Génération Maastricht

Association under the French law of 1901

Statutes

English translation

Considering the desire to renew the bodies and the functioning of European policies championed by Génération Maastricht, launched on 9 June 2019,

Considering the action and dynamism shown by all local branches since the creation of the think tank, which reflect a desire for civic engagement,

Considering the wish of the members to preserve the original civic and participatory spirit of Génération Maastricht and its founding values, while enabling it to become a lasting part of the landscape, of society and of the territories, beyond the borders of France, in Europe,

Considering the duality of the forms of political power, which justifies opening the association to everyone, without judgement, with a view to cooperation,

The members of Génération Maastricht have approved the following amended statutes:

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I. PURPOSE, PRINCIPLES AND COMPOSITION

A. Constitution and legal framework

A think tank named "Génération Maastricht" is hereby created between the members who adhere to these statutes. It is governed by the law of 1 July 1901 on the contract of association and by the decree of 16 August 1901.

Génération Maastricht complies with the legislation in force on the financing of associations.

The registered office is located at 13bis avenue de la Motte-Picquet, 75007 Paris.

It may be transferred by decision of the Executive Board.

Génération Maastricht is created for an unlimited period.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this association is the following: to create an open space enabling young people to devise and defend public policies that ensure that the opinion of every young person is taken into account; to develop knowledge of European tools and institutions and thereby to produce proposals, actions and research of every kind that ensure a nuanced understanding of global and intra-European policy areas.

C. Principles of action

Génération Maastricht pursues its purposes while respecting the following principles of action:

- political life is the business of all citizens. Génération Maastricht endeavours to promote entry into public life and civic engagement;
- the regional committees are one of the foundations of Génération Maastricht. They enjoy freedom of action within the framework of these statutes;
- in their action, the officers of Génération Maastricht seek to strengthen citizens' trust in public life and act with integrity. Génération Maastricht promotes transparency, with respect for the rights of individuals;
- offices within the organs and governing bodies referred to in these statutes are unpaid;
- parity between women and men is a principle that guides access to responsibilities within Génération Maastricht;
- the bodies of Génération Maastricht give an important place to members who do not hold elected office;
- Génération Maastricht acts in the public interest. The actions and resources deployed serve its purposes, the engagement of its members and, more broadly, society; the association is therefore not intended to benefit a restricted group of persons;
- Génération Maastricht seizes every opportunity offered by digital tools to bring the debate of ideas and democracy to life within it;
- Génération Maastricht is a place of emancipation, encouraging people to get involved, in particular by being open to society and by fostering every opportunity for exchange with political, cultural, religious, economic or trade union actors, in France or internationally;

- all members, in the positions they take publicly or within the association, observe the forms of courtesy and propriety.

D. Means

To achieve the purposes set out in clause B and in accordance with the principles set out in clause C, Génération Maastricht may in particular:

- draw up a public action project, which members from the association undertake to promote;
- draw up and implement a programme to identify and train future leaders;
- draw up and implement actions aimed at strengthening the links between citizens, including other actors in society, in particular trade unions and businesses;
- act with national, European and international entities pursuing the same purposes and, where appropriate, federate with them;
- use all means of communication, in particular digital ones, such as the creation of websites, platforms, digital applications and social media accounts, and, where appropriate, make them available to its members and committees;
- create, manage and support one or more publications, newspapers and journals;
- organise events, congresses, conferences, symposia, seminars, round tables, training courses and all other information, discussion and debate activities;
- federate, initiate, support and, where appropriate, finance think tanks, foundations and social and solidarity economy enterprises;
- recruit the teams needed to run and manage Génération Maastricht, and rent, buy or sell any movable or immovable property needed for its action;
- coordinate and promote, under the conditions and within the limits set by law, the collection of the donations needed for the action of Génération Maastricht and the achievement of its purposes;
- use the financial instruments, loans, borrowings and guarantees needed for its action, under the conditions and within the limits set by law.

E. Members and Charter of Values

- Any person, French or foreign, who shares the purposes and principles of action of Génération Maastricht may apply to become a member.
- Full membership is conditional on payment of an annual membership fee of 19 euros. Supporting membership is not conditional on payment of a fee. An online membership system is set up on the Génération Maastricht website.
- Members are bound by these statutes and, once adopted, by the rules of procedure and by the Charter of Values. The Charter of Values is approved by the General Council, on a proposal from the Executive Board.
- Members undertake to respect the Charter of Values in their public statements, within Génération Maastricht and, where applicable, in the exercise of their elected or governmental functions.

