



MACEDONIAN DUTCH NUFFIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In accordance with Article 5 and Article 18 of the Law for Citizen`s associations and foundations of the Republic of Macedonia (Official Gazette 31/98), at the founding Assembly, established on 25 11 2005, the initiators of the ***Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association*** have founded a

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BASIC PRINCIPLES

Article 1

The **Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association** (herein - the Association) is a non-governmental, non-political, non-profit and secular association of citizens engaged in education, training and promotion of co-operation in the areas of culture and education on issues related to the Kingdom of Netherlands

Article 2

The **Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association** has a function of a legal entity enlisted in the registry of non-governmental organizations and foundations at the Court of First Instance Skopje 1 - Skopje.

Article 3

The full name of the Association is **Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association**.

Where deemed necessary the acronym **MAK HOL NUFFIC ALUMNI** will be used.

The name of the Association in Macedonian language, with the use of cyrillic alphabet, along with its trademark are placed on the Association`s seal.

The Association will use the registered name - translated in English, for international correspondence.

The seat of the association is at Vasko Karajanov Street, No. 6, 1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Article 4

The main goal of the Association is to improve Macedonian – Dutch co-operation and friendship.

The Association aims towards :



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- ❑ fostering the Macedonian – Dutch co-operation and friendship through the promotion of educational programmes and possibilities for student visits to institutions in the Netherlands and other countries supported by NUFFIC;
- ❑ strengthening the available capacities through dissemination of knowledge and academic expertise of the Association members, which they have obtained by participating in various NUFFIC Programmes;
- ❑ increasing the knowledge level and develop the skills of Governmental, non-governmental and other society structures in order to upgrade the institutional structures in areas connected with the EU integration process through organization of contributed trainings in co-operation with NUFFIC and experts from institutions, attended by Association`s Members;
- ❑ enhancing regional cooperation through networking and communication with other ALUMNI Associations and organizations, both domestic and from the region, with similar goals and tasks through exchange of practices, experiences and organization of events with regional significance.

Article 5

The Association implements it`s goals through:

- ❑ organization of presentations, workshops, courses, seminars for promotion of opportunities for student stay in institutions supported by NUFFIC and for improvement of the Macedonian-Dutch friendship;
- ❑ organization of exhibitions, film projections and other cultural events with social, cultural, economic or technical content;
- ❑ organization of educational and informative seminars, round tables, panel discussions and debates;
- ❑ organization of contributed trainings and campaigns for initiation of successful integration of Republic Macedonia in the EU;
- ❑ organization of mutual activities for exchange of practices and experiences improving the cooperation with similar associations in the country and region;
- ❑ publication and dissemination of brochures promoting the activities and the events of the Association connected with the defined goals and tasks;
- ❑ providing assistance to the prospective participants by introducing the NUFFIC Courses to them and thus contribute towards their effective participation;
- ❑ publishing essays and reviews regarding the European Integration process of Republic of Macedonia within the framework of the research center.



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Article 6

The Association shall establish international cooperation with other foreign and international associations and organizations, with respect to international law.

The Association shall seek to create regional networks with similar foreign associations, and shall take part in existing ones.

The Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association shall use expert support and public help, in order to increase the quality of its activities.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Article 7

The Principal organs of the Association are: the *General Assembly*, the *Executive Committee* and the *Supervising Committee*.

Article 8

The Assembly is the supreme decision-making body composed of all members of the Association.

The Assembly is fully competent to:

- adopt the Statute, the Programme and other acts;
- adopt the annual report, guidelines and working plans;
- approve the audited financial accounts and plans;
- elect the association's bodies;
- decide upon convey of the Association's asset;
- decide for dissolution of the Association if supported by two-thirds majority of the vote cast;
- decide for other issues which are not in the jurisdiction of other bodies of the Association and;
- complete other activities in accordance with the Statute, and the common acts of the Association of citizens.



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Article 9

The President shall summon the General Assembly at least once a year.

The Assembly Meeting may be convened on the proposal of the Executive Committee, or Supervising Committee, or one-fifth of the total number of Assembly Members.

If the President of the Assembly does not call for the Assembly Meeting within 14 days of the submitted proposal, the Assembly shall be summoned by the Executive Committee or the other eligible initiators. Members of the Assembly are to be informed by e-mail or written invitations specifying the exact date, time and location, as well with the meeting agenda.

Article 10

The Assembly is only fully competent when at least one-half of the Members are present.

Unless the Statute specifies the contrary, decisions by the Assembly shall be determined by an absolute majority of the votes cast by a competent Assembly.

Article 11

Decisions at the Assembly Meeting are taken by public voting, unless the Statute specifies particular issues that shall be decided upon by secret voting.

Each Members of the Assembly has a right to one vote only.

Article 12

The Assembly of the Macedonian Dutch NUFFIC Alumni Association decides by two-thirds majority of the vote cast for:

- modification and ammendments of the Statute;
- dissolution or merging of the Association with some other organization (or Association);
- change of the main goals of the Association.



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Article 13

The Executive Committee is composed of seven members, elected with a two year mandate with the right to re-election.

The Executive Committee elects the President and the Secretary from the Members. The President of the Assembly is also the President of the Executive Committee, with a two year mandate.

