

ECOtrinoa e.V. (registered association)*

- Statute -

* formerly Alliance of Freiburg Environmental Institutes (FAUST) registered association
Register of associations no. 2551 Register Court Freiburg i.Br.

Preamble:

The life resources of humans and the nature are seriously menaced, on the earth in total all as well as at the frontier triangle at the Upper-Rhine. In contrast we focus on forward-looking manners of economy and environmentally sound, socially acceptable and macroeconomically sustainable ways of life, which satisfy the basic principles of sustainability: that means in an ecological, economical and social manner, as it was supported at the UN-Conferences for Environment and Development 1992 in Rio de Janeiro and 2002 in Johannesburg.

The multifaceted knowledge, which exists at environment institutes, associations, citizenship, science and economy or which has to be worked out yet, has to be better used and realised in the thinking and acting, in the politics and the manner of economy. The association **ECOtrinoa** registered association wants to support this and –also in cooperation –to develop, to publish or to accomplish guidelines, projects, information and activities about this.

Articles:

§ 1 Name, Registered Site, Business Year

- (1) The association bears the name **ECOtrinoa e.V.**
- (2) The association has its registered office in Freiburg im Breisgau.
- (3) The business year of the association corresponds with the calendar year.

§ 2 Purpose, Functions and Aims

(1) The association EcoTrinoa is an alliance of Institutes of environmental research, consulting, education, of citizens, environment-orientated associations, initiatives, consultants and companies as well as other interested groups from the region of the frontier triangle at the Upper-Rhine. The work of the association benefits the public.

(2) Purpose is the promotion
of the protection of the natural life resources for the future generations
of the protection of the environment, nature and landscape as well as the protection of natural resources
of the protection of the global and local climate
of the education and the upbringing of the purposes above
of consumer counselling and consumer protection
of cultural values like libraries, archives and comparable institutions
of science and research as well as international understanding within the scope of the afore mentioned purposes.

(3) The purposes are achieved
according to the requirement of the available means in particular –if necessary transnational –by the use
of
people`s education and ecological education in companies respectively in terms of environmental
enlightenment and education

information, consumer counselling, scientific studies, research, initiatives, our own or cooperative projects

publishing of communications, information scripts, publications

ideal and scientific exchange of information and experience

the development and operation or co-operation of environmental archives and libraries

comments and contributions to the political or daily political formation of opinion as well as to the authorities about subjects of para. (3), in particular about the mediation and realisation of the tax privileged purposes

the promotion of the engagement among others of institutes, associations, educational institutions, politics, economy, authorities, communes and citizenship in terms of the non-profit public utility purposes of the association

the promotion of the care of foreign visitors, the meetings between Germans and foreigners in Germany as well as the information exchange in terms of § 2 about Germany and foreign countries.

(4) The association pursues exclusively and directly non-profit purposes of public utility in terms of the paragraph "tax privileged purposes" of the general tax code.

(5) The association Ecotrinova operates unselfishly. It doesn't pursue primarily self-economic purposes. The association Ecotrinova doesn't strive after a profit. The means can be only used for statutory purposes. The members don't receive allowances from the means of the association. No one can be advantaged by expenses, which are alien to the purposes of the association, or by disproportionately high remunerations. Expenses and remunerations can not exceed the de facto originated costs; they must be proved by receipts.

§ 3 Membership

(1) Full members can be natural or legal persons, whose functions and aims are in accord with these of the association and who want to plead actively for the realisation of these aims.

(2) The admission to the association passes on application, about which the executive committee decides at one's own discretion but in view of the aims of § 3.
A multiplicity and interdisciplinaryity of members is desired.

(3) Supporting members can be natural or legal persons. The executive committee decides about the admission like in § 3 para.2.

§ 4 Cessation of Membership

(1) The membership ceases by death, exclusion, deletion out of the register of members or by the retirement from the association.

(2) The retirement occurs by written notification to the executive committee. The retirement can be declared only to the end of a business year, whereupon the term of notice of 2 months has to be complied with.

