

Constitution of Lebende Samen - Living Seeds e.V.

Preamble

The object of the association is the support of breeding research and cultural plant conservation on an organic and biodynamic basis and their exchange of information between research, users, consultants and consumers as well as seed initiatives. This item is to be realized by:

- the establishment and operation of seed research centers and research projects;
- the establishment of a web-based Thematic Seed Network, which should also serve as an EIP Agri focus group;
- selfless promotion of seed initiatives focusing on southern Europe.

The association is to support projects and projects that preserve, cultivate and develop cultivated plant species and cultivars as a cultural asset of humanity, in order to introduce them into the local value chain of food production and nature conservation. The association will act on the basis of the findings of various research institutes for agriculture, nature conservation and agro-ecology in Europe. The aim is to disseminate information and knowledge of successful experience and consulting projects and to work out the importance of seed-proof seed.

The association aims to promote a sustainable environment that is suitable for facilitating the proper handling of the cultural property "cultivated plant and cultivated seed" with a view to improving the quality of food and the environment and sustainability. It should support the emergence of such an environment in suitable places and in appropriate contexts. Particular attention is paid to the preservation and development of nutritional quality in a holistic context (local connections, food, health, environmental protection, energy balance, sustainability). The association should promote the integration of nutrition into sustainable and holistic environmental management.

The focus of the association will be the preservation of many old seed varieties, the professionalization of these with the help of research results and their dissemination to the users, joint research tests and experiments on various farms in European countries up to new breeding of seed-fixed varieties, the new climate requirements become fairer. These activities should be promoted and the necessary knowledge should be easily accessible.

In line with the growing importance of organic and local agriculture, the association is to conduct research for crop breeding in this area and to ensure the dissemination of knowledge through a Thematic Seed Network.

§ 1

Name, Seat, Fiscal Year

1. The association carries the name

Living Seeds - Living Seeds.

2. He should be registered in the association register. After the entry he leads to his name the addition "e.V."
3. The association is located in Darmstadt, Germany.
4. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

§ 2

Purpose of the association

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes in the sense of the section "tax-privileged purposes" of the tax code.
2. Purpose of the association is the promotion of science and research and the promotion of plant breeding in terms of § 52 AO. The purpose of the statutes is realized in particular as follows:
 - a) The research and development of new breeding methods based on scientific findings of various institutes, focusing on organic and biodynamic agriculture and ecology, integrating all agronomic research results, as long as they benefit organic farming.
 - b) Researching the relationships between food and human development and knowledge of the health-promoting effects of crops.
 - c) Research into the peculiarities of existing seed-resistant varieties (genetic resources) and their further development.
3. The association is self-researching, sustaining and developing active. In order to fulfill its duties, the association shall be assistants within the meaning of § 57 (1) sentence 2 AO, insofar as it does not perform the tasks itself.
4. The research results resulting from the activities mentioned above will be published on the Thematic Seed Network, making them universally accessible. The breeding lines and varieties resulting from the research activities carried out by the association are the property of the association, but are made available to everyone as far as possible. The association can also take over valuable varieties.
5. The association conducts conferences, seminars and courses that serve the exchange of experience, the development of ideas and their dissemination. The association presents the results and projects through lectures, guided tours and writings through the web-based platform Thematic Seed Network of the interested public. The association pursues the special education and further education of gardeners and farmers in the field of arable crops, as well as the necessary technical basics.
6. The association may take over or participate in other tax-privileged institutions of the same or similar kind.
7. The association is selflessly active; he does not pursue primarily self-economic purposes.

8. Funds of the association may only be used for the statutory and tax-privileged purposes. The members do not receive payments from the association.

9. The competent tax office must apply for recognition as a non-profit organization.

§ 3

Joining members

1. Member of the Association may be a natural person, a legal entity or a partnership of persons. The board will decide on the admission after a written request.

2. The membership is acquired in the form of "active membership", hereinafter referred to as member. Each member has one vote.

3. Promotional members can become natural or legal persons; they support the association ideologically or financially and are not entitled to vote. You can stop posting at any time.

4. Each member or sponsoring member has the right to attend the members' meetings.

§ 4

Resignation of members

1. Membership ends by death, resignation, expulsion or cancellation of membership.

2. The resignation must be declared in writing to the Executive Board. Withdrawal is allowed subject to a notice period of six months at the end of each calendar year. In order to comply with the deadline, timely access to the resignation statement to a member of the Management Board is required.

3. The exclusion from the association is only permissible for one important reason, especially if the member culpably violates the interests of the association in a gross manner. At the request of the Executive Board, the General Assembly decides on the exclusion with a majority of three quarters of the present members. The Board shall notify its application in writing to the member to be expelled at least two weeks prior to the meeting. A written opinion of the member shall be read in the meeting which decides on the expulsion. The exclusion should be made known to the member immediately in writing if it was not present at the time of the resolution.

4. The cancellation of the membership may take place if the member is in arrears with six contributions and does not pay the outstanding contribution in full within six months of sending the reminder, even after a written reminder. The reminder must be addressed by registered letter to the last known address of the member. The reminder must indicate the imminent cancellation of membership. The reminder is also effective if the shipment returns as undeliverable. The deletion takes place by resolution of the executive committee, which is not made known to the affected member.