- The rules of procedure may specify the conditions of membership, in particular as regards the possibility for Génération Maastricht to:
  - refuse a membership application if the person concerned has made statements or engaged in conduct contrary to the Charter of Values, or if the application is manifestly intended to undermine the purposes and principles of Génération Maastricht;
  - ask members to renew their membership at regular intervals;
  - introduce a diversification of membership categories, specifying the payment of a fee for access to certain activities.
- Any member may decide to withdraw from Génération Maastricht.

F. Personal data

- Personal data collected by Génération Maastricht, in particular members' data, are processed in accordance with French Law No. 78-17 of 6 January 1978 on information technology, data files and civil liberties.
- Access to the Génération Maastricht files containing members' personal data is reserved to the officers of the association and, where applicable, to the persons they authorise for that purpose.
- The conditions of access to these files are specified in the rules of procedure.

II. LOCAL BRANCHES

G. Regional committees

The regional committees are the primary place of exchange and action of Génération Maastricht. Members are free to take part in a local committee or not.

1. Creation

Regional committees may be created at the request of the Executive Board (or, where applicable, of the European Secretariat), in accordance with procedures that may be specified in the rules of procedure. Regional committees carry out their missions within a given territory. They are not permanent.

2. Missions

The regional committees are in particular responsible for:

- bringing together the members who, within a given territory, wish to get involved and coordinate their action;
- carrying out collective actions within that territory, including of a social or cultural nature, in accordance with the purposes and principles set out in Title I;
- fostering the debate of ideas within Génération Maastricht and taking part in drawing up the project of Génération Maastricht;
- making the project and action of Génération Maastricht known within that territory and attracting new members;
- raising the awareness of the national bodies on any subject of general interest and any question specific to that territory.

3. Functioning

Each regional committee is free to set its working methods and actions, in accordance with these statutes, the rules of procedure and the general guidelines coordinated by the national bodies. It appoints from among its members, according to the rules it sets for itself, a regional coordinator. Regional committees may conduct experiments, on their own initiative or on a proposal from the Executive Board. No regional committee may exercise supervision over another. Where a committee, through its action or that of its members, manifestly undermines the values, purposes and principles of Génération Maastricht, the Executive Board may, after formal notice and, where applicable, the opinion of the Disputes Committee once it has been constituted, decide to suspend or dissolve the committee concerned. Where urgency so justifies, the suspension may be ordered without prior formal notice. The rules of procedure may in particular provide for and regulate the conditions under which:

- the creation of local committees is validated by the national bodies;
- the Executive Board may authorise a local committee to have legal personality, if this is necessary for its creation or functioning;

- local committees located in the same territory may be required to merge, or be suspended or abolished;
- the committees may implement their own actions and means of expression, in particular digital ones.

III. LOCAL COORDINATORS

H. Local coordinators

Local referents are an essential link between the national and European bodies and the local committees.

1. Appointment

A referent may be appointed:

- for each European country,
- for each department and region within those European countries,
- to represent the regions of metropolitan France or of other countries,
- within a given territory, in particular in large urban areas, where this is necessary in view of the population of the territory concerned.

The list of territories for which a referent is appointed is drawn up by the European Secretariat and approved by the Executive Board. After validation, the European Secretariat may change the territorial scope and the number of territorial referents to take account of administrative, electoral and demographic changes. The appointment of each referent is a matter for the Executive Board. For the appointment of the referent of each territory, each local committee in the territory concerned may send proposals to the Executive Board, according to the rules it sets for itself, provided that it sends at least two proposals in accordance with the principle of parity. Where proposals have been made by the local committees concerned, the European Secretariat takes its decision on that basis. It may ask the members in the territory concerned for a confirmatory vote. These appointment and consultation procedures are specified, where appropriate, in the rules of procedure. The European Secretariat ensures parity and diversity of background among the candidates for the office of territorial referent. The term of office of a territorial referent is three years. No one may hold this office more than twice in the same territory.

