

LIBERA STATUTES APPROVED BY THE  
MEETING OF MEMBERS  
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Art. 1 - LIBERA MEMBERSHIP (arts.7-8 of the Articles of Association)

The Libera terms of membership must be those laid down in the Articles of Association.

The local coordinator may be supported in the membership-related activities by other collaborators from the coordination or local group.

To make membership easier, the online procedure may be used for both organisations and individual members.

Organisations may use the online form to submit the Application for membership to Libera.

Organisations must also submit a copy of their by-laws, or other document describing their legal nature and the activities carried out by the applicant, receipt of payment of the membership fee, and the appointment of a representative person to national, provincial and regional assemblies. As required by the Articles of Association, the Application for Membership must include a declaration of full recognition and acceptance of the Articles of Association, any statutes and regulations and compliance with the resolutions legally adopted by the association bodies.

The Presidency Office must decide on applications for membership within 60 days of their submission and must update the Register of Members.

Any replacement of the representative at the National Assembly must be notified to the Presidency Office and to the relevant regional and provincial Coordinators.

Individuals may, in addition to the Membership Application to Territorial Coordination entities as provided for in the Articles of Association, submit the Membership Application online. In case of approval of the Application, the membership card will be sent within 30 days. In case of rejection, the provisions of art. 8 of the Articles of Association apply.

ART. 2 - CANDIDACIES AND ELECTIONS

Elections for the renewal of social offices, at all territorial levels, take place every 3 years during the relevant assembly (national or territorial).

Each coordination and each local group, during the last six months of the term of office, begins discussion and deepening to prepare the elective assembly. To this end, six months before the expiry of the term of office, the regional, provincial and local group coordinators will notify all members of the start of this process.

In the case of nomination as a regional coordinator, each member may apply to the Presidency Office 60 days before the expiry of his/her term of office, in writing.

In the case of nomination as a provincial coordinator, each member may apply to the Presidency Office and the regional coordinator 60 days before the expiry of his/her term of office, in writing.

The Presidency Office must decide on applications within 30 days of the expiry of the term of office. In the case of nomination as a provincial coordinator, the opinion of the Presidency Office must consider the opinion of the regional coordinator.

In the case of nomination as a Local group coordinator, each member may apply to the regional and provincial coordinator 60 days before the expiry of his/her term of office, in writing. Regional and provincial coordinators must decide on the application within 15 days of the expiry of the term of office and inform the Presidency Office. The Presidency Office may decide within 15 days on the application endorsed by the regional and provincial coordinators.

Anyone holding an associative office with Libera, who takes up a position of representation in a political party, that is, applies for and/or is elected to institutional positions at village/neighbourhood, municipal, provincial and/or metropolitan, regional, national or European level, must forfeit his/her associative mandate.

Candidates in the electoral campaign may not make use or refer to their work within Libera.

#### ART. 3 - CANDIDACIES AND ELECTION OF REMEMBRANCE COORDINATORS

Regional remembrance coordinators are elected considering the peculiar features of the territory and the local number of family members of innocent victims.

The regional remembrance coordinators are elected by the regional assembly on the proposal of an assembly of family members, members of Libera, at the identified territorial level and in agreement with the Presidency Office.

The election of the provincial remembrance coordinator is established based on the presence of a sufficient number of family members registered in Libera that makes it necessary, at the proposal of the regional remembrance coordinator and after hearing the Presidency Office. The provincial remembrance coordinator must carry out, in his/her territory of belonging, the coordination of the activities related to Remembrance.

The regional remembrance coordinators and, where elected, the provincial coordinators participate together with the Provincial and Regional Coordinators of Libera in the definition and approval of the Local Group Pact.

The candidacy and election of the remembrance coordinators follow the provisions of art. 2 of this Statute.

#### ART. 4 - USE OF LIBERA'S LOGOS AND OTHER DISTINCTIVE SIGNS

With the exclusion of the provincial, regional and regularly established local groups, the use in any place and for any reason of the logo, name and any other distinctive feature of Libera

is strictly bound by obtaining (documented) explicit positive opinion from the Presidency Office.

Individual Associations may not use the Libera logo on their information/institutional material.

Libera does not grant patronage.

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in the immediate forfeiture of the relationship with Libera.

Libera reserves the right to take any civil or criminal action to protect and prevent any abuse of its logo.

#### ART. 5 - MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL

Any member can be expelled, as governed by art. 10 of the Articles of Association, in the following cases:

- a) non-compliance with the obligations towards the Association;
- b) conduct of behaviours that are incompatible and/or inconsistent with the purposes and values of "Libera".

