

# Statutes of the "European TRIZ-Campus e.V."



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## **§ 1 Name and seat**

- 1.1 The name of the association is: European TRIZ-Campus e. V.
- 1.2 The Association has its registered office in Kassel and is entered in the register of associations of the Local Court of Kassel and bears the suffix "e. V."
- 1.3 The fiscal year is the calendar year.
- 1.4 The official languages are German and English.

## **§ 2 Purpose of the association**

- 2.1 The association sees itself as an association of users and interested parties of the TRIZ methodology in Europe. TRIZ is a Russian abbreviation and is translated into English as "Theory of Inventive Problem Solving". Its tools are based on patent evaluation findings and are used to develop solutions to problems. The tools of the TRIZ methodology are publicly available.

The purpose of the association is the promotion of national and professional education including student assistance with the focus on the application and further development of the innovation methodology TRIZ in Europe.

To this end, he wants above all:

- 2.1.1 Develop uniform quality criteria at a high level with respect to the international state of the art for the training and application of the TRIZ methodology,
- 2.1.2 Develop own continuing education concepts, training and education materials, and job aids,
- 2.1.3 establish and maintain a network of regional and international contacts for TRIZ education and application,
- 2.1.3 Coordinate and conduct continuing education events and seminars on TRIZ,
- 2.1.4 maintain cooperation with domestic and foreign organizations engaged in innovation promoting methods.
- 2.2 Organization of professional congresses, events and meetings.

- 2.3 The association is selflessly active; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.

### **§ 3 Non-profit status**

- 3.1 The Association shall exclusively and directly pursue charitable purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-privileged purposes" of the German Tax Code.
- 3.2 The funds of the Association may only be used for purposes in accordance with the Articles of Association. The members of the association shall not receive any benefits from the association's funds in their capacity as members.
- 3.3 No person may benefit from expenses that are alien to the purpose of the Association or from disproportionately high remuneration.

### **§ 4 Membership and contributions**

- 4.1 Members can become natural (as a personal member) or legal (as a corporate member) persons who are willing to recognize and support the statutes and its goals. The board decides on the admission of a member by simple majority after submission of a written application.
- 4.2 Members shall pay dues; their amount and due date shall be determined by the General Meeting. The Board of Directors may set individual dues for students, honorary members, pensioners, etc.
- 4.3 The statutory notices to the members of the Association shall be made in writing.
- 4.4 Membership ends:
- 4.4.1 by the death of a personal member or the bankruptcy or insolvency of a corporate member.

- 4.4.2 by voluntary resignation; it may only be effected at the end of a fiscal year and must be declared in writing to the Executive Board at least six weeks before its expiry.
- 4.4.3 by expulsion, if the member grossly disregards the reputation or the purposes of the Association. Without a formal exclusion procedure, members with a payment arrears of more than one year's dues shall be deleted from the list of members.
- 4.4.4 The board of directors decides on the exclusion with a simple majority.

## **§ 5 Organs of the association**

- 5.1 The organs of the association are:
1. general meeting
  2. Board of Directors.

## **§ 6 General meeting**

- 6.1 The supreme body of the Association is the General Meeting.
- 6.2 The General Meeting shall meet at least every two years. Upon written request of at least 33% of the members, an extraordinary general meeting shall be convened by the board.
- 6.3 The general meeting is reserved for the members. The meeting appoints the chairman of the meeting. A member of the board shall prepare minutes. The members have the right to speak.
- 6.4 The Executive Board shall invite the members in writing, stating the place of the meeting, the time of the meeting and the agenda. The invitation shall be issued no later than two weeks before the start of the meeting. Proposals for the agenda must be received by the board members in writing at least seven days before the meeting. The General Meeting shall decide on the acceptance of motions for additions to the agenda which are not submitted until the General Meeting. A majority of 2/3 of the valid votes cast is required to accept the motion. Abstentions and invalid votes are not taken into account.

- 6.5 Each member has one vote. Each member may be represented by proxy at the General Meeting. Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present. Abstentions and invalid votes are not counted. In the event of a tie, the head of the general meeting shall have the casting vote.
- 6.6 Minutes shall be taken of the resolutions by the keeper of the minutes, which shall be signed by the Executive Board and the keeper of the minutes. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to the members.
- 6.7 The tasks of the general meeting are in particular:
1. acceptance of the statement of accounts by the Board of Directors and its discharge.
  2. election of the board of directors.
  3. decisions on motions from the general meeting and the board.
  4. decisions on the amount and due date of membership fees.
  5. resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association or dissolution of the Association.
- 6.8 The Executive Board or the General Meeting shall decide on the adoption of rules of procedure. However, these must then be approved by the general meeting with a simple majority.

## **§ 7 The Executive Board**

- 7.1 The Executive Board consists of at least three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) members with equal rights, who must be personal members of the Association. The number and allocation of tasks are regulated by the rules of procedure.
- 7.2 The Board of Directors shall elect the Speaker for a period of four years.
- 7.3 The Board of Directors decides by simple majority.
- 7.4 The Association shall be represented judicially and extrajudicially by two members of the Executive Board.
- 7.5 The Board of Directors is elected by the General Meeting for a period of four years. It remains in office until a new election is held. If a member resigns

during his term of office, the board shall elect a substitute member for the remainder of the board's term of office.

7.6 The Board of Directors shall determine the guidelines of the work.

7.7 Election of the Board of Directors.

The members of the board are elected by the general meeting by simple majority. Each member can submit his proposals for candidates in writing to the board for this purpose. The candidates must agree to the candidacy before the election.

## **§ 8 Dissolution of the association**

9.1 A majority of 4/5 of the valid votes cast is required to dissolve the Association.

9.2 In the event of the dissolution or annulment of the corporation or in the event of the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, the assets of the association shall pass to ZuBaKa gemeinnützige GmbH, which shall use them directly and exclusively for charitable, benevolent or ecclesiastical purposes.