2. Responsibilities

Within the territory for which they are responsible, the referent:

- ensures the territorial roots of Génération Maastricht by informing the national bodies of questions specific to the territory concerned;
- is responsible for running Génération Maastricht and coordinating the action of the members. In this respect, they may create and lead a political hub including elected representatives of the territory concerned;
- guarantees the proper functioning of the association and in particular compliance with these statutes and the Charter of Values;
- coordinates the action of the territorial delegates, which may be regularly assessed, with the possible involvement of the members of the territory concerned.

IV. BODIES

I. The European Meeting

The European Meeting is the meeting of the members of Génération Maastricht.

1. Composition

Each member admitted to vote has one vote, exercised either directly or indirectly through a representative. The rules of procedure may specify the conditions for taking part in meetings of the European Meeting and in its votes. The rules of procedure may also specify the conditions under which the European Meeting may be convened, and decisions taken:

- in plenary session at a physical meeting of the members, where applicable through the appointment of delegates of the members; or
- electronically; or
- in a decentralised manner at territorial level.

2. Responsibilities

The European Meeting:

- deliberates, within the framework set by its convening notice, on the general action and orientations;
- adopts amendments to the statutes, under the conditions provided for in Article BB;
- decides on the dissolution of the association under the conditions provided for in Article DD.

3. Functioning

The European Meeting is convened by the Executive Board whenever the Board considers it useful and, in any event, at least once every three years from its first meeting following the adoption of these statutes. It is also convened in extraordinary session when at least two thirds of the members of the European Secretariat so decide. The European Meeting is chaired by any person appointed for that purpose by the Executive Board. Proxies are not allowed. The European Meeting may deliberate only on the questions included on the agenda drawn up by the body convening it. Its decisions are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. Minutes of the meetings are kept. The minutes are signed by the chair of the meeting.

J. The General Council

The General Council is the advisory body of Génération Maastricht.

1. Composition

The General Council is composed of the following persons:

- representatives of the territories;
- territorial referents;
- members drawn by lot, representing at least twenty-five per cent (25%) of the members of the General Council of Génération Maastricht.

To be drawn by lot, a member must first have submitted an application.

The drawing of lots system put in place:

- provides sufficient guarantees of transparency and impartiality;
- ensures parity between women and men drawn by lot;
- ensures that one fifth of those drawn by lot are local organisers.

The rules of procedure may provide for the conditions under which the expenses incurred by members drawn by lot to attend meetings of the General Council are borne by the association.

The Executive Board has authority to ensure that the members of the General Council fulfil the conditions laid down in this article to sit on the General Council. In particular, it may determine the conditions that national members of parliament and representatives of the territories must fulfil to be ex officio members of the General Council.

Members of the General Council who sit by virtue of their election or of the drawing of lots hold a single term of office of three years. Ex officio members sit on the General Council for as long as they retain the capacity by virtue of which they are ex officio members.

All members of the General Council, whether ex officio, elected or drawn by lot, have the same rights and are bound by the same duties.

All members of the General Council are under an obligation to attend. Repeated failure to meet this obligation may lead to exclusion from the General Council.

2. Responsibilities

Without prejudice to the other provisions of these statutes, the General Council:

- determines the main orientations. It ensures the proper functioning of the association;
- appoints the presidents;
- oversees the action of the Executive Board and of the president or, where applicable, the presidents;
- oversees the action of the Executive Board and of the president or, where applicable, the presidents;
- deliberates on the rules of procedure, on a proposal from the Executive Board. A revision of the rules of procedure may only be adopted by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

3. Functioning

The General Council meets at least four times a year, convened by the president or, where applicable, the presidents. It may also be convened on the initiative of the Executive Board, or of at least two thirds of the members of the General Council. The General Council is chaired

by any person appointed for that purpose by the Executive Board. It deliberates on an agenda determined by the body that convened it. Unless expressly stated otherwise, the decisions of the General Council are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. The rules of procedure may specify the conditions under which:

- on a proposal from the Executive Board, the General Council meets, deliberates and votes electronically;
- the use of proxies is limited or excluded;
- the plenary meetings of the General Council are broadcast live on the internet so that they can be viewed by all members. The members of the General Council are bound by the decisions it takes. Breaches of this duty may give rise to sanctions.

