



**Statute ENC**

**1. Incorporation**

"The European Federation of Nursing Regulators (whose acronym is "FEPI") was set up in 2004 at the initiative of „Federazione Nazionale”.

„Collegi IPASVI” from

Nursing and Midwifery Council", from

„An bord Altranais” and from

« Consejo General de Colegios Oficiales de Enfermería de España ».

During the General Assembly of December 7, 2015, it was decided unanimously to change the designation of the organization. It would now be called the European Nursing Council and the initials adopted would be the ENC. On this occasion, it revised its statutes as follows:



## **2. Object**

2.1. The primary objective of the ENC is to promote and support the agenda of patients safety in the profession of nurse in Europe, including through cooperation regarding:

- Regulatory standards for the nurse
- Practice the profession of nurse

To aspire towards a nurse to be able to respond fully to the European Union's needs in the field of health.

2.2. The ENC pursues the non-lucrative international utility purposes as follows:

- Supporting humanitarian, solidarity and cooperation initiatives in the social and health's field;
- Promoting actively the European Code of Ethics and Deontology of the Nursing profession and ensuring its development;
- Promoting the improvement and quality of health cares;
- Targeting the strengthening of the social and legal status of the profession of nurse and medical staff;
- Communicating the conceptual elements that constitute the profession of nurse and determining the excellence of professional practice;
- Defending the community by the development and coordination of the professional norms of education and practicing the nursing profession throughout Europe;
- Organizing education, training and improvement initiatives in order to improve culture and research in the health care field;



- Promoting collaboration and exchange of best practices between European orders for the nurse profession and orders of the same profession at international level;
- Promoting the interaction and cooperation of its Members, as well as scientific debate and the exchange of information and experiences;
- Supporting its members in promoting the profession of nurse in their own countries;
- Promoting coordination of Members' activities while respecting their autonomy;
- Promoting the accreditation of medical staff in Europe  
« European Nursing Accreditation Centre »).

2.3. The objectives of the ENC will be supported by the following activities:

- Establishing synergies, lasting relationships and contacts between Members;
- Establishing lasting relationships and contacts with the European Union's political and administrative bodies and relevant national and international organizations in the social and healthcare field;
- Communication of information, project proposals, results of studies, researches, etc. regarding humanitarian and social issues and regarding health care, as well as issues specific to the field of health care;
- Periodical organization of conferences, seminars and meetings regarding the objectives of ENC;
- Creating newspapers or magazines in order to communicate scientific information to Members;
- Participation in or creation of other legal entities necessary for the achievement of the objectives of ENC.

### **3. Registration office**

The registration office of the association is established in the Brussels agglomeration and currently at B-1000 Brussels, Coudenberg, 70. The office can be transferred to

any other place in the Brussels agglomeration by the simple decision of the Executive Office.

#### **4. Duration**

The ENC is constituted for an indefinite period and can be dissolved at any time.

#### **5. Admissions**

5.1. Any Order of the profession of nurse in Europe is eligible to become a Member of the ENC. The ENC is made up of „Members” and „Associate Members”, which are organizations that do not have the statute of Order of the profession of nurse in Europe.

5.2. The application for membership in the capacity of Member (and for all categories of members) of the association must be presented by the President or the legal representative of the Council, Association or Candidate Organization to the position of President of the Association or Candidate Organization to the position of President of the Assembly General and ENC.

5.3. This request must be accompanied by a copy of the statute of the Council or of the Candidate Organization, as well as by any other regulation, procedural rule, code of ethics or deontology and all data relating to the number and typology of the registered nurses referred to, on the last day of the month preceding the request.

5.4. In addition to the provisions of this Article, including the payment of such contributions, admission to the ENC is subject to compliance with the following criteria: Statutes, Rules or any other document defining the Council, Association or Organization wishing to become a Member must be according to the ENC's objectives.



5.5. The final decision regarding the admission of a new Member is taken by the General Assembly of the ENC.

## **6. Resignations – Deregistration**

6.1. When a Board, Association or Full Member Organization of the ENC is in the process of being dissolved or has taken the decision to withdraw itself from the ENC, it will have to formally notify the ENC General Assembly President in writing no later than September 30 of that year. The requests for resignation are discussed by the ENC Executive Office.

6.2. If the request for resignation was not made in writing to the Council before 30 September, the contribution for the following year will be due.

6.3. A Member may be expelled from the ENC in the following cases:

- Due to the measures taken, which are considered unknown or are inconsistent with the provisions of the Statutes and / or the objectives of the ENC;
- Due to the non-payment of the owed annual fee.

