staff Committee can designate one of its members to take part in the selection procedure and to give an advice to the Bureau.
- 5.4.4. All the members of the staff of EFA will be employed under the labour regulations of the country in which EFA has its legal seat.
- 5.4.5. The Secretariat carries out the decisions taken by the Bureau and the General Assembly under supervision of the Director.
- 5.4.6. The Secretariat keeps contact with the EFA members and supports them in all their needs.
- 5.4.7. The Secretariat keeps the EFA financial books and accounts updated.
- 5.4.8. The Secretariat prepares the statutory meetings.
- 5.4.9. EFA can unilaterally terminate the work contract of a member of staff following the applicable labour law legislation and might request the involvement of the Staff Committee before taking its decision.

6. Finances

6.1. Contributions

- 6.1.1. The system of contributions is established in the Annex I of these Rules of Internal Order.

- 6.1.2. The amendment of the system of contributions is voted by the General Assembly with absolute majority.
- 6.1.3. The voting right of the members in the General Assembly is conditional to the fulfilment of the financial obligations towards EFA.
- 6.1.4. EFA will not reimburse the travel and accommodation costs for the General Assembly of the delegates of the members in arrears.

6.2. Reimbursements

- 6.2.1. The reimbursement of expenses for travel and accommodation costs can only be accorded upon presentation of the original receipts that justify the expenses.
- 6.2.2. Any request of reimbursement must be submitted before the end of every financial year.

6.3. Donations

- 6.3.1. The European Free Alliance may accept donations from natural or legal persons of up to a value of 18.000 Euros per year and per donor.
- 6.3.2. The following donations are not allowed:
 - 6.3.2.1. anonymous donations or contributions;
 - 6.3.2.2. donations from the budgets of political groups in the European Parliament;
 - 6.3.2.3. donations from any public authority from a Member State or a third country, or from any undertaking over which such a public authority may exercise, directly or indirectly, a dominant influence by virtue of its ownership of it, its financial participation therein, or the rules which govern it;
 - 6.3.2.4. donations from any private entities based outside the EU or from individuals from outside the EU who are not entitled to vote in elections to the European Parliament.

- 6.3.3. Any prohibited donation will, within thirty (30) days following the date of its receipt:
 - 6.3.3.1. be returned to the donor or to any person acting on the donor's behalf; or
 - 6.3.3.2. where it is not possible to return it, be reported to the Authority and the European Parliament.
- 6.3.4. Financial support from members will not be considered as donation but as contribution.
- 6.3.5. The ceiling of 18.000 Euro shall not be applicable to donations received by elected members of the European Parliament, of a national parliament or of a regional parliament or regional assembly which are indirect members of EFA wishing to financially support the Party.
- 6.3.6. The EFA processes personal data following the highest standards laid down in European and Belgian legislation.
- 6.3.7. Personal data is securely stored and not shared or disclosed to third parties without the consent of the subjects concerned, unless this is necessary for the compliance with a legal obligation.
- 6.3.8. Subjects may request at any time the rectification or the erasure of their personal data addressing such request to the EFA Secretariat, at the registered seat of the Party.
- 6.3.9. Personal data of donors and contributors is treated following the applicable provisions contained in the Regulation 1141/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations and may be subject to publication.

7. Motions and declarations

7.1. Motions

- 7.1.1. Motions shall aim at broadening, updating and forming the EFA general policies.
- 7.1.2. The motions shall be presented, discussed and voted in the General Assembly.

- 7.1.3. Full members can submit motions within the deadline set by the EFA Bureau.
- 7.1.4. The text of the motions shall be in English.
- 7.1.5. The EFA Bureau discusses the text of each motion.
- 7.1.6. The Bureau can suggest amendments to the text of the motion to the proponent.
- 7.1.7. The proponent must reply to the suggested amendments to the Bureau within ten [10] days after the reception of the suggestion[s].
- 7.1.8. The motions are put forward to the full members for amendments before the General Assembly.
- 7.1.9. Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat within the deadline set by the EFA Bureau.
- 7.1.10. The motions and amendments are included in the final agenda of the General Assembly.
- 7.1.11. The proponent of each motion has three [3] minutes to explain the motion in the General Assembly.
- 7.1.12. The proponent of an amendment has ninety [90] seconds to defend the proposed amendment in the General Assembly.
- 7.1.13. The General Assembly votes with simple majority first on the amendment[s], if any, and then on the text of the resulting motion.
- 7.1.14. Motions approved shall be considered when drafting the EFA political manifesto.