K. The Executive Board

The Executive Board is the governing body of Génération Maastricht. Together with the president or, where applicable, the presidents, it conducts and runs Génération Maastricht.

1. Composition

The Executive Board is composed of:

- the president;
- the treasurer and the deputy treasurer;
- the secretary-general;
- the deputy secretary-general;
- a qualified person, as independent director.

The term of office of a member of the Executive Board is two years. No one may hold this office more than three times. Members of the Executive Board are unpaid. The rules of procedure may provide for the conditions under which the expenses associated with their office are borne by the association. The president may invite any person of their choice to meetings of the Executive Board to inform the Board on a given subject. Such persons do not take part in the vote.

2. Responsibilities

Without prejudice to the other provisions of these statutes, the Executive Board:

- ensures compliance with the decisions taken by the European Meeting and the European Secretariat;
- has authority to refuse membership applications;
- appoints the national delegates, on a proposal from the president;
- appoints the members of the Ethics Committee and of the Disputes Committee, on a proposal from the president;
- determines how Génération Maastricht is organised ahead of electoral deadlines;

- appoints the regional referents, under the conditions provided for in Article H, and determines the conditions under which their appointment may be subject to a confirmatory vote;
- may entrust selected persons with specific missions, setting in particular their duration and purpose;
- may impose sanctions;
- authorises in particular all purchases, disposals or leases, borrowings, loans and all security interests (including mortgages) needed for the functioning of Génération Maastricht.

For the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities, the Executive Board may establish delegations of authority and of signature. For the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities, it may create specialised bodies, setting in particular their powers, decision-making procedures and composition. These bodies are placed under its authority and report to it.

3. Functioning

The Executive Board meets at least twelve times a year, convened by the president or, where applicable, the presidents, who then set its agenda. It may also be convened on the initiative of one third of the members of the General Council or of half of the members of the Executive Board, on a set agenda. The Executive Board is chaired by one of its members, whom it appoints for that purpose. The Executive Board:

- deliberates by an absolute majority of the votes cast. In addition to their own vote, no one may hold more than one proxy;
- may only validly deliberate when a majority of its serving members are present or represented. Where the quorum is not reached, a new meeting of the Executive Board is held at least three days later, at which it deliberates without a quorum requirement.

The rules of procedure may specify the conditions under which the Executive Board may meet, and decisions be taken, electronically or by videoconference. The Executive Board may decide that its meetings be broadcast live on the internet, in whole or in part, so that they can be viewed by all members. Minutes of the meetings are kept. The members of the Board are bound by the decisions it takes. Breaches of this duty may give rise to sanctions.

K bis. The European Secretariat

The European Secretariat is the body that advises the leadership of Génération Maastricht. Together with the president or, where applicable, the presidents, and with the Executive Board, it conducts and runs Génération Maastricht.

1. Composition

The European Secretariat is composed of:

- the president;
- all the national delegates;

- several members appointed by the elected national delegates, on a proposal from the president. These members are appointed from among the members who do not hold any office on the date of the appointment.

The term of office of a member of the European Secretariat is two years. No one may hold this office more than twice. Members of the European Secretariat are unpaid. The rules of procedure may provide for the conditions under which the expenses associated with their office are borne by the association. The president may invite any person of their choice to meetings of the European Secretariat to inform the European Secretariat on a given subject. Such persons do not take part in the vote.

2. Responsibilities

Without prejudice to the other provisions of these statutes, the European Secretariat:

- ensures consistency with the orientations decided by the European Meeting and the European Secretariat;
- oversees the appointment of the members of the Ethics Committee and of the Disputes Committee, on a proposal from the president;
- determines how Génération Maastricht is organised ahead of internal electoral deadlines;
- advises the Executive Board on the appointment of its regional referents, under the conditions provided for in Article H.

For the purposes of carrying out its responsibilities, the European Secretariat may create specialised bodies, setting in particular their powers, decision-making procedures and composition. These bodies are placed under its authority and report to it.

3. Functioning

The European Secretariat meets at least twelve times a year, convened by the president or, where applicable, the presidents, who then set its agenda. It may also be convened on the initiative of one third of the members of the General Council or of half of the members of the European Secretariat, on a set agenda. The European Secretariat is chaired by one of its members, whom it appoints for that purpose. The European Secretariat:

- deliberates by an absolute majority of the votes cast. In addition to their own vote, no one may hold more than one proxy;
- may only validly deliberate when a majority of its serving members are present or represented. Where the quorum is not reached, a new meeting of the European Secretariat is held at least three days later, at which it deliberates without a quorum requirement.

