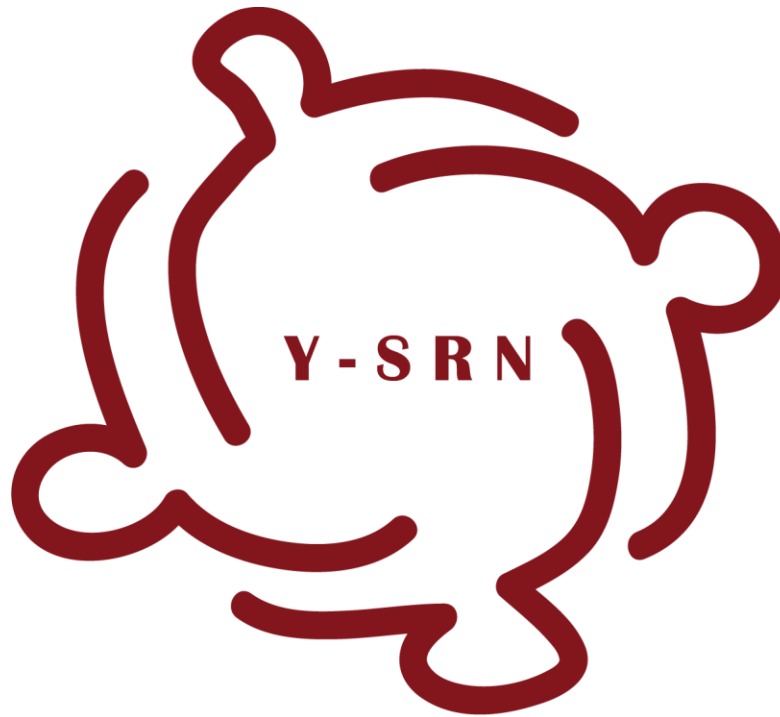


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STATUTE



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CHAPTER I

GENERAL INFORMATION

Y-SRN is an international network working on improvement of access to social rights for all young people (particularly young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods deprived of some of the basic necessities and/ or young people facing variety of disadvantages).

In terms of specifying the content of social rights the Youth Social Rights Network follows the approach of the European Social Charter, in its original and revised versions.

Article 1. Name

The name of the network is “Youth Social Rights Network” (hereafter referred to as “Y-SRN”). In performing its activities, the Youth Social Rights Network may use its full or abbreviated title which is: Y-SRN.

Article 2. Legal character and duration

Y-SRN has its own legal personality and full legal capacity to act. Y-SRN's is established for unlimited period of time.

Article 3. Address

The official address of the Y-SRN is Exnersgade 4, 6700 Esbjerg, Denmark.

The General Assembly of Y-SRN can decide to change the address, as well as to open or close other locations that may be necessary to its purpose.

An office of the Y-SRN may be established in any country, state, territory or region through voting and with simple majority votes of the General Assembly upon a proposal from the Executive Board. The office will be opened only in the country, state, territory or region that demonstrates ability and outstanding commitment in developing and maintaining the Y-SRN core values, mission and vision.

Article 4. Logo

The logo of the Network is consisted of 4 outlines of people, which form a circle. Inside the circle there is the abbreviated title of the Network (Y-SRN). Below the logo is the written – Youth Social Rights Network.

CHAPTER II

THE MISSION, VISION AND OBJECTIVES

Article 5. Mission

The mission of Y-SRN is to improve the access to social rights, social inclusion and participation of young people; (particularly those from disadvantaged neighborhoods or those facing disadvantage), while protecting young people of all forms of discrimination and violence.

Article 6. Vision

The vision of Y-SRN is to provide professional, pluralistic, high-quality, inclusive, transparent, and effective services so as to support the transformation of Europe in a structure that respects and protects social rights of autonomous young people and provides opportunities for their active participation in modern societies.

Article 7. Objectives

The objectives of Y-SRN are:

1. To create conditions and mechanism for improvement of the access to social rights of young people (particularly those from disadvantaged neighborhoods or those facing disadvantage), their protection and respect,
2. To create conditions and mechanism for improvement of social inclusion young people (particularly those from disadvantaged neighborhoods or those facing disadvantage) and youth participation;
3. To ensure better leaving standards and equal opportunities for all young people (particularly those from disadvantaged neighborhoods or those facing disadvantage);
4. To monitor and support the improvement of youth policy in European countries;
5. To initiate, support and encourage the establishment of long term local partnerships and networks of different relevant stakeholders that will counteract disadvantages and work towards improvement of access to social rights of young people and their successful transition to autonomy.
6. To do other things related to the above objectives mission and vision of the Y-SRN.

