

Association Statutes

Of

“STEM Network”, with headquarters in Ecublens

I. Name, Seat, and Purpose

Article 1: Name and Legal Form

An association within the meaning of Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code is hereby established under the name: **“STEM Network”** (hereinafter referred to as "the Association").

Article 2: Seat

The Association's seat is located in Ecublens, Vaud, Switzerland.

Article 3: Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to promote public access to education through technology by organizing, supporting, and publicizing educational initiatives and events throughout Switzerland and beyond.

It fosters collaboration between educators, learners, academic institutions, startups, and industry professionals in order to advance innovation in teaching and learning while developing a connected network of technology enthusiasts.

The Association is non-profit, politically and religiously neutral, and aims to contribute to the improvement of education for the benefit of society as a whole.

II. Resources

Article 4: Financial Means

The Association shall utilize the following resources to pursue its objectives:

- Membership fees
- Donations and grants
- Income from events and activities
- Subsidies
- Any other resources permitted by law

The membership contributions shall be determined once a year by the general meeting. Honorary members and acting board members shall be exempt from contribution payments.

Article 5: Liability

The Association's liabilities are solely covered by its assets. Members shall not be personally liable for the Association's debts.

III. Membership

Article 6: Membership Categories

The Association comprises:

- **Active Members:** Members actively responsible for representing the association, reaching out to sponsors, managing the association's network and its resources are defined as active members.
- **Passive Members:** Individuals who join the association's network and contribute to its events but do not actively represent the association are defined as passive members.
- **Honorary Members:** Members who have had a major contribution to the association are defined as honorary members.

Article 7: Admission

Requests for active membership shall be addressed to the Executive Committee by means of email, which then decides on admission.

Requests for passive membership shall be addressed to the Executive Committee by means of email or online forms, which then decides on admission.

Honorary membership is granted by the Executive Committee through their own initiative.

Article 8: Resignation and Exclusion

- Members may resign at any time by submitting a written notice to the Executive Committee.
- A member can be excluded from the Association for just cause by decision of the Executive Committee. The member may appeal to the General Assembly within 30 days of the notification.

Article 9: Compensation Policy

Members may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with the activities of the association. Compensation for specific services may be granted, provided it is justified, reasonable, and in line with the association's non-profit purpose and its stated goals.

IV. Organizational Structure

Article 10: Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are:

- The General Assembly
- The Executive Committee

A. General Assembly

Article 11: Composition and Powers

The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the Association and consists of all members. It has the following powers:

- Approval of the minutes of the last General Assembly
- Approval of the annual report and financial statements
- Discharge of the Executive Committee
- Election and dismissal of Executive Committee members and Auditors
- Amendment of the statutes
- Dissolution of the Association
- Any other business duly submitted to the General Assembly

Article 12: Meetings

The Ordinary General Assembly is held annually within the first quarter of the year. Extraordinary General Assemblies may be convened by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least one-fifth of the active members.

Article 13: Convocation

Active members are invited to the General Assembly by the Executive Committee at least 10 days in advance. The invitation includes the agenda items.

Article 14: Decision-Making

Decisions are made by a simple majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise stipulated by the statutes or law. Each active member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

B. Executive Committee

Article 15: Composition

The Executive Committee consists of at least 2 members but up to 5, including:

- President
- Vice-President

Article 16: Election and Term

Executive Committee members are elected by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Re-election is possible.

Article 17: Powers and Duties

The Executive Committee manages the Association's affairs and represents it externally. Its duties include:

- Implementing decisions of the General Assembly
- Managing the Association's finances
- Preparing and convening General Assemblies
- Proposing strategies and activities

Article 18: Decision-Making

The Executive Committee meets as required. Decisions are made by a simple majority of members present. In the event of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

V. Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 19: Financial Year

The financial year starts on the 1st January and ends on the 31st of December.

Article 20: Dissolution

The Association may only be dissolved by a two-third majority vote of all active members.

In such a case, the Executive Committee shall proceed with the liquidation of the Association. The assets of the Association shall first serve to pay its creditors.

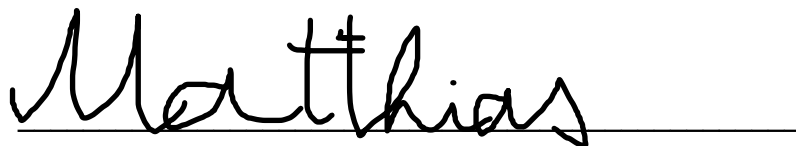
VI. Entry into Force

These articles of association were adopted at the constituent meeting of the Association on the 6th of April 2025 held in Nendaz, Valais and entered into force on the same date.

President of the constitutive assembly, Loïc Delineau

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The Vice-President of the constitutive assembly, Matthias Schuller

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The General Secretary constitutive assembly, Grégoire Lacroix

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