Statute of European Generation

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First part: Ultimate premise

Art. 1 – Aims of the Association

The Association European Generation was founded, sharing the principles of the "Università Commerciale L. Bocconi", as a means of participating and discussing mindfully about relevant European issues concerning the political, economic, and social sphere.

The activities organized by the Association shall not be in conflict nor be superimposed with those organized and promoted by "Università Commerciale L. Bocconi".

The primary purpose of the Association European Generation is to provide a platform for young students to join the conversation about the future of the European Union.

Rooted in the academic context, its goal is to be a space of active European citizenship and open debate for every student, regardless of any geographical, political, or ideological backgrounds. Its main activities and scopes include both awareness-raising initiatives, focused on fostering familiarization with the founding principles of the European Union as well as the development of in-depth research activities.

The organization is based on an approach characterized by total and complete democratic openness; prerequisites for members are: commitment, interest in the success of organized activities and an inclination to discuss every theme of importance for the community.

Through the adherence to this "Ultimate premise" the compliance with the following statute and the pursuit of the above-cited objectives: The Association *European Generation* is committed to facilitate awareness by focusing on the past and looking forward at the same time.

Milan, 01.05.2021

The President of European Generation

The Vice-President of European Generation

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Second part: Tools of the Association

Art. 2 – Logo, Mixed Logo, and Slogan

The logo of European Generation is the following:



The usage of other logos has to be subjected to a vote of the Board and it constitutes a change to the Statute. The logo cannot show images or contents in opposition to the purpose of the Association and/or the values of the University.

The mixed logo of European Generation is the following:



Slogans and display sentences may be suggested. Such slogans may be published on posters and *Official Sources* prior approval of the majority of the *Board* during a Board meeting.

Art. 3 – Nature and annual renewal of the Association

European Generation is a student Association acknowledged by "Università Commerciale L. Bocconi".

The Association needs to be enrolled every year among the Associations acknowledged by the University through the methods announced by the competent bodies. The Presidency is liable towards the whole Association in case of default regarding the enrollment.

European Generation is a non-profit Association.

Art. 4 – Statute of European Generation

This document, the "Statute of European Generation", establishes a regulation framework of the Association. Its purpose is to set the guidelines and rules so that the Association may work efficiently. It consists of four parts and sixteen articles.

Changes to the present *Statute* are possible and proposed by the members of the *Board* and every member who has participated at the meetings for at least one semester. Changes to the *Statute* must be approved by an absolute majority of the *Assembly of the Members* during an extraordinary session.

It is not possible to disclose the present Statute incompletely or incorrectly and without specification of the version of the statute.

It is not possible to ignore the regulations of the present *Statute*, for this reason every member may solicit its application and report the breaches to the competent academic bodies.

It is not possible to replace the present *Statute* with another one; nevertheless, it is possible to change its articles through the approved procedures.

Art. 5 – Legal Residence

The legal residence must be reviewed for each academic year.

The legal residence of *European Generation* for the academic year 2021-2022 is: Viale Gian Galeazzo, 2, 20136 MI.

Art. 6 – Official sources and Communication channels of the Association

The following Official Sources are acknowledged and used:

• Internet website: www.europeangeneration.eu

• Instagram profile: <u>@europeangeneration</u>

• Public Facebook Page: <u>www.facebook.com/EuropeanGeneration</u>

• Twitter profile: @AsEuropeanG

• LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/europeangeneration

The following Communication channels are acknowledged and used:

Institutional Bocconi Email: <u>as.europeangeneration@unibocconi.it</u>
 Secondary Gmail Email: <u>europeangeneration.bocconi@gmail.com</u>

Official Email: info@europeangeneration.eu

The password to login the Official Sources and the Communication Channels must be kept secret by the President and Vice-president and may be only changed by them.

The Presidency may delegate to other Members the management of the Official Sources and the Communication Channels, providing them with the password.

Art. 7 – Registry of the Association

Must be drafted and preserved by the Secretary of the Association. It contains:

- The list of meetings of the members held during the semester;
- The list of the events held, together with a summary;
- The list of the members of the Board;
- Changes in the usage of the Official Sources;
- Changes to the Statute and chronology;

• List and changes to the assets of the Association.

Art. 8 – Assets of the Association

All material and immaterial goods that have been purchased, autonomously produced or received as a donation for the activities of the Association are part of the Association.

Every transaction, may it be a purchase of goods or services or the acceptance of a donation, must be formally approved with a resolution of the Board if its value exceeds one third of the estimated value of the Assets of the Association. The approval of the President is sufficient for transactions of a minor value. Material goods are kept by one or more appointed members, the Treasurer.

The management of virtual documents is entrusted to the *Presidency* or designated members. This concerns platforms containing documents regarding the events held; including logos, posters, pictures, texts and credentials and the names, contacts and addresses of guests and professors.

The procedures due to create events and manage the Official Sources must be communicated. In case of dissolution of the Association, the material goods that are part of the Association must be donated to similar Associations present in the University or, in the last resort, to the competent bodies of the University.

Art. 9 - European Youth Debate

The European Youth Debate (EYD) is the main event of the Association and it is organized each year.