Article 8. Working areas

- Social rights
- Autonomy
- Social inclusion
- Youth work
- Youth participation
- Youth policy
- Research
- Non formal education

CHAPTER III

MEMBERSHIP, RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Article 9. Membership

Y-SRN is an open network with **founding members** (those that founded the network) and **joining members** (members that joined Y-SRN after its establishment).

Founding members are:

- Biljana Vasilevska Trajkoska young social worker, FYROM
- Maria Roidi- young youth worker/lawyer, Greece
- Melinda Visan – young youth worker social educator, Denmark
- Nato Antia, young youth worker/lawyer, Georgia
- Sulkhan Chargeishvili – young social worker, Georgia
- Elena Erkina, - youth worker/ project manager, Russia

The founding members have a status of full members and are members of the first Executive Board of Y-SRN until the first General Assembly of Y-SRN.

There are two types of joining members in Y-SRN:

a) Full members.

- Individuals (young people, and young professionals working on youth issues)
- Non-governmental/nonprofit organizations working on youth issues, with and for young people

b) Partners and supporters.

25% of Y-SRN members can be

- individuals over 30 years, who are professionals working with and for youth,
- organizations that are not, by statute, active ONLY in the youth field, but are nevertheless working on youth issues

Partners and supporters acquire membership without the right to directly influence the decision making process of the network. However, in line with the self-governing system of the Y-SRN, partners and supporters have the right to be elected as part of the decision making bodies as consultants, without the right to vote. Their number in the Executive Board should not exceed 25% of the total number of the Board members.

Different rights and responsibilities of different members are described in Article 13.

Article 10. Joining and leaving

Becoming a member of Y-SRN shall be voluntary, following the requirements listed in Article 11. Members may voluntarily leave the network or be expelled for legal or statutory reasons listed in Article 14.

Any organization or individual requesting membership may join upon receiving the approval required by this statute, as long as its goals and working priorities are in line with the mission and the vision, objectives and priorities of Y-SRN.

Organizations with full membership will designate someone as their representative in writing as well as a substitute. These individuals need to be young people and will represent the

organization member in Y-SRN's different governing bodies. Changes in these representatives must be communicated in writing. No person who has not been authorized in this way will be recognized as representing the organization.

Article 11. Admission procedure

Membership candidates should send:

- a) Written application.
- b) CV (or presentation of the organization's history and actions) and motivational letter
- c) Additional documents for organizations: Statute, Certification from the corresponding registry that accredits the composition of the organization's Board, and register entry number

Membership request should be submitted by email to ysrnetwork@gmail.com

After acceptance members sign Memorandum of Understanding with Y-SRN defining the frame of our future work together.

The Executive Board approves or refuses the membership of candidates by a favorable vote of simple majority of the voters present, which must be ratified by the next General Assembly.

The Executive Board decides on accepting new members 2 times per year. The General Assembly ratifies the Board's decision immediately after, on the next meeting.

Article 12. Member's rights

Founders and full members of Y-SRN have the following rights:

- a) To participate in the General Assembly with voice and vote
- b) To be elected members in the organizational, representational and governing bodies of the Y-SRN
- c) To vote and to be eligible for executive positions.
- d) To participate in activities organized by the network.
- e) To receive information about the networks activities and the resolutions adopted by its governing bodies.
- f) To make suggestions to members of the Executive Board with regard to the improvement of networks work.

Partners and supporters of Y-SRN have the following rights:

- a. To acquire membership without the right to directly influence the decision making process of the Y-SRN. However, in line with the self-governing system of the Y-SRN, partners and supporters have the right to be elected as part of the decision making bodies as consultants, without the right to vote. Their number in the Executive Board should not exceed 25% of the total number of the Board members.
- b. To participate in activities organized by the network.
- c. To receive information about the networks activities and the resolutions adopted by its governing bodies.
- d. To make suggestions to members of the Executive Board with regard to the improvement of networks work.
- e. To participate, be partners in and/or support YSRN activities

Article 13. Member's obligations

Y-SRN members have the following obligations:

- a) To comply with the terms of the statute and the regulations and decisions of the General Assembly.
- b) To promote Y-SRN and act in accordance with its values.
- c) To attend the General Assembly
- d) To pay annual membership fee. The fee is set each year according to the calculation rules detailed in Y-SRN internal documents prepared by the Board.
- e) To contribute to the networks sustenance.
- f) To carry out, in every situation, the duties inherent to their position.