The rules of procedure may specify the conditions under which the European Secretariat may meet, and decisions be taken, electronically or by videoconference. The European Secretariat may decide that its meetings be broadcast live on the internet, in whole or in part, so that they can be viewed by all members. Minutes of the meetings are kept. The members of the European Secretariat are bound by the decisions it takes. Breaches of this duty may give rise to sanctions.

L. The President

The president is the day-to-day leader of Génération Maastricht and its principal representative at European level.

1. Appointment

The presidents are elected by the members for a term of three years, under the conditions provided for in the rules of procedure. It may be decided to elect a single president or several presidents, up to a maximum of three.

No one may hold this office more than three times.

The rules of procedure specify the voting method. They may also specify the conditions to be met, where applicable through sponsorships, in order to stand as a candidate for the office of president.

The office of president is incompatible with that of President of the Republic or Prime Minister.

If the president, or the presidents where there are several, are prevented from acting or resign, one or, where applicable, several interim presidents are appointed by the Executive Board.

2. Responsibilities

Without prejudice to the other provisions of these statutes, the president:

- leads Génération Maastricht and is responsible for running its political and intellectual life;
- ensures the implementation of its decisions;
- is responsible for drawing up the project of Génération Maastricht, consistently with the orientations set by the European Meeting and the General Council;
- proposes to the Executive Board the appointment of a treasurer, of European delegates, of any qualified persons and of national delegates;
- represents Génération Maastricht in all acts of civil life, may delegate authority and has the right to bring legal proceedings;
- may appoint one or more spokespersons of Génération Maastricht;
- recruits the teams of Génération Maastricht and may in particular appoint a director of services or a chief of staff. That person ensures the implementation of the decisions of the Executive Board, under the authority of the president or, where applicable, the presidents, and may be paid.

For the purposes of carrying out their responsibilities, the president may establish delegations of authority and of signature.

The president is unpaid. The rules of procedure may provide for the conditions under which the expenses associated with their office are borne by the association.

M. The Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for the finances of Génération Maastricht.

1. Appointment

The treasurer is appointed by the Executive Board from among its members for a term of three years, on a proposal from the president or, where applicable, the presidents.

No one may hold this office more than twice.

2. Responsibilities

The treasurer:

- is responsible to the Executive Board for managing the association's funds and reports annually to the General Council;
- draws up the draft budget, which is adopted by the Executive Board;
- presents to the Executive Board, at the end of each financial year, the accounts of the association and the status of the collection of the contributions of members holding one or more elected offices carrying an allowance and of members holding a governmental office;
- may be mandated by the Executive Board to conduct, on behalf of Génération Maastricht, any negotiation for the benefit of Génération Maastricht, in particular as regards loan guarantees or credit lines;
- may issue by circular any directive they consider necessary to the territorial referents and to the committees. For the purposes of carrying out their responsibilities, the treasurer may establish delegations of authority and of signature.

The treasurer is unpaid. The rules of procedure may provide for the conditions under which the expenses associated with their office are borne by the association.

N. The Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General

The secretary-general and the deputy secretary-general are responsible for the administrative running of Génération Maastricht.

1. Appointment

The secretary-general and the deputy secretary-general are appointed by the Executive Board, on a proposal from the president, for a term of three years. No one may hold this office more than twice. The Executive Board may determine the conditions under which the association bears the expenses incurred by the secretary-general and the deputy secretary-general in the exercise of their functions.

2. Responsibilities

The secretary-general and the deputy secretary-general carry out their mission consistently with the orientations set by the Executive Board, and under its coordination.

Their work is made available to all members. Members must be able to comment on this work. The secretary-general and the deputy secretary-general report on their action to the Executive Board.

N bis. The European Coordinators

The European coordinators are each responsible, on a given theme and under the authority of the Executive Board, for leading the debate on specific themes determined in advance, for which they are thus responsible. A description of the missions and expectations, together with all the information needed for the mission to run smoothly, is also provided.

