

S T A T U T E

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in BIELEFELD

English

Article 1

The European Union of Christian Democratic Workers (EUCDW) is an association of Christian-social workers from European countries who adhere to the principles of Catholic social teaching, the evangelical social ethic and the objectives of the EPP.

Article 2

The EUCDW is a European organisation based in Brussels.

EUCDW members may form national or regional associations. These associations must accept the principles referred to in Article 1.

Article 3

The EUCDW supports, as one of its aims and objectives, the work of the European People's Party (EPP), being the recognised representative of the wage-earners and all democratic trade union forces.

It is funded from subscriptions and other contributions.

Article 4

The EUCDW has the following aims, in particular:

1. to unite Christian-social workers and to press for the political unification of a democratic Europe;
2. to promote the theoretical and organisational development of the EPP on the basis of Christian-social teaching;
3. to represent and defend worker interests in the EPP, the European Parliament and at all political and trade union levels in Europe;
4. to work for the achievement of Christian-social principles and policies in the European workers' movements;
5. to step up co-operation with the workers and their organisations, particularly those, in Europe and elsewhere, with a Christian outlook;
6. to spread Christian-social ideas through, inter alia, its own publications;

7. to promote the establishment of national and regional associations of Christian-social workers, where such associations do not exist.

Organs

Article 5

The organs of the EUCDW shall be:

1. The Congress
2. The Board
3. The Presidium

Congress

Article 6

Definition – Composition

1. Congress shall meet at least once every four years. It shall be convened by decision of the Board, which shall determine its date, place and agenda.
2. Congress shall consist of
 - a. those entitled to vote:
 - the members of the Presidium
 - the Delegates of Member Organisations

The active and passive right to vote of the members of the Presidium as well as of the Delegates of the Member Organisations is connected with the payment of the membership fees. The Internal Regulation describes the details of it.

- b. those with an advisory vote:
 - the representatives of Observer Members

- the representatives of EUCDW associations recognised by the Board
 - the Auditors.
3. The number of Delegates shall be determined by the Board in accordance with the Internal Regulation.

Powers – Responsibilities

4. Congress shall elect the President and Vice-Presidents, the Assessors according to art. 8.1. and three Auditors. If one of the elected officers resigns, the Board shall elect his/her successor, who shall occupy the post until the next Congress is held.
5. Congress shall determine the guidelines and programme of the EUCDW.
6. It shall decide on amendments to the Statutes.

Meetings – Decision Making Process

7. At the request of at least one third of the member organisations, the Board shall convene an extraordinary Congress.
8. Unless the rules of procedure stipulate otherwise, decisions shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority of the votes cast.

Board

Article 7

Definition – Composition

1. The Board shall be the association's main decision-making body; it shall take into account the guidelines and programme laid down by Congress and shall meet at least twice a year.
2. The Board shall comprise the following:
- a. those entitled to vote:
 - all members of the Presidium
 - two representatives from each Member Organisation

- the President or Vice-President of the European Parliament's trade union intergroup, provided that he/she belongs to an EUCDW organisation;
- b. those with an advisory vote:
- two representatives of each Observer Member
 - the representatives of EUCDW associations recognised by the Board

Powers – Responsibilities

3. The Board has the powers attributed to it by these Statutes and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:
- electing the Treasurer on the proposal of the Presidium;
 - electing the Secretary General and his/her deputy on the proposal by the President; if the President does not submit a proposal within six months, the right to propose a candidate shall pass to the Presidium;
 - deciding on applications for membership and associate membership and on applications for observer status from like-minded organisations;
 - maintaining relations with the European People's Party (EPP), the Workers' Group of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, and with European umbrella organisations of democratic trade unions;
 - deciding upon the Internal Regulations and the financial regulations;
 - adopting the annual budget and approving the annual financial report;
 - adopting the annual work programme and approving the annual activity report;
 - proposing to the Congress amendments to the Statutes;

Meetings – Decision Making Process

4. The Board is quorate when a majority of the affiliated organisations is present. If this majority is not achieved, a new meeting may be convened at once, which shall then be deemed quorate. Whether or not a meeting is quorate can only

be determined on the basis of a formal motion. The Internal Regulations shall set out the relevant provisions.

5. All votes and elections shall require a simple majority of the members present, unless otherwise stipulated in the Statutes and/or the Internal Regulations.

The election of the Secretary General and the treasurer shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present, in the first two rounds.

6. The Board may appoint committees and working parties to advise it. The results of their work shall be submitted to the Board for adoption.
7. The term of office of the elected members shall end with the new elections, which is in principle at a Congress or exceptionally at a Presidium. They shall be eligible for re-election.

Presidium

Article 8

Definition – Composition

1. The Presidium is the executive organ of the association. It shall be appointed from amongst the Board and comprise the following members:
 - the President;
 - the Vice-Presidents;
 - the Treasurer;
 - the Secretary General and his/her deputy;
 - one Assessor from up to 6 member organisations;
 - the President, Secretary General and Presidium members (m/f) of the Workers' Group within the EPP Group in the European Parliament;

Powers – Responsibilities

2. The Presidium has the powers attributed to it by these Statutes and the Internal Regulations. Its competences consist inter alia of:
 - ensuring the permanent political presence of the EUCDW between meetings of the Board;
 - monitoring the implementation of the Presidium's decisions;
 - monitoring the financial management of the association's affairs;
 - preparing the meetings of the Board.

Meetings

3. The Presidium shall meet on the invitation of its President or on the request of one third of its members, whenever the object or the interest of the association so requires.

President

Article 9

The President shall represent the EUCDW internally and externally. He/she shall chair all its bodies. He/she shall maintain relations between the EUCDW, the European People's Party, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

The president is responsible for the work of the secretariat.

If the president belongs to a EUCDW organisation in a non-EU country, one of his/her Vice-Presidents, who does come from an EU country, shall maintain relations with the European People's Party.

The position of President is on an honorary basis.

Secretary General

Article 10

The Board elects, on the proposal of the President, a Secretary General on the first Board meeting after the Congress took place.

The Secretary General shall carry out the decisions taken by the bodies of the EUCDW. He/she shall represent the members of the Presidium when required to do so.

The Secretary General supports the President in his organisational and political work, as well as concerning political contacts.

The Board decides whether the Secretary General works on an honorary basis or not.

Entry into force

Article 11

These rules shall enter into force as soon as they have been adopted by the congress of 15 March 1993.

The statute amendments, relating to article 6.6a, to article 7.2g, to article 7.7 and to article 8.1g come into force immediately after the decision of the 7th EUCDW congress on September 6 1997 in Rome.

The statute amendments, relating to article 8.1e and article 10 come into force immediately after the decision of the 8th EUCDW congress on November 26 2001 in Brussels.

The statute amendments relating to article 6.2, 6.3, 7.2, 7.3, 7.8 and 8.1e come into force immediately after the decision of the 9th EUCDW congress on September 3 2005 in Vienna.

The statute amendments relating to article 2, 3, 4.2, 4.3, 7.2a, 7.3e, 8f, 9 come into force immediately after the decision of the 11th EUCDW congress on March 1 2014 in Bielefeld.