The mandate of an Executive Committee Member can be terminated upon his/her own request or by an Assembly decision.

Article 14

The role of the Executive Committee is:

- to prepare the Assembly meetings;
- to submit draft amendments to the Statute and other proposals requiring Assembly decision;
- to implement the policy, conclusions and decisions supported by the Assembly;
- to set up an expert service to supervise its activities;
- to manage and be liable for the management of Association's property;
- to plan the material and financial management of the Association;
- to decide upon membership applications;
- to present the annual Report for its work and
- to conduct other activities that fall within the scope of its responsibilities.

Article 15

The Executive Committee holds board meetings chaired by the President, or the Secretary General (in his absence).

The Executive Committee meeting can take place if at least three board members are present.

The Secretary General of the Executive Committee informs the Members for the conduct of meetings and delivers the working agenda.



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Article 16

The Executive Committee shall meet when deemed necessary and at least once in three months. The meetings will be assembled by the President or by one of the Executive Committee Members upon their proposal.

The Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast.

Article 17

The President of the Executive Committee of the Association

- represents the Association in external meetings;
- signs agreements on the behalf of the Association;
- is signatory of the Association`s account, together with the Secretary;
- is signatory of the Association`s final account;
- undertakes other activities as provided in the Statute.

If the nature of activities does not allow any delay, the President is obligated to act in accordance with the interests of the Association, and to inform the Executive Committee of its actions at the following meeting convened .

Article 18

The Executive Committee submits an Annual report of activities to the approval of the Assembly at the regular annual Assembly meeting.

Article 19

The Supervising Committee is comprised of three members with a two year mandate and the right to re-election. The Assembly elects and discharges the Supervising Committee.

The Supervising Committee is accountable to the Assembly. The Supervising Committee works independently and upon the request of the Assembly. The Supervising Committee is responsible for:

- supervision of the regularity of Association elections;
- examination of the financial management of the Association;



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- submission of an Annual Report of activities to the Assembly.

The mandate of a Supervising Committee Member can be terminated upon his/her own request or by an Assembly decision.

ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE MACEDONIAN DUTCH NUFFIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Article 20

The Association can acquire property under the terms and condition provided by the Law and this Statute, as well.

The resources of the Association are to be obtained through: annual membership fees, donations, grants, cash and in-kind sponsorships, public subsidies and revenues from expert and other Association activities.

The Association can obtain incomes also from the Budget of the Republic of Macedonia, budgets of the Local Self-Government Units and from the Budget of the City of Skopje, in accordance with the Law.

Article 21

The Executive Committee is responsible for acquiring of property and is in charge of the property records.

The property of the Association is comprised of real property, and it is only used with the purpose of providing the needs, program objectives and determinations of the Association.

TRANSPARENCY OF ACTIVITES

Article 22

The work of the Association is open to the public.

The transparency is achieved through regular reports presented to the members, to other associations / NGO`s, or the wider public for the work and the activities of the Association, through the supervision of program tasks



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implementation, through submission of report of activities by the Association's bodies in regard to the financial management, etc.

The public and the members will be informed for the Association's activities through press conferences or through electronic and published media.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

Article 23

Any citizen of the Republic of Macedonia who participated or completed an educational programme/training supported by NUFFIC in the Netherlands or another country may become member of the association.

Any adult citizen of the Republic of Macedonia, who accepts the objectives and tasks of the Association, mentioned in this Statute, as well as the methods of implementation may become Member of the Association, as well.

Legal entities registered on the territory of Republic of Macedonia, or natural persons, who are not citizens of RM, under conditions and a way determined by the Law may also become members of the Association

The Association membership is requested by submission of a written application to the Executive Committee.

The Association runs a Registry for the membership, with a regular update.

The Executive Committee decides upon granting membership.

Article 24

Membership in the Association can be terminated with a written statement from the Member itself, by expulsion for violation of the Statute principles or other binding acts, or by decision of the Executive Committee.

Article 25

The Members will be informed of the Executive Board activities on an annual basis, with delivery of the Annual Assembly Report.



TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PRINCIPLES

Article 26

Amendments to the Statute can be made on the proposal of the Executive Committee or one- fifth of the total number of Assembly Members.

The proposal shall entail explanation supported with arguments.

Article 27

The draft Statute as proposed, the proposed modifications and amendments shall be open for discussion at least 7 days before its approval and shall be adopted according to Article 12.

Article 28

The Statute will enter into force with the adoption.

All acts of the Association should be in accordance with this Statute.

Article 29

Dissolution of the Association by two- thirds majority of the present votes cast of the Assembly, is accepted under the following conditions:

- if the number of Members decreased below the initiating minimum requested;
- if the Constitutional Court of Republic of Macedonia verifies that the Statute and the Programme of the Association are not compatible with the Constitution;
- if it is affirmed that the Association ceased its activities;
- under other conditions determined by Law.



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Article 30

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the financial discharge obtained and the deletion from the Registry for Associations of Citizens, the net assets and real property of the Association, if any, shall be distributed to a non-governmental or humanitarian organization.

Skopje, November 2005

President - Andrejcenko Sasa