(3) A member can be cancelled from the register of members by the decision of the executive committee, if he or she falls behind with the payment of the membership fee or special fees in spite of two-times written dunning. The deletion can not be decided until two months passed after the posting of the second dunning and the menace of the deletion was mentioned in this dunning.
The member has to be informed about the decision of the executive committee concerning the deletion.

(4) A member can be excluded from the association by the decision of the executive committee, if he or she violates culpably and grossly the interests of the association. Before the decision-making the executive committee must give an opportunity to the member for an oral or written statement. The decision of the executive committee has to be justified in written form and has to be sent to the member. The member can appeal against the decision. The appeal has to be lodged to the executive committee within a month after the decision was received.

The rights of membership of the relevant member rest between the day of the deletion and the decision of the general meeting.

§ 5 Membership fees

- (1) Annual subscriptions are raised from the members.
- (2) The amount and the payment date of the annual subscriptions are fixed by the general meeting.
- (3) The executive committee can all or partly abate or defer the fees and subscriptions in convenient cases or convert them in services, which have to be performed.
- (4) The general meeting decides about the amount of the subscriptions for supporting members.

§ 6 Structures

Structures of the association are the general meeting and the committee.

§ 7 General meeting

- (1) Full members have seat and vote in the general meeting. Supporting members are invited, they have a right to speak.
- (2) The full general meeting is convened at least once a year by the chairman. The members have to be invited in writing with a period of four weeks and with the specification of the agenda.
- (3) An extraordinary general meeting has to be convened, if more than half of the members of the executive committee or at least one third of the full members apply for it. For the invitation applies article 8, para.2, clause 2 accordingly.
- (4) The following topics are particularly liable to the decision-making of the general meeting:
 1. Defining of guidelines for the work of the association
 2. Election and deselection of the executive committee
 3. Defining of the budget
 4. Acceptance of the annual report and the annual conference
 5. Election of the auditors
 6. Relief of the executive committee
 7. Defining of the membership fees
 8. Election of a representative for the program advisory council of the Environmental Academy Freiburg
 9. Changes of the statute and the cancellation of the association.
- (5) Decisions are made with a simple majority of the full members present.
- (6) A decision can be made also without a general meeting, if the written decision-procedure is instituted by the executive committee and the majority of the full members agrees in writing.
- (7) Members of the executive committee have voting rights at the general meetings.

(8) Minutes have to be made about the decisions and are to be signed by the chairman and a member of the executive committee.

§ 8 Executive Committee

(1) The chairman and two vice- chairmen, one of them a treasurer, as well as up to two other persons represent the executive committee.

(2) The three chairmen represent the association any one alone judicially and extrajudicially.

(3) Members of the executive committee are elected on the proposal of the general meeting. They must be a member of the association as a natural person or by means of their institution.

(4) The executive committee leads the association according to the requirements of the statute and of the decisions of the general meeting.

(5) The period of office of the executive committee amounts to two years, but in either case as long as a new executive committee is elected. A re-election is allowed.

(6) The executive committee is convoked by the chairman, in case of being prevented by a proxy person. A board meeting has to be called if a member of the executive committee applies for this. Details are regulated by the rules of procedure.

(7) The executive committee has a quorum, if the chairman and at least another member of the executive committee are present. The majority of the delivered, valid votes decides about the decision-making.

(8) The meetings of the executive committee are open for members.

(9) The executive committee can establish rules of procedure for itself.

§ 9 Competence of the executive committee

(1) The executive committee is responsible for all affairs of the association, as far as they aren't delegated by the statute to another structure of the association. In particular, the executive committee has the following functions:

- a. Preparation and convening of the general meeting, as well as the itemisation of the agenda
- b. Execution of the decisions of the general meeting
- c. Filling of boards

§ 10 Cancellation of the association

(1) The association can be cancelled by the decision of the general meeting with an absolute majority of the votes of its members.

(2) In the case of cancellation of the association or the discontinuation of its previous purposes, the property of the association will be conferred on the Öko-Institut e.V., Freiburg i.Br., which has to use it directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes of public utility.

§ 11 Entry into force

Decided by the general meeting of the 30th January 2003 in Freiburg i.Br. as amendment of the statute of the founding meeting of the 6th Oct. 1992 in Freiburg i.Br.

signed by Dr.rer.nat. Georg Löser, chairman