7.2. Urgency motions

- 7.2.1. Urgency motions aim at responding to urgent political situations.
- 7.2.2. For a motion to be qualified as urgent it should comply with the following criteria:
 - 7.2.2.1. it could not have been foreseen at the deadline set to submit motions;

- 7.2.2.2. it requires to be of a non-contentious nature which can permit overwhelming acceptance until twenty-four (24) hours prior to the General Assembly urgency motions can be submitted in writing, stating the urgency reasons.
- 7.2.3. The Bureau decides whether the urgency motions qualify for discussion in the General Assembly.
- 7.2.4. The General Assembly is informed about the submission of urgency motions prior to the first point of the Agenda.
- 7.2.5. The discussion of the urgency motions is held after the discussion of the other motions or after the end of agenda points.
- 7.2.6. Amendments to urgency motions must be notified in writing to the Presidium of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) minutes before the discussion of the urgency motions.
- 7.2.7. The General Assembly votes first on the amendment(s), if any, and then on the adoption of the urgency motion(s) with simple majority.

7.3. Structure of motions, urgency motions and amendments

- 7.3.1. Motions and urgency motions should follow a standard structure:
 - 7.3.1.1. the texts may have an explanatory note and should have an introduction and a conclusion.
 - 7.3.1.2. amendments or discussions on an explanatory note are not accepted.
- 7.3.2. The total length of the motions and urgency motions is one thousand (1000) and five hundred fifty (550) words respectively; including the explanatory note, introduction and conclusion.
- 7.3.3. Motions, urgency motions and amendments shall be introduced using a standard template and in English.
- 7.3.4. The template is made available to all the members and shall be accessible at any time.

7.4. Declarations

- 7.4.1. The declarations are intended to bring a particular political issue to the attention of the EFA and encourage the member parties to take action.
- 7.4.2. The declarations shall be presented, discussed and voted in the General Assembly.
- 7.4.3. Full members can submit declarations within the deadline set by the EFA Bureau.
- 7.4.4. The text of the declarations shall be in English.
- 7.4.5. The EFA Bureau discusses the text of each declaration.
- 7.4.6. The Bureau can suggest amendments to the text of the declaration to the proponent.
- 7.4.7. The proponent must reply to the suggested amendments to the Bureau within ten [10] days after the reception of the suggestion[s].
- 7.4.8. The declarations are put forward to full, observer and associated members for amendments before the General Assembly.
- 7.4.9. Amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretariat within the deadline set by the EFA Bureau.
- 7.4.10. The declarations and amendments are included in the final agenda of the General Assembly.
- 7.4.11. The proponent of each declaration has three [3] minutes to explain the declaration in the General Assembly.
- 7.4.12. The proponent of an amendment has ninety [90] seconds to defend the proposed amendment in the General Assembly.
- 7.4.13. The General Assembly votes with simple majority first on the amendment[s], if any, and then on the text of the resulting declaration.

8. The EFA Youth

8.1. Relations between the EFA and the EFA Youth

8.1.1. The non-profit association “EFA Youth” (EFAy) constituted in Belgium and registered as non-profit organisation (ASBL/VZW) under No 0870.658.439 and having its seat at Boomkwekerijstraat 1,4 - 1000 Brussel, is an associated entity of EFA.

8.1.2. The cooperation between EFA and its youth branch, the EFAy, is based on the following principles:

8.1.2.1. The EFA and the EFAy commit to mutual respect and cooperation;

8.1.2.2. The EFA shall defend the point of view of the EFAy in aiming to be financed by the European Parliament if the EC stops admin-grants;

8.1.2.3. The EFAy commits itself to increase its self-financing;

8.1.2.4. Regular EFA-EFAy work meetings between the Presidents or representatives of the two Associations are held.

8.1.3. The EFA Bureau and General Assembly’s agendas can include a point on EFAy.

8.1.4. The EFAy representatives can be invited to the EFA Bureau and General Assembly meetings and have the right to vote on the EFAy agenda point, if any.

8.1.5. The EFAy can request the minutes of the statutory meetings of EFA.

8.1.6. The EFAy has the right to receive all the information about every EFA activity.

8.2. Financial Support

8.2.1. The General Assembly adopts the yearly budget of the Party that might include a specific financial provision for EFAy.

8.2.2. The financial support is received upon a signature of an yearly agreement between the Party and EFAy that contains the terms of use of the financial support.

9. Coppieters Foundation

9.1. Relations between the EFA and the Coppieters Foundation

- 9.1.1. The Coppieters Foundation is the European political foundation linked to EFA.
- 9.1.2. The relations between EFA and the Coppieters Foundation are subject to European Union law.
- 9.1.3. EFA recognises the independent character of the Coppieters Foundation.
- 9.1.4. The two organisations should work closely together to make sure that programmes are complementary.

10. Amendments

- 10.1.1. The Rules of Internal Order may be amended by the General Assembly upon a proposal presented by the Bureau.
- 10.1.2. The General Assembly adopts the amendments with simple majority.

ANNEX I – Contribution system

	<i>Local</i>	<i>Regional/ National</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>European</i>	<i>If in regional/national or state government</i>
FULL MEMBERS	750	2200	3600	9000	SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTION
OBSERVER MEMBERS	350	450	700	1000	
ASSOCIATED MEMBERS	200	300	500		

Territory group I.

Nations or regions which are relatively rich or have a large number of legislative powers. Amount of supplementary contribution: € 4.000.