Article 14. Termination of membership

Network membership may be lost for any of the following causes:

- a) Voluntary resignation in writing.
- b) Expulsion for the following reasons:
 - Significant noncompliance of the conditions of the statute.
 - Noncompliance with the decisions adopted by the General Assembly
 - Loss of any of the required legal or statutory requirements;
 - Noncompliance of his/her duties;
 - Discrediting the network in ether word or deed, thus undermining its activities and its function.
 - Not attending Executive Committee/General Assembly meetings for 3 (three) consecutive times without a very valid reason.

The expulsion of the network's member may only take place after having opportunity to provide written representation in defense. It will take effect as soon as a duly motivated decision is reached by the General Assembly and means the loss of all rights stemming from network's membership.

Article 15. Disciplinary system

The Executive Board shall establish a disciplinary system that regulates the penalties that can be imposed on the member of the network who violates the statute or do not comply with the decisions of the network's governing bodies.

CHAPTER IV

THE GOVERNENCE STRUCTURE AND PARTICIPATION

Article 16. Self – governing system and structure

Y-SRN has the following self – governing system: It is led by young people representing the founders and full members and partners and supporters elected as part of the decision making bodies as **consultants**, without the right to vote. Their number in the Executive Board should not exceed 25% of the total number of the Board members.

Y-SRN has: General Assembly, Executive Board, President, Vice president and General Secretary.

Article 17. Nature and composition of the General Assembly

The General Assembly is the Y-SRN's highest governing body and shall consist of one representative from each of its members. Its decisions are binding for all associates, including those that are not present or who differ.

Full members will designate someone as their representative in writing as well as a substitute. These individuals need to be young people.

Partners and supporters can designate their representatives in the General Assembly but without having the right to vote. Their representatives can be older than 30 but the number of older people should not exceed 25% of the number of all members in the General Assembly.

Article 18. Convening of the General Assembly

For the purpose of meeting and communicating the General Assembly will use all available tools for communication. The Assembly will have frequent online meetings and when possible face to face meetings.

Assemblies can be ordinary or extraordinary. Ordinary assemblies shall be held at least twice a year on every 6 months, and extraordinary assemblies shall be convened when

- the President or Vice-President feels that circumstances call for it,
- when the Executive Board so decides,
- or when 25% of the members propose, in writing, extraordinary meeting within a period of 30 days, indicating the matters to be discussed.

Announcement of the General Assemblies, both ordinary and extraordinary, shall be made by written notification (e-mail) at least 15 days in advance in case of the online meeting and 2 months in advance in case of the face to face meeting. The notification shall include the place, day, time and agenda of the meeting.

General Assemblies will be called and organized by the Executive Board. Members can propose to Executive Board to call and organize meeting when 25% of the General Assembly members request for this with an explanation of the necessity of the meeting.

Article 19. Functions of the General Assembly

The following are the functions of the General Assembly:

- a) Decides on the Statute and approve any modification; ;
- b) Elects the members of the Executive Board;
- c) Approves the strategic guidelines proposed by the Executive Board;
- d) Approves Y-SRN's action plan;
- e) Examines and approves the budget;
- f) Examines and, where applicable, approves the Annual Report that the Executive Board must present each year;
- g) Upon the recommendation of the Executive Board , establishes any fees to be paid by the different members;
- h) Approves the disciplinary system anticipated in Article 15. ;
- i) Ratifies new memberships and agree on expulsions upon the proposal of the Executive Board;
- j) Decides to join other organizations upon a proposal from the Executive Board or the members.

- k) Approves opening of new offices of the network upon proposal of the Executive Board;
- l) Agrees on the change of the address;
- m) Disposes of or alienates any property part of the Y-SRN general resources;
- n) Decides on and approve of the dissolution of the Y-SRN.

Article 20. Agreements in the General Assembly

The General Assembly shall be validly constituted no matter how many members are in attendance.

The General Assembly agreements will be adopted by a simple majority of votes of its present or authorized represented members if the number of votes in favour is higher than the votes against. Blank ballots or abstentions will not be included in the counting. In case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting (President or Vice-President) shall ask for the revote. In the event of an equality of votes on the revote, the Chairperson of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

A qualified majority of votes of at least two thirds of the present members shall be required in order to:

- a) Dispose of or alienate any property part of the Y-SRN general resources.
- b) Modify Y-SRN statutes.
- c) Decide on and approve of the dissolution of the Y-SRN. Motion to dissolve the Y-SRN shall be communicated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the General Assembly meeting.

