

Statute

Preamble

The European Network of Single Parent Families is an association of lobbyists for single parents and their children who want to take responsibility for a family-friendly society in Europe. The Network wants to create readiness for the changes necessary in the European countries, to make sure single parent families have the chance of a positive future. ENoS is aiming for a fair, creative and innovative design of policy and society which is directed to the present as well as to the future. The Network wants to contribute all over Europe to establishing an open-minded and sophisticated public awareness for the situation of single parent families. It also aims at winning the support of both the people and the politicians. In this process the structural recklessness of the legal systems and of the handed down public approach have to be replaced with an integrated "culture of growing up", which fosters and actively supports the interests of single parent families.

§ 1 Name

The Network is called European Network of Single Parent Families (ENoS). It is located in Berlin, Germany.

§ 2 Aims

- (1) The aim of the Network is to improve the legal, financial, social, and cultural situation of single parent families in Europe with a focus on the mothers.
- (2) The UN Convention on the Right of the Child (CRC) and the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) must be implemented without any limitations.
- (3) Acceptance and equal opportunities for single parent families with regard to legal, financial and social matters as a result of diverse ways of living.
- (4) The Network is interdenominational and party-politically independent.
- (5) The Network has only altruistic and non-profit interests.

§ 3 Realization of the aims

- (1) The national organizations of single parent families work together on a European level.
- (2) The Network pursues its public relations in the interest of single parent families and keeps in contact with authorities, legislators and other public individuals and institutions.
- (3) The Network cooperates with all national and international democratic organizations, institutions, churches, parties and initiatives.
- (4) The Network utilizes the existing influence of the currently active single parent organizations.
- (5) The Network carries out cross-border projects in accordance with the Directives of the EU Commission.

§ 4 Membership

The Network consists of the initial founding organizations and of organizations which have been accepted according to the ENoS statute .

§ 5 Admission

- (1) All organizations that according to their statutes are working primarily in order to support the interests of single parent families and which accept the statute can join the ENoS.
- (2) Organizations that are member of an umbrella association which already is a member of ENoS can't be accepted as independent members.
- (3) Individuals can be accepted as sustaining members without the right to vote.
- (4) Membership requests can be submitted in written form at all Network-Meetings. They have to be addressed to the President. The Network-Meeting decides with the simple majority of the assembly on the application for membership.

§ 6 End of Membership

- (1) The end of membership has to be declared in written form at the end of the year. It must be addressed to the President.
- (2) Members can be expelled if they act in a manner that might damage the Network and/or if they violate the ENoS statutes. The Network-Meeting decides with simple majority whether a member will be expelled.
- (3) The membership also ends if a member doesn't pay the subscription for three consecutive years.

§ 7 Tasks of the Members

The members of ENoS cooperate in a trusting manner. They implement and drive the decisions made by the Meeting in their respective countries. At the meetings they hand in a written report about the results of their efforts. They support the President and the Vice Presidents in their respective countries. They observe all trends and developments regarding single parent families in terms of legal, financial, sociopolitical and cultural matters in their countries and report them to the Network-Meeting.

§ 8 Statutory Organs

The network includes the following statutory organs:

1. the Network-Meeting
2. the President and two Vice-Presidents.

§ 9 The Network-Meeting

- (1) The Network-Meeting is the highest board. It consists of a maximum of 3 delegates from the member organizations.
- (2) Calling and realization: Usually the Network-Meeting takes place once a year. Yet it has to take place at least biennially. The President sends out a plain letter with the invitation 2 months in advance of the meeting. The letter contains all information about place, date and agenda. Intended changes to the statute and proposals for the acceptance or expulsion of members have also to be listed.
- (3) Right to vote: The right to vote corresponds to the number of members of the respective organization. Number of votes for

Organizations with up to 100 members	1 vote
Organizations with up to 1,000 members	2 votes
Organizations with more than 1,000 members	3 votes
- (4) Proxy-voting is possible. Every delegate can have a maximum of 2 proxies.
- (5) Requests to the Meeting: Each member can make requests to the Meeting. These requests must be submitted to the President 3 months in advance of the Meeting.

§ 10 Tasks of the Network-Meeting

- (1) The Network-Meeting has to attend to the following tasks:
 - Decisions about policy questions of the Network on a European level
 - Defining the main focus for activities and projects
 - Election of the President and the Vice-Presidents.
 - Reception of the annual report and the financial audit report.
 - Discharge of the President and the Vice-Presidents.

- Fixing of the subscription fee
 - Changes to the statute
 - Decisions about the acceptance and expulsion of members
 - Decisions about place and date of the next Network-Meeting
 - Dissolving of the Network
- (2) Taking of decisions: Every Network-Meeting called according to the statute can take decisions.
 - (3) Decisions are made with the single majority of the valid votes cast if the statutes don't provide for another regulation.
 - (4) The Network-Meeting has to be recorded in the minutes. The minutes have to be signed by the President and one of his/her Vice Presidents and send to the members within 3 months from the meeting. The minutes are regarded as approved if there is no protest filed within a month from the meeting.

§ 11 President and Vice President

- (1) The President and the two Vice Presidents are elected for a period of two years. The election is done in separate ballots.
- (2) They jointly represent the Network in all matters.
- (3) They prepare the upcoming Network-Meeting in content and organizationally. They define the address to turn to for the next two years.
- (4) They represent the interests of ENoS towards organizations, boards, and individuals. It is their duty to submit the results of the Meeting to the European boards and to negotiate about the corresponding claims. They communicate the results of their work to each of the member organizations in an annual report.
- (5) They raise public and private funds.

§ 12 Financing and Accounting.

- (1) The financial means may only be used for the aims set up in the ENoS statutes. To finance the work of ENoS the members have to pay an annual subscription fee. This fee is graded as follows.

Organizations with up to 100 members	100 Euro
Organizations with 101 to 1,000 members	200 Euro
Organizations with more than 1,000 members	300 Euro
Fees for sustaining members (Politicians, authorities, parties, a. o.)	from 100 Euro

- (2) The subscription fee has to be transferred to the ENoS account by March 31 of each year.

§ 13 Effective Date

These statutes are taking effect with the decision of the Network-Meeting in Bern (Switzerland) at May 16, 2009.

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