## **7. Responsibilities and Obligations of the Members**

7.1. All Members will comply with the provisions and rules of the ENC Statutes and will contribute to the accomplishment of their objectives.

7.2. All Members will inform the ENC Executive Office of any change in the Statutes or the Code of Ethics and / or Deontology, as well as any change of the President or the Legal Representative.

7.3. All members will pay their contributions in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the General Assembly.

7.4. Members' contributions are an annual subject to a General Assembly decision, on a proposal from the Executive Office.

7.5. Any organization that has to cope with exceptional circumstances may request the General Assembly to make installed payments as well as other exceptions or more advantageous conditions.

## **8. Resources**

ENC resources are constituted by:

- Annual contributions, which are proposed by the Executive Office and voted by the General Assembly
- Contributions by private and public bodies of natural or legal persons without affecting their independence.
- Any other means decided by the Executive Office.

## **9. The General Assembly**

9.1. The General Assembly is composed of the legal representatives of all types of Members. „Associated Members”, in their turn, do not have the right to vote.

9.2. The General Assembly is the sovereign body of the Organization and, as such, has all its powers. These powers include the right to:

- Amendments to the Statutes;
- Defining the Objectives and the General Policy of the ENC;
- Appointment of New Members and voting on the exclusion of a Member;
- Appointment or dismissal of Member of the Executive Office;
- Approval of the accounts and budget situation each year



- The dismissal of the administrators, the Members of the Committee and, in case of voluntary dissolution, the liquidators;
- Establishment of the Members' annual membership fee;
- Declare the voluntary dissolution of the Association or its transformation into a society for social purposes.

9.3. The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Executive Office who as such is also the President of the ENC and, in case of absence or impediment, by one of the Vice-Presidents.

9.4. The Ordinary General Assembly meets once a year, at least, at any time, when the Executive Office may consider it necessary (Extraordinary General Assembly), or when 50 (fifty) percent of its Members plus one deems it necessary. The practical proceedings of the General Assembly will be covered by the Association's standing orders.

9.5. The decisions of the General Assembly will be taken by a simple majority, except for issues related to:

- a) dissolution of the Council;
- b) revision of the Statutes;
- c) revision of the European Code of Ethics and Deontology of the Nurse's Profession;
- d) all issues that the Executive Office considers to be very important;

For all points in Article 9.5, a two-thirds majority is required.

9.6. During a General Assembly, the fair distribution of voices in one vote gives decisive character to the President's voice.

9.7. Voting by power of attorney and electronically is authorized. The applicable procedure will be specified in the Standing Orders of the ENC.

9.8. All Members designate their delegates according to their own rules. Each Member is obliged to disclose any substitution and / or confirmation

9.9. Experts, counselors and other persons invited by the Executive Office are authorized to attend to the General Assembly meetings without the right to vote. Interpreters and translators may also attend meetings only for the purpose of performing their translation functions.

9.10. The quorum of Members present or represented by powers of attorney required for the holding of a General Assembly is 50% of the Full Members, plus one.

9.11. As far as the election of the members of the Executive Office is concerned, the system to be used will be that of the absolute majority and secret ballot vote of the members present.

## **10. The Executive Office**

10.1. Executive Office:

- is the management body of the ENC; it has all the enforcement powers that enables it to achieve the objectives set by the General Assembly;
- identifies the human and material resources needed to achieve the objectives and good functioning of the ENC;
- presents a report of its activities to each General Assembly;
- prepares the balance sheets and related reports;
- may delegate certain powers through the General Assembly for certain matters.



10.2. The Executive Office consists of the President (directly elected) and four (4) Members elected by the General Assembly, their term of office is four (4) years and they can be re-elected.

10.3. At the time of voting within the Executive Office, a fair distribution of votes gives decisive character to the President's voice.

10.4. The Executive Office appoints from among its members a Vice-President, a Treasurer and a Secretary-General. In case of impediment by the President, his / her duties are ensured by the Vice-President.

## **11. The financial year**

11.1. The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each year. The budget must be drawn up at least two months before the end of the preceding financial year and must be approved by the General Assembly at its last meeting in the year preceding that in which it is to be reported. If a new financial year begins before the corresponding budget has been approved, the budget for the previous year will be automatically extended until the new budget is approved but adjusting the entries in accordance with the applicable provisions on social issues and others.

11.2. All voluntary and extraordinary contributions made by any Member will be imputed and recorded in each of the ENC Financial Reports.

## **12. Dissolution**

In the case of ENC dissolution, all residual assets will be used for purposes consistent with the ENC's objectives.