The minutes of every General Assembly shall be recorded, wherein shall also be recorded the number of attendees, the matter discussed and the resolutions adopted, indicating the votes in favor against and blank ballots and dissenting opinions.

Article 21. Participation in the Assembly

All Full members of the network shall have the right to one vote that can be only be cast by the person appointed by the organization or by his or her duly designated substitute.

Partners and supporters can designate their representatives in the General Assembly but without having the right to vote. Their representatives can be older than 30 but the number of older people should not exceed 25% of the number of all members in the General Assembly.

Article 22. Composition of the Executive Board

The Executive Board, responsible for the leading of the network under normal circumstances, shall be composed of a minimum of 6 and maximum of 8 persons. The Executive Board shall include the following positions:

- 4 or 6 members form founders and full members including the President, Vice-President, the General Secretary, and
- 2 consultants from the partners and supporters without the right to vote but only to support the work of the other members in the Board.

The Executive Board shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of 4 years. The members of the Executive Board can be re-elected in maximum of 2 consecutive periods (eight years), without prejudice to the fact that the organizations represented may be present for a longer period.

Vacancies of a permanent nature can be covered provisionally by the Executive Board until immediate convening of elections to fill vacant posts.

When electing the Executive Board the General Assembly should make sure that members of the board are elected without any discrimination on any ground.

Article 23. Procedure for the election of the Executive Board.

The members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the full members and founders of the General Assembly, through direct, open and secret ballot. This vote will be held in the General Assembly, choosing among the candidates that have been nominated by the different member organizations or individual member candidates.

Partners and supporters don't have the right to vote for election of members of the Executive Board. However, in line with the self-governing system of the Y-SRN, partners and supporters have the right to be nominated and elected as part of the Board as consultants, but without the right to vote. Their number in the Executive Board should not exceed 25% of the total number of the Board members.

The nomination of the candidates for new Board members should be made in writing to the old Executive Board at least 15 days in advance of the day the Assembly meets.

In the first session the Executive Board will designate the President, Vice President and General secretary from among its members.

Someone who has left his or her position on the Executive Board due to having held the post for eight years cannot be once again elected as a member of the Board until one year has passed.

Article 24. Functions of the Executive Board

The following are the responsibilities of the Executive Board:

- a) Carrying out the network's policies and the resolutions adopted in the General Assembly.
- b) Drafting Y-SRN's strategic guidelines and action plans of Y-SRN
- c) Deciding on the carrying out of the programs that are going to be implemented or coordinated by the network.
- d) Formulate and propose the budget;
- e) Prepare annual report
- f) Administration of the network's assets and interpretation of its financial base.
- g) Design and adopt internal regulations of the Network;
- h) Agreeing on the temporary suspension of the rights of the members.
- i) Provisionally covering any vacancies occurring on the Executive Board.
- j) Proposing acceptance of new members and joining other entities to General Assembly.
- k) Proposing opening of new offices to General Assembly
- l) Hiring of the personnel needed for the Y-SRN's activity to be carried out.
- m) Consideration of or decisions on any matter within the Y-SRN's scope or interest that is not legally or statutorily the responsibility of the General Assembly.
- n) Setting the agenda to the General Assembly.
- o) Preparation of the documents needed to be approved by the General Assembly.
- p) Coordinating and monitor the networking process in the General Assembly
- q) Representing Y-SRN ;

- r) Appointing President, Vice President and Secretary General among its members;
- s) Appointing committees, working groups and bodies for specific tasks and monitor their work;
- t) The Executive Board is the body responsible for the interpreting the precepts contained in the Statute.

Article 25. Meetings of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall meet at least once each quarter or upon the decision of the President or upon the request or petition of simple majority of its members. It shall be constituted when attended by a majority of its members and for their agreements to be valid they should be taken by majority of votes. In case of tie, the vote of the President will be decision making.

Article 26. Functions of the President.

The following are the functions of the President:

- a) Representing Y-SRN;
- b) Convening and leading the government body meetings, both the General Assembly and the Executive Board; ;
- c) Coordinating and monitoring the networking of the members;
- d) Taking disciplinary measures in consultation with the General Assembly;
- e) Approving the payments made with the Y-SRN's funds;
- f) Maintaining the checking and saving account in a bank or saving institution approved by the Executive Board;
- g) Authorizing government body meeting minutes by signing them;
- h) Monitor the carrying out of the resolutions adopted by the government bodies,
- i) Signing contracts in the Y-SRN's name, grant power of attorneys to third parties, take actions and file pleas before legal bodies, accept donations, endorsements, receive subsidies and perform any other similar action in the interest of the network;
- j) Any other matter of interest relating execution of the statute

Article. 27. Functions of the Vice-President.