Territory group II.

Nations or regions which are less wealthy or have a limited number of legislative powers. Amount of supplementary contribution: € 2.100.

Territory group III.

Nations or regions which are less wealthy or have a limited number of legislative powers. Amount of supplementary contribution: € 700.

NON-EU Members

Full members based outside the European Union are exempt from the payment of membership fees and annual contributions without consequently being deprived of any of their statutory rights.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>TERRITORY</i>	<i>TERRITORY GROUP</i>
Ålands Framtid – Ålands' Future	Åland Islands	I
Autonomie – Liberté – Participation – Ecologie – Autonomy – Freedom – Participation – Ecology [ALPE]	Aosta Valley	I
Bayernpartei – Party of Bavaria	Bavaria	I
Bloc Nacionalista Valencia – Valencian Nationalist Bloc (Bloc)	Valencia	I
Bloque Nacionalista Galego – Galician Nationalist Bloc (BNG)	Galicia	I
Dostluk Eşitlik-Barış Partisi – Friendship, Peace and Equality party (DEB)	Greece	III
Enotna Lista – Unity List [EL]	Carinthia	II
Erdélyi Magyar Néppárt – Hungarian Peoples' Party of Transylvania (EMNP)	Transylvania	III
Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya – Republican Left of Catalonia (ERC)	Catalonia	I
Eusko Alkartasuna – Basque Solidarity [EA]	Basque Country	I
Femu a Corsica – Let's make Corsica	Corsica	II
Fryske Nasjonale Partij – Frisian National Party (FNP)	Friesland	I
Inseme per a Corsica – Together for Corsica	Corsica	II
Kaszëbskô Jednota – Kashubian Community [KJ]	Kashubia	III
L'Altro Sud – The Other South	Former Kingdom of the Two Sicilies	III

Лига Социјалдемократа Војводине – Liga Socijaldemokrata Vojvodine [LSV]	Vojvodina	*
Liga Veneta Repubblica – Venetian Republic League [LVR]	Veneto	III
Lista Per Fiume/Lista Za Rijeku – List for Fiume/Rijeka [LZR]	Fiume/Rijeka	III
Lužyska Alianca/Lausitzer Allianz – Sorbian Alliance	Sorbia	III
Magyar Kereszténydemokrata Szövetség – Hungarian Christian Democratic Alliance [MKDSZ]	Slovak Republic	III
Mebyon Kernow – The Party for Cornwall [MK]	Cornwall	III
Moravské zemské hnutí – Moravian Movement	Moravia	III
Mouvement Région Savoie – Savoyan Region Movement [MRS]	Savoy	II
Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie – New Flemish Alliance [N-VA]	Flanders	I
Nueva Canarias – New Canary Islands [NC]	Canary Islands	I
Oljka Party – Olive party	Slovenia	III
Orno Ilinden Pirin – United Macedonian Organisation Ilinden Pirin	Bulgaria	III
Partit Occitan – Occitan party [PÒC]	Occitania	II
Partit Socialista de Mallorca-Entesa Nacionalista – Socialist Party of Mallorca – Nationalist Agreement [PSM-Entesa]	Balearic Islands	I
Partidu Sardu d'Azione – Sardinian Action Party [PSd A]	Sardinia	I
Partitu di a Nazione Corsa – Party of the Corsican Nation [PNC]	Corsica	II
Patric Furlane – Friulian Homeland	Friuli	I
Plaid Cymru – The Party of Wales	Wales	III
Pro-Lombardia Indipendenza – For the independence of Lombardy [PLI]	Lombardia	III
Ruch Autonomii Śląska – Silesian Autonomy Movement [RAS]	Silesia	III
Русский союз Латвии /Latvijas Krievu savienība – Latvian Russian Union [LRU]	Latvia	III
Schleswigsche Partei – Party of Schleswig [SP]	Schleswig	I
Scottish National Party [SNP]	Scotland	I
Slovenska Skupnost – Slovene Union	Friuli V.G.	I
Südschleswiger Wahlverband – South Schleswig Voters Association [SSW]	Schleswig	I
Südtiroler Freiheit – Südtiroler Freedom [STF]	South Tirol	I
Union Démocratique Bretonne – Democratic Breton Union [UDB]	Brittany	II
Unitat Catalana – Catalan Unity [UC]	Northern Catalonia	II
Unser Land – Our Land	Alsatia	II
Виножито/Ουράνιο Τόξο – Rainbow	Greece	III
Yorkshire Party [YP]	Yorkshire	I
Արցախի Ժողովրդավարական կուսակցություն – Democratic Party of Artsakh [DPA]	Republic of Artsakh	*

Transitional provisions

The contribution system established in the annex I will be applicable from the financial year 2021.

For the financial years 2019 and 2020 full members of EFA will remain subject to the previous contribution system, taking into account their membership status on the 10 March 2019 and considering the membership status they would be attributed to in view of any modification of their political representation.