1. Appointment

The European coordinators are appointed by the Executive Board, on a proposal from the president, for a term of three years. No one may hold this office more than twice on a given theme. The Executive Board may determine the conditions under which the association bears the expenses incurred by the European coordinators in the exercise of their functions.

2. Responsibilities

The European coordinators carry out their mission consistently with the orientations set by the Executive Board, and under its coordination.

Each European coordinator chairs a working group, which they are free to compose, on the theme for which they are responsible. This working group involves in particular:

- actors from outside the association, in particular associations or entities with particular expertise or experience on the theme concerned;
- members who do not sit on national bodies and who have expressed their wish to take part in the working group.

Their work is made available to all members. Members must be able to comment on this work. The European coordinators report on their action to the Executive Board and the European Secretariat.

V. THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

O. The Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee ensures compliance with the ethical principles binding on Génération Maastricht. It may be called upon to rule on particular cases or on questions of a general nature.

1. Composition

The Ethics Committee is a collegial body composed of three to six qualified persons. Membership of Génération Maastricht is not a condition for membership of the Ethics Committee.

Its members are appointed by the Executive Board for a term of three years. No one may hold this office more than twice.

The Ethics Committee is independent of the governing bodies. It is impartial. It freely determines the responsibilities within it.

2. Functioning and responsibilities

The Ethics Committee issues opinions or recommendations when referred to by the Executive Board, either on the Board's own initiative or at the request of members or elected representatives of the party. Matters may be referred to it for an opinion by the Disputes Committee.

It may act on its own initiative, in which case it sends its opinions or recommendations to the competent organs of Génération Maastricht.

Its recommendations and opinions are public. They are anonymised when published in order to build up the ethical corpus of Génération Maastricht, intended as a decision-making aid to prevent disputes.

The Ethics Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure. In particular, it may hold its meetings by telephone or electronically.

VII. PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

In addition to their rights and duties under these statutes (in particular in respect of the European Meeting, the local committees and applications for the drawing of lots for the General Council), members enjoy the rights guaranteed by this title.

P. Direct consultation of members

At the request of at least 20% of the members or of the local committees, the Executive Board deliberates, at its next meeting, on the question raised by the members or by the committees.

After debating it, and by a qualified majority of two thirds of its members, the Executive Board may decide to organise a direct consultation of the members by submitting to them a simply worded question.

The Executive Board sets the procedures for collective discussion and for organising the resulting votes. The consultation may be organised electronically.

Q. Participatory budget

Each year, Génération Maastricht devotes part of its revenue to drawing up and implementing a participatory budget, without the share of the budget devoted to it exceeding an amount set by the Executive Board.

The participatory budget adopted aims to finance and implement actions proposed and selected by the members of Génération Maastricht. These actions must be consistent with the purposes of the association and contribute to achieving them.

The participatory budget is drawn up and implemented under the authority of the Executive Board. To this end, the Board may decide to create a specialised advisory commission, including members of the General Council and, where applicable, members appointed by drawing of lots.

The Executive Board reports each year to the General Council on its decisions under this article.

R. Information submitted by members

Members may refer any information useful to the organisation and life of Génération Maastricht directly to the Executive Board.

S. Right of petition

Any organisation or association, whatever its purpose and whether or not it is affiliated to Génération Maastricht, may ask the Executive Board to place on its agenda a question relating to the purposes of the association or to the project it sets itself.

VII. ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Génération Maastricht acts in coordination with all actors in civil, private and public society who share the same purposes.

T. Trade union and associative activities of members

Members are encouraged to belong to a trade union and to one or more associations, in particular for the defence of human rights, solidarity, consumers, education, parents of pupils, environmental protection or local community life.

U. Network and affiliation

Génération Maastricht leads the network of the associations and entities affiliated to it.

Affiliation is granted by decision of the Executive Board to associations whose purposes, working methods and principles of action are consistent with the purposes of the association, in accordance with procedures that may be specified in the rules of procedure.

Affiliation may be withdrawn by the Executive Board after formal notice.

The Executive Board may decide that part of the budget of Génération Maastricht be devoted to financing affiliated associations.

VIII. FINANCES

V. Budget

1. Revenue

The annual revenue of Génération Maastricht consists of:

- donations from natural persons authorised by law,
- public grants provided for by law,
- contributions from legal persons having the status of a political party,
- where applicable, membership fees authorised by law, paid by members, under the conditions specified, where applicable, in the rules of procedure,
- any other income authorised by law.

