

# **STATUTES OF THE FOUNDATION “COLLEGE OF EUROPE”**

## **Chapter 1**

### **General Provisions**

#### **§ 1.**

“College of Europe”, hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation", conducts its activity on the basis of the Act of 6<sup>th</sup> April 1984 on foundations (JL of 1991, No. 46, item 203), hereinafter referred to as the "Act" and the Statutes herein.

#### **§ 2.**

1. The Foundation is a legal person and acts through the authorities stipulated in the Statutes.
2. The Foundation acts under the name “Kolegium Europejskie”. The Foundation may also use English version "College of Europe".
3. The Foundation is seated in Warsaw.

#### **§ 3.**

1. The Foundation acts on the territory of the Republic of Poland and abroad.
2. The Foundation has been set up for an indefinite period of time.

#### **§ 4.**

The Foundation may establish offices, branches and subsidiaries.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Objectives**

#### **§ 5.**

The Foundation has the following objectives:

- 1) Preparing human resources for the process of European integration in accordance with the traditions of the College of Europe.
- 2) Contributing to the European debate and reflections on the challenges to European integration.

## **§ 6.**

1. The Foundation achieves its objectives specified in the § 5, in particular through:
  - 1) Teaching of the postgraduate programme in accordance with the traditions of the College of Europe;
  - 2) Performing related activities such as research and publications on the topic on European integration,
  - 3) Funding and organisation of:
    - a) conferences and seminars;
    - b) scholarships for students and researchers in European studies.
2. In achieving its objectives set out in § 5, the Foundation may, whenever useful, co-operate with other educational institutions as well as public institutions, associations and foundations active in the field of education in European studies.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Property and Revenues**

## **§ 7.**

To achieve the Foundation's objectives the Founders have provided: the "Centrum Europejskie- Natolin" Foundation seated in Warsaw the amount of PLN 5,000.00 (say: five thousand Polish Zloty), and the College of Europe in Bruges the amount of PLN 5,000.00 (say: five thousand Polish Zloty), i.e. the total amount PLN 10,000.00 (say: ten thousand Polish Zloty), which will constitute the Establishment Fund.

## **§ 8.**

Foundation's sources of funding might be, in particular:

- 1) revenues generated from the property of the Foundation;
- 2) foreign assistance funds;
- 3) contributions, donations, inheritances.

## **§ 9.**

The property and revenues of the Foundation are allocated for the implementation of its statutory objectives in line with the programme set by the Board of the Foundation, as well as to cover the costs of the Foundation's activities.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Authorities of the Foundation**

#### **§ 10.**

The authority of the Foundation is constituted by its Executive Board.

#### **§ 11.**

1. The Executive Board consists of 6 to 7 members.
2. The members of the Executive Board are nominated by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland.
3. The Board comprises:
  - 1) four persons appointed by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland,
  - 2) two or three persons appointed by the College of Europe in Bruges, including Rector and Vice-Rector of the College of Europe in Bruges.
4. The Executive Board appoints the Chairman from amongst its members.
5. The tenure of the Executive Board is for five years. The mandates of existing members expire upon the nomination of the new Executive Board.
6. Membership of the Executive Board shall expire upon death or resignation of a member. In a case of Rector and Vice-Rector of the College of Europe in Bruges membership shall also expire upon the revocation from their functions.
7. In cases referred to in § 11 item 6 the Prime Minister will appoint new member of the Executive Board for the remaining tenure of the Executive Board.

#### **§ 12.**

1. The Executive Board manages and externally represents the Foundation.
2. The Executive Board is solely responsible for taking all decisions concerning the Foundation's activities.

#### **§ 13.**

Two Executive Board Members, including the Chairman of the Foundation, acting jointly have a right to make the statements of will and sign instruments for and on behalf of the Foundation.

#### **§ 14.**

1 The Executive Board exercises its rights and obligations during its meetings by passing resolutions by the ordinary majority of votes in the presence of a minimum half of its members.

In particular, a resolution of the Executive Board is required in the following cases:

- 1) the definition of organisational regulations of the Foundation;
- 2) the appointment and dismissal of the Director of the Executive Board's office, upon the request of the Chairman;
- 3) making resolutions on multi-annual and annual financial plans of the Foundation and the annual budgets of the Foundation;

- 4) the planning and raising of funds necessary for the activities of the Foundation;
  - 5) the definition of programmes for the Foundation;
  - 6) the definition of activities to be conducted by subsidiaries referred to in § 4, the transfer of property in their favour and the rules under which financial resources are allocated for the realisation of objectives set forth for those subsidiaries;
  - 7) disposing rights and contracting financial commitments by the Foundation whose value exceeds the equivalent of EURO 200,000.00 (say: two hundred thousand EURO) in PLN.
2. In the case of the appointment and dismissal of the Director of the Executive Board's office and in the case of decisions concerning the property of the Foundation, the Executive Board votes resolutions by the ordinary majority of votes in the presence of minimum two-thirds of its members.
  3. In the event of equal number of votes, the Chairman holds casting vote.
  4. Meetings of the Executive Board of the Foundation are held at least four times a year. Meetings are convened by the Chairman on his own initiative, upon the request of the Director of the Executive Board's office or three members of the Executive Board.

### **§ 15.**

The Executive Board may establish commissions and councils as consultancy bodies of the Executive Board and set out regulations for them.

## **Chapter 5**

### **General Provisions of the Foundation**

### **§ 16.**

The Minister competent in the sense of the Act, mentioned in § 1, is the Minister entitled to foreign affairs.

## **Chapter 6**

### **Final Provisions**

### **§ 17.**

1. The Statutes may be amended by the Executive Board in the form of a resolution passed by the majority of two-third of votes held in the presence of a half of its members, at least. The modifications of the Statutes shall not concern the objectives of the Foundation.
2. Amendments to the Statutes require the approval of the Committee for European Affairs.

### **§ 18.**

In cases not covered herein, the provisions of the Act of 6<sup>th</sup> April 1984 on foundations apply (JL of 1991, No 46, item 203).