§ 5

membership fee

1. The membership fee is an annual fee.
2. The amount of the membership fee determines the general meeting.
3. The membership fee is payable by 31 January of each year. In the case of entry into the association during the year, until the 30th of June of each year, the full annual membership fee is charged, and if the entry is from the 1st of July, half of the annual membership fee is charged.

§ 6

Board

1. The board of the association consists of the chairman, the deputy chairman, the treasurer and the assessor.
2. The association is represented in court and out of court in all association matters by two board members together.
3. The power of representation of the executive board is limited with effect against third parties in such a way that the approval of the general meeting is necessary for the purchase or sale, the encumbrance and all other dispositions over real estate or rights equivalent to real estate.
4. The executive committee is elected individually by the general meeting in a simple majority of the votes cast. Re-election is possible. The term of office is five years. The executive committee remains in office until a new election takes place.
5. The office of a member of the board ends with his retirement from the association. If a member leaves before the expiration of his term of office, the members' assembly elects a substitute member for the remainder of the term of office of the member who has resigned.
6. The board makes its decisions by a simple majority. The responsibilities and powers within the Executive Board may be specified in a by-law of the Executive Board. The General Assembly decides with a simple majority on the rules of procedure proposed by the Executive Board.
7. In order to support the work of the board, the general assembly may elect additional persons to the extended board. The members of the extended board have no voting rights in the vote on the board and cannot represent the association.
8. The members of the board receive on application for their work in each case a lump-sum allowance of a maximum of 720, - Euro (in words: seven hundred and twenty) in the year. This does not affect the replacement of the actual expenses.

§ 7

General Assembly

1. The ordinary general meeting takes place at least once a year. It is convened in writing by the Executive Board with a notice period of at least two weeks, stating the agenda. Written form within the meaning of this statute is protected by simple letter, fax or e-mail.
2. Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened by decision of the Management Board or by written request of one third of all members.
3. The General Assembly, irrespective of the number of members present, shall always have a quorum if duly invited to attend it.
4. The members' assembly decides in particular about:
 - a) the approval of the annual accounts,
 - b) the election and discharge of the Board,
 - c) the election of a cash auditor,
 - d) amendments,
 - e) fixing the membership fees,
 - f) the dissolution of the association.

§ 8th

Expiry of the general meeting

1. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the Chairperson, if he is prevented by the Vice-Chairperson; if this is also prevented, the members' assembly elects a meeting leader or election leader.
2. The General Assembly may decide to supplement the agenda established by the Board.
3. Unless otherwise stipulated by the Articles of Association, the majority of the valid votes cast is decided by the general meeting. Abstentions are regarded as invalid votes.
4. The decision on the amendment of the statutes and the dissolution of the association requires the presence of two-thirds of the members of the association. If the general meeting does not have a quorum, another meeting of the same agenda must be convened before the expiry of four weeks from the date of the meeting. The new assembly is quorate regardless of the number of members present. The invitation to each meeting must contain a reference to facilitated quorum.
5. A decision on amending the statutes, changing the purpose of the association and dissolving the association requires a majority of two-thirds of the members elected.
6. If none of the published members contradicts, votes are made by hand lifting. In the case of an objection, a secret written vote must be made.

7. A record of the meeting will be made. The minutes must show, in particular, the results of the voting and voting. The minutes will be signed by the meeting's leader and the minuteskeeper. Each member receives a copy.

§ 9

Securing the tax-privileged purpose

1. The association is selflessly active and does not pursue primarily self-economic purposes.
2. The assets and the taking of the association may only be used for the purposes stated in § 2. The members and supporting members do not receive any donations from the funds of the association.
3. No person may be favored by expenditures which are foreign to the purpose of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.
4. All owners of association offices are volunteers.
5. In order to ensure the association, it may be necessary to appoint a manager and other necessary auxiliary staff for the administrative and educational tasks, if the scope of the activity so requires.
6. The actual management is directed to the exclusive and immediate fulfillment of the purposes according to § 2 and has to prove this through proper accounting.
7. Resolutions regarding amendments to the statutes, in particular those concerning the purpose of the association, must be submitted to the responsible tax office before the entry into force for the purpose of confirming that the tax deduction of the association is not impaired in the tax sense.

§ 10

Editorial changes

The Management Board is entitled to make editorial changes to the Articles of Association which the tax office or the court of registry propose. These changes are to be submitted to the next General Assembly for decision.

§ 11

Asset binding at dissolution

In the event of dissolution or other termination or abolition of the tax-privileged purposes of the association, the assets are transferred to the "Research Ring for Biological-Dynamic Business Method", 64295 Darmstadt as a tax-privileged body or to its successor organization, which is also tax-privileged § 2 has to use tax-privileged purposes.

The above statutes were established in the founding meeting of 13.11.2015. In the Extraordinary General Meeting of March 4, 2016, Section 7 (2) was changed to the notice of the Register Court.

Signatures of the founding members:

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