2. Preparation of the budget

The draft budget, drawn up by the treasurer, is adopted by the Executive Board. It is submitted to the General Council.

W. Funding at territorial level

The committees are funded by:

- allocations decided, where applicable, by the Executive Board;
- other resources authorised by law, in accordance with procedures determined by the Executive Board. A local committee treasurer may be appointed by the treasurer, subject to the approval of the Executive Board. On a proposal from the Executive Board, the treasurer may put in place, with each territorial referent, the financial arrangements needed for the territorial organisation.

X. Financial year

The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each year.

Y. Statutory auditors

The Executive Board has authority to appoint, renew or replace the statutory auditors.

IX. INTERNAL COHESION

Z. Loss of membership

Membership is lost through removal from the register and through exclusion, which may be definitive.

Without prejudice to the provisions of these statutes, exclusion may be ordered in particular for the following reasons:

- failure to comply with the statutes or the Charter of Values;
- loss of eligibility or of civic rights;
- breaches of honour, whether or not resulting from a criminal conviction;
- public positions contrary to the principles and objectives of Génération Maastricht.

AA. Disputes Committee

1. Composition

The Disputes Committee is a collegial body composed of six to twelve qualified persons who are members of Génération Maastricht. Its members are appointed by the Executive Board, on a proposal from the General Council, for a term of three years, renewable twice. They may not be members of the Executive Board.

2. Responsibilities

The Disputes Committee:

- rules, where the person concerned contests it, on the refusal of a membership application;
- rules, at the request of the Executive Board, on breaches of these statutes, of the rules of procedure, of the Charter of Values or of the decisions of the bodies and governing organs of Génération Maastricht, committed by a member or a local committee. It hears the persons concerned where appropriate. It may order exclusion and, in that context, may also issue a warning, a call to order, a reprimand or any measure proportionate to the facts in question.

3. Functioning

The Disputes Committee ensures respect for the rights of the defence in the exercise of its disciplinary power. Each year it submits an activity report to the General Council.

X. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

BB. Amendment of the statutes

Revisions of these statutes are approved by the European Meeting by an absolute majority of the votes cast:

- either on a proposal from the Executive Board;
- or on a proposal from at least two thirds of the members of the General Council;
- or on a proposal from at least two thirds of the members.

By way of derogation from the first paragraph of this article, and for a period of one year from the adoption of these statutes, the Executive Board, on a proposal from the president or, where applicable, from a member of the said Board, has authority to amend these statutes. Amendments made on this basis may not concern the purposes of the association and may not have the effect of reducing the rights of members. They are ratified by the General Meeting at its next meeting.

CC. The rules of procedure

The General Council adopts, by an absolute majority of the votes cast and on a proposal from the Executive Board, rules of procedure to specify the conditions for applying these statutes. It alone has authority, under the same conditions, to revise them.

Any provision of the statutes may be specified in the rules of procedure, whether or not this has been explicitly provided for in the provision concerned.

The rules of procedure and any amendments made to them are brought to the attention of the members of Génération Maastricht.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

DD. Dissolution

The dissolution of Génération Maastricht is decided, on a proposal from the Executive Board, by all the members constituted as a General Meeting, by an absolute majority of the votes cast. In the event of dissolution, the assets of Génération Maastricht are allocated to the body designated by the General Meeting.

XII. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

The transitional provisions annexed to these statutes apply under the conditions provided for in that annex.

Neuilly-sur-Seine, 24 May 2021

Annex: transitional provisions

Article 1. Interim leadership

The Executive Board may appoint an interim leadership. The term of office of the members of the interim leadership ends on the day one or more presidents are appointed by the General Council.

Article 3. Provisional rules of procedure

For the purposes of implementing the amended statutes, the Executive Board has authority to draw up provisional rules of procedure. These shall be deemed repealed once the rules of procedure have been adopted by the General Council pursuant to Article CC of the amended statutes.

Article 4. Continuity of commitments

It is expressly stated that the commitments entered into by the association prior to the adoption of these amended statutes are maintained, without amendment.

English translation provided for information. The French text adopted by the members is the authoritative version.