The Project Manager is the Vice President of the Association, while the other members of the task force may be chosen from the list of the Active Members of the Association. The number and roles of the task force, as well of the roundtables, shall be defined each year during an extraordinary Board meeting.

The topics discussed during the EYD must conform to the norms of the Association, set out in this document, and to the Bocconi regulations.

Art. 9 bis - Logo

The logo of European Youth Debate is the following:



The usage of other logos has to be subjected to a vote of the Board and it constitutes a change to the Statute. The logo cannot show images or contents in opposition to the purpose of the Association and/or the values of the University.

The mixed logo of European Generation is the following, which can be changed each year to match the dates and location of the event:



Slogans and display sentences may be suggested. Such slogans may be published on posters and *Official Sources* prior approval of the majority of the *Board* during a Board meeting.

Art. 9 ter - Official sources and Communication channels

The following Official Sources are acknowledged and used:

• Internet website: www.europeanyouthdebate.eu

• Instagram profile: <u>@europeanyouthdebate</u>

The following Communication channels are acknowledged and used:

Official email: info@europeanyouthdebate.eu
 Secondary email: president@europeangeneration.eu

Third Part: Members of the Association

Art. 10 – Application request

European Generation reckons the right to apply to the Association to every student enrolled in "Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi" who identifies with the scopes of the Association, without any discrimination on the ground of gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion, or disability. Academic performance is not an admission criterion.

All those applying to obtain the status of a "member" must voluntarily submit the admission request. The submission of this request is necessary to be registered as a *Member* and it constitutes the total adherence to the *Statute of European Generation*. The request is acknowledged and kept by the *Board*.

The Board has the right to reject the admission request, but it has the duty to communicate the reason for such a decision to the applicant if solicited. Reasons for such refusal can only be related to an incompatibility between the candidate and the Association's interests and scopes, without discriminations of any sort.

Art. 11 – Members

Any student of "Università Commerciale L. Bocconi" who submitted the admission request, if such request is accepted by the *Board*, may be part of the Association.

The Members are divided in two lists: active and passive. All members initially belong to the Active Members List by default, except for the ones who are not residing in Milan (e.g. internship/exchange). Just the Active members count for the voting quorums. For this reason, members should notify the HR and Operations Division of any change in status.

Every Member is obliged to pay a Membership Fee upon their affiliation for participating in the Association, amounting to $\in 10$. The membership status has to be renewed at the beginning of each academic year, with the payment of the Membership Fee. The payment of such Fee is mandatory to obtain the Active Member status. In case a member is considered passive, the fee is reduced to $\in 5$.

Art. 11 bis – Rights and Duties of Members

The Members can take part in the Assembly of the Members and in the activities suggested by the Board. They have voting rights, the right to hold corporate offices within the association, the right to use all the services and take part in the initiatives organized by the Association.

The Members may assert their status of members of the Association on their curriculum vitae only providing specifications regarding their role in the Association and period of attendance.

The membership to the Association binds its members to comply with the decisions taken by the bodies according to statutory requirements.

Every Member must conform to the norms of the Association, set out in this document, and to the Bocconi regulations. The Heads of Divisions and the Presidency should provide members necessary resources for this.

Art. 11 ter – Loss of Member Status

Every member may raise an issue to the *Board* about the expulsion of another member in case of behaviors that are not compatible with the *Statute* or the principles of the University.

The status of Member may be lost for the following:

- Spontaneous resignation or unjustified, repeated, and prolonged in time absences, through resolution of the Board;
- Resolution of the Board as a result of verified reasons of incompatibility or in case of breaches to the norms of the Statute or other reasons that concern;
- End of the studies at "Università Commerciale L. Bocconi";
- Dissolution of the Association.

Fourth part: Bodies of the Association

Art. 12 – Assembly of the Members

It consists of all members regularly enrolled that have fulfilled the required payment.

The Assembly is convened by the *President* of the Association, who establishes the location, the timetables, and the agenda. In exceptional cases, it can be called by a quarter of the members.

The Ordinary session is valid regardless of the number of present members.

On the first call, the Extraordinary session is valid only if the majority of the members are present, while it is valid in any case on the second call.

The meeting is chaired by the *President* of the Association or, in his absence, by the Vice-president of the Association or by the member with more seniority among the present members.

The minutes of the Assembly must be written by the Secretary of the Association and stored in the registry of the Association. The minutes must contain the agenda, the name of the participants at the meeting and a summary of the topics covered.

The Assembly of the Members, if called for an Extraordinary meeting, is entitled to the following features:

- Elect the President and the Secretary of the Association;
- Appoint the heads of the various divisions, who will form the Board together with the Presidency;
- Repeal, through a 2/3 majority of those present, the mandate of any elected and / or appointed officer.

Art. 13 – Secretary or Treasurer

The Secretary (or the Treasurer) shall prepare and keep the Registry of the Association, work with the President to facilitate the progress of meetings and act as scrutineer during the Election of the President of the Association. They will also be in charge of managing the assets of the Association, including managing the payments, collecting membership fees and keeping basic accounting.

