



Brugge

Alumni Association
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Charter on the relations between the Alumni Association of the College of Europe and its regional groups

The Alumni Association of the College of Europe brings together former students of the Bruges and Natolin campuses. The links between the Alumni Association and its regional groups are governed by this Charter.

The general operation of the Alumni Association is governed by its statutes which stipulate that:

"The Association, which is a non-profit organisation, has as its aim:

a) to develop friendly and mutually beneficial relations among its members with the aim of serving the European cause and to support the College of Europe and the Salvador de Madariaga Foundation;

b) to promote the study and the discussion of political, social and economic issues of common interest to the people and governments of Europe, with the aim of promoting European integration, while cooperating closely with study and research institutes or any natural or legal person, both public and private, both international and national, as well as with the European governments and the institutions of the European Union;

c) to assist the graduates of the College of Europe in the search for employment corresponding to their training according to its means;

d) and to represent the former students in the statutory bodies of the College of Europe and in the Salvador de Madariaga Foundation or any other organisation or legal entity. "

Article 1: The creation/dissolution of a regional group

The creation of a regional group occurs on the initiative of an alumnus or on the initiative of a group of alumni of the College of Europe in the framework of the Alumni Association. The creation will be effective only after the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association gives its agreement. A regional group can be dissolved by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association if it does not have or no longer has a sufficient number of members over an extended period.

The persons responsible for a regional group can be dismissed from their positions if the person or persons no longer meet the moral conditions or the requisite personnel competences required by their responsibilities, or in the event of the non-observance of this Charter. In this case, the Board of Directors will inform the person, who will have a reasonable period to put forward any comments. The decision to dismiss is taken by the Board of Directors by a vote of 2/3 of the directors present. Directors that are unable to be present may give a proxy to another member of the Board of Directors.



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No group can consider itself part of the Alumni Association without previously having received the authorisation.

Article 2 : The geographical coverage of a regional group

A regional group can cover a geographical area of a region of the world, of a country, of a region or of a city. The extent depends on the local circumstances, such as the potential existence of other regional groups or the number of alumni in the region. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, in consultation with the regional groups to judge the situation.

Article 3 : Objectives

The regional groups participate in the implementation of the objectives of the Association by providing the framework and the suitable structure to the decentralised activities organised by the members. On a proposal of the Board of Directors, the General Assembly names the persons responsible for the regional groups.

The regional groups must submit their rules of organisation and of operation to the Board of Directors for approval. They annually present an activity report in which they justify, if necessary, the use of funds which were made available to them by the Association.

Article 4 : The activities of a regional group

A regional group is above all a framework for meetings between alumni of the College. It has broad autonomy in organising meetings, conferences or any other event which contributes to the objectives of Article 3.

Article 5 : The resources of the regional groups and the financial support of the Alumni Association

The regional groups do not have the possibility of requiring a complementary contribution to that which alumni pay to the Alumni Association.

In view of financing their activities, regional groups can obtain financial support from the Association proportional to the number of alumni paying their membership fees who reside in the area of the regional group. A draft budget must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association in advance, clearly stipulating the estimate of the amount to be refunded. The Association can possibly directly pay an invoice in compliance with the principles stated in this article. Generally, the reimbursements of expenses can be processed only on the basis of receipts. This is an accounting requirement in order for the Alumni Association to justify the use of its financial resources.

The regional groups can also ask event attendees to contribute to the costs in order to reach a balanced budget.



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Article 6 : The use of the logo of the Alumni Association

The regional groups may use the logo of the Alumni Association on the condition that they add the following: "Regional group of (to indicate the region or the city)" on the side of or below the logo.

The name of the Alumni Association or its logo can in no way be used for personal purposes, speculators or mercantilists.

Correspondence, written or oral by a regional group or of one of its representatives can in no way engage the financial, legal or moral responsibility of the Alumni Association.

Article 7 : The commitments of the Alumni Association vis-à-vis its regional groups

The Alumni Association supports the activities of the regional groups by:

- ensuring maximum visibility on its Internet site
- helping to identify the alumni residing in their geographical area
- providing financial support (as per Article 5)
- publishing their activities or any other document which may increase visibility and publicity
- supporting them in their activities.

Article 8 : The commitments of the regional group towards the Alumni Association

The regional group agrees to:

- respect the statutes of the Alumni Association and this document
- not undermine the image of the College of Europe or of the Alumni Association
- not to use the reputation or the logo of the College of Europe and/or of the Alumni Association for personal purposes, speculators or mercantilists
- inform the Alumni Association of any organised activities
- send an annual progress report to the Alumni Association
- make available to the Alumni Association the list of members of the regional group

Article 9 : Non-responsibility clause of the Alumni Association

The creation of a regional group implies having taken note of this document and that the person responsible for the regional group respects this document.