And also all behaviours that can cause harm or damage to the image of the Association or to the achievement of social objectives.

By way of illustration and non-exhaustively, the following cases are indicated:

- 1) improper or unauthorized use of the Association's name;
- 2) conduct contrary to the Association's purposes and principles;
- 3) non-compliance with the Articles of Association, regulations and resolutions adopted by the bodies of the Association;
- 4) unlawful use of the Association's property;
- 5) failure to pay the annual membership fee;
- 6) personal use of sums pertaining to the Association;
- 7) any prohibition or disqualification or sentence that involves the temporary disqualification from public offices;
- 8) any criminal or disciplinary proceedings, even if not confirmed by judgment, for serious crimes that harm the Association's statutory purposes and are contrary to responsibility ethics.

#### ART. 6 - COMMITTEES

Libera can set up permanent consultative committees or provisional thematic working groups, at the proposal and under the direct responsibility of the Presidency Office.

##### *Role of Committees and Working Groups*

The Committees and Working Groups are established by the Presidency Office to provide opinions, studies or evaluation elements on any matter of direct or indirect relevance for Libera's purposes, as indicated in Article 3 of the current Articles of Association.

The Committees and Working Groups cannot have any external relevance. It will be up to the Presidency Office, if necessary, to decide on the publication, printing or disclosure of documents and writings, in which the members of the Committees will be credited as authors.

All operating expenses and services for the Committees and Working Groups are borne by Libera, if they are authorised in advance by the Presidency Office.

#### *Number and competence*

The number of committees, the number of members and the matters of competence must be determined by the Presidency Office on an ad hoc basis.

#### *Duration*

The Committees and Working Groups remain in office until the completion of the task entrusted and if the Presidency Office that appointed them remains in office.

#### *Composition of Committees and Working Groups.*

The Presidency Office appoints members of the Committees and Working Groups, which are open to members who are not registered with Libera.

The Presidency Office itself may appoint one or more of its members to participate in the Committees and Working Groups and must designate the Chair of the Committee or the Working Group.

The Secretary is appointed by the members of Committees or Working Groups, as well as any Vice-Chairperson.

#### *Tasks of the Chair of Committees or Working Groups*

The Chairperson must be responsible for the work of the Committee or the Working Group and must therefore:

- a. draft, in agreement with the Presidency Office, a general work plan;
- b. set up subcommittees or working groups describing their composition, the coordinator and the secretary and must draw up the annual calendar of meetings;
- c. chair the meetings, moderate the debate and vote on decisions that are not taken unanimously;
- d. sign, with the Secretary of the Committee or the Working Group, the minutes of the meetings and any other documents, opinions or drafts;
- e. prepare the final report of the work of the Committee or the Working Group, delegating other components to this end under his/her responsibility;

#### *Tasks of the Secretary of Committees or Working Groups*

The Secretary must:

1. draft and sign the minutes of the meetings, which, signed by the Chair, must be submitted strictly within twenty days to the Presidency Office;
2. collect the signatures on the attendance sheets which, at the end of the meetings, must be handed over to the Presidency Office;
3. if the Secretary is prevented from attending, the duties assigned to him/her must be carried out by the younger member of the committee.

## ART. 7 - SUPPORTING FRIENDS

To be recognised as Supporting Friends, the organisations described in Article 11 of the Articles of Association may apply for Admission.

Consortia, which comply with the requirements of the Articles of Association, may only submit the Application for Admission if all their members are already Libera Supporting Friends or Members.

The Supporting Friends are those who, although not eligible to be admitted as Members, nevertheless intend to be involved in the Libera's, make their contribution to the achievement of its Mission through: some sort of formal support for Libera,

□ support to Libera's campaigns,

financial support to Libera through the payment of the annual Admission Contribution;

the realization and sharing of cultural, educational, information and awareness-raising initiatives and activities on Libera's associative object and purposes.

The Application must be submitted to the Presidency Office accompanied by the applicant's Articles of Association, payment of the Admission Fee, and the commitment to operate in accordance with Libera's principles and values.

To streamline the submission of the Application, it is possible to use an online procedure.

The Presidency Office must decide on the Application within 60 days, after hearing the opinion of Libera's local coordinator of the area in which the aspiring Supporting Friend operates.

The Supporting Friends are always invited to the Assemblies and Libera initiatives at the national and local level.