The Secretary must remain super partes, and is thus not allowed to take part in the meeting of the Executive Committee.

Art. 14 – Presidency

Its members are the *President* and the *Vice-President*. They represent the Association towards the entire academic community.

The *President* has the duty of informing all the members of the Association of any affiliations they might strike with other Student Associations, General Associations or Political Parties, for the sake of transparency.

The *President* also has the duty of acting in consistency with the set of proposals and terms on which they have been appointed, provided that they have full discretion in the case of unexpected needs or opportunities arise; or in the case a change in the context of the aforementioned rules arises.

The *President* and the *Vice-President* shall remain in office for one academic year (two semesters of lectures), from the establishment following the election, until the end of the academic year, by which a successor must be elected. One academic year constitutes one term of presidency.

In case of temporary absence of the President, the Vice-President performs their duties.

In case of prolonged absence of the *President*, early elections must be held.

In case of early elections, the new *President* shall hold office until the end of the academic year in which it is established.

The President has the following powers:

- Chairing Ordinary and Extraordinary meetings;
- Formulating, together with the Board, the strategy for the academic year and set the goals to be achieved;
- Having discretion in using the Bocconi institutional mail, signature and logo of the Association, and over the latest events and projects on behalf of the Association;
- Appointing the Vice-president;
- Changing the Vice-president, not more than twice during a mandate;
- Summoning meetings for the Board only and demand confidentiality, towards the remaining members, about the issues addressed;
- Deciding on small transactions (see Art. 8);
- Any other power established by this statute.

Art. 15 - Board or Executive Committee

The Board (or Executive Committee) is composed by the members of the Presidency, the Heads of the Divisions, and other Counselors.

The Counselors are former Presidents who still have membership status.

The Heads of Division are the members who are appointed by the Assembly of the Members as representatives of each Division.

The members of the Board, excluding the members of the *Presidency*, must not exceed in number a third of the members of the Association.

The Board shall exercise the following executive powers:

- Define the policy regarding collaborations with other Associations;
- Set priorities, commitments, and the calendar of events;
- Accept or rejecting the application requests;
- Deliberating on expulsion of a member due to a behavior not consistent with this Statute or the values of the University;
- Proposing means of financing the Association, and entrusting the vote to the Assembly of the Members, which may act only with the absolute majority of eligible voters
- Every other power established by this statute.

Art. 16 – Election of the Presidency and Board of the Association

The position of President must not remain vacant, even during the summer.

It is therefore strongly recommended the election of the incoming President before the end of the academic year. Each member of the Association can apply or be elected. Each *President* can run the Association for a maximum of 2 terms. The outgoing *President*, at the end of their first mandate, informs the Association whether they will run again or not. In the

event that a member has held the position of President for less than two full academic years, thus conducting one or more partial mandates, the Assembly of the Members will consider their eligibility to a third term, evaluating the specific situation.

The outgoing *President* can propose one name to the present members to assume the presidency. The name can be his own (if it is coherent with the aforementioned rules) or otherwise the name of another member of the Association.

Prior to the Election, the *President* will let inform the members who the proposed person is, and that person, along with any other member who hopes to run in case of an Unconventional Procedure, will have to present a detailed program to the members, expressing their priorities and views on the future of the Association.

They will also have to clearly express their pick for the role of *Vice-President* before the voting begins, and declare whether they have any affiliations with other Student Associations, General Associations or Political Parties, for the sake of transparency.

Each Head of Division will propose a candidate for the post, and inform the members of the Division itself. The name must then be discussed and approved by the outgoing Board.

Art. 16 bis - Election Day

At the time of the elections, an Extraordinary meeting of the Assembly of the Members is called.

If at least one-third of eligible voters do not participate in the election, the vote is not valid and the Extraordinary meeting is postponed.

During the election, the Secretary is in charge of guaranteeing the regularity of the voting operations.

Conducting the election procedure in an electronic way is accepted, but only using the institutional mail address provided by the University to individual students. This voting procedure must respect the privacy of all participants.

The votes are secret and will be collected by the Secretary. In case one of the candidates wants to call for a recount of the votes, the electronic votes are made public.

The electoral procedure shall ensue as follows:

The candidates are elected by an absolute majority of those voting.

If the proposed new President is rejected, the outgoing *President* may propose only another name to the Assembly, provided that it is different from the one already presented.

If the second proposal is rejected, the Assembly elects the *President* of the Association on the basis of unsolicited applications of members, in the so-called "unconventional procedure".

If no candidate gets an absolute majority of the votes, there will be a second round between the two candidates attaining the most votes in the first round. In case of a tie between two candidates, the candidate with greater seniority in the Association is elected or is admitted to the second round.

The outgoing *President* loses the power of proposal if they received a vote of no confidence from the *Assembly of the Members*.

The procedure to be followed in this case is the unconventional procedure, according to which spontaneous applications of the members are accepted.

If the board is refused, there will be an open election, in which every member will have the possibility of proposing themselves. In case no one gets the absolute majority of the votes, there should be a second round of voting between the two candidates with the most votes.

Milan, 01.05.2021

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