In the event of the President's absence, vacancy or illness, or any other agreed occasion/reason he or she will be substituted by the Vice-President who will have the same functions as the President. If this is not possible, the Executive Board will designate a new President.

Article 28. Functions of the Secretary General.

The following are the functions of the Secretary General:

- a) Writing the government body meeting minutes, which shall be signed together with the President;
- b) Issuing certificates;
- c) Maintaining the Y-SRN financial records;
- d) Administering Y-SRN documentation;
- e) Presenting annual accountancy;
- f) Is responsible for the legal documentary duties of the network;
- g) Can also represent the network upon agreement and appointment by the Executive Board.

- h) Can also sign contracts in the Y-SRN's name, grant power of attorneys to third parties, take actions and file pleas before legal bodies, accept donations, endorsements, receive subsidies and perform any other similar action in the interest of the network, upon a permission from the President.

Article 29. Election of President, Vice-President and General Secretary.

The President, Vice-President and General Secretary are elected from and by the founders and full members of the Executive Board with simple majority.

The President of the Executive Board is the President of the Network. Their mandate is 4 years and they can only be re-elected in 2 consecutive periods.

CHAPTER V

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Article 30. Financial resources

Network's financial and economic resources shall consist of:

- 1) The fees paid by members;
- 2) Its property and goods;
- 3) Aid, subsidies, donations, bank interests, grants, gifts, legacies, bequests and inheritances
- 4) Any other contribution obtained to be dedicated to the achievement of its purposes.

Y-SRN has right to be/get supported through the generous contributions of public institutions, private individuals, foundations and donors worldwide, however, it shall do so in a way that always ensures that it never deviates from its primary purpose and in a way that never compromises its integrity, independence and impartiality.

The funds shall be used in conformity with the Y-SRN's aims and the provider of the resources will receive report on the use of those resources. Y-SRN shall also produce annual report on its financial work. The assets of Y-SRN may be used to meet commitments. Members have no individual responsibility.

The funds of the Y-SRN shall be deposited in bank accounts of a reputable bank in the name of the Y-SRN and the authorized joint signatories for operating such accounts shall be the President, the General Secretary or any other person authorized by the Executive Board.

Article 31. Fee payment

All fees must be paid within one month from the approval of the corresponding annual budget or by the end of the period established.

The membership fee shall be payable yearly in advance and shall fall due as determined by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board can decide on disciplinary measures for those members who have not paid their fees within this period of time stipulated or without justified cause. Those members that have not paid their fees for the previous year shall lose their membership rights.

CHAPTER VI

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Article 32. Dissolution

If at any time the majority of Y- SRN, comprising seventy five per cent (75%) of all the full members presents an intention to dissolve the Y-SRN, the Executive Board shall take immediate steps to call General Assembly which decides upon the dissolution proposal with a consensus.

The Board than settles any debts and dispose of the monies and property remaining and thereupon the Y-SRN shall for all purposes be dissolved.

Article 33. Liquidation Commission

Once the Y-SRN's dissolution is decided by the General Assembly the Executive Board, constituted as a liquidation commission, shall proceed to liquidate the networks assets.

In the event of dissolution of the network, any remaining funds and/or property shall be donated to a voluntary non-profit making organization or a charitable institution chosen by the ongoing Executive Board.

Article 34. Amendments of Statute

The Statute may be amended by the General Assembly by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast. Amendments may be submitted by the Executive Board. Proposed amendments shall be communicated by the Executive Board to all offices and members of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII

CONFIDENTIALITY AND NOTICE

Article 35. Confidentiality

Having in mind the nature of the information shared between the members of the Y-SRN and the fact that members might be part of different other organizations, all members will be responsible for the confidentiality of the information and agree that they will not any information internally discussed and/or any internal work with other organizations before consulting and approval of the Executive Board.

Members shall also ask the Executive Board permission for representing the network as participants / contributors in any other activities not organized by Y-SRN.

Any other behavior might have harmful effect to the network and for that reason it might be sanctioned with termination of membership.

Article 36. Notices

Each member shall keep the General Secretary informed of that member's private address, email address or of some other address at which communications may be addressed to him/her.

Article 37. Final provisions

Regarding any matter not specifically provided for by these Statute, reference should be made to the general principles and norms of the Danish Civil Code and other relevant applicable legislation.

In case of registering national branches, reference should be made to the general principles and norms of the relevant national legislation.

This present Statute was discussed and approved by article and as a whole by the founders:

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