

Bylaws of YOUTH 2002

Article 1: Objective

The Association has as its objective to carry through the project YOUTH 2002.

Article 2: Framework of the project

YOUTH 2002 is going to gather 1000 young people at folk high schools in Denmark. Functioning as a blooming European public realm, they are going to discuss the future of Europe. The project will be implemented in summer 2002, in connection with Denmark's take over of the presidency of the EU.

The central issue will be discussions concerning the need for a European Constitution as viewed in the light of the challenges and opportunities, which both the enlargement of the EU and the globalisation are presenting us for. The discussions will take their starting point in the following open question: If a European Constitution should come into being what then would we want it to contain?

By the time their stay at the folk high schools comes to an end, these young people will hand in their open proposal for a European Constitution. This proposal will be their contribution to the long, broad and thorough debate that is to take place prior to the Intergovernmental Conference in 2004.

It is an aim in itself that YOUTH 2002 should employ the notion of 'unity through diversity' as well as promote the development of the competent and active citizen. Each folk high school's course will be dealing with those parts of the overall framework of the project, which they excel within and which best characterises the folk high school concerned. The folk high schools' participation in the project should indicate that meeting other Europeans face to face could contribute to the development of a common European public realm.

YOUTH 2002 should be seen in connection with the folk high schools' joint decision to

1. Promote further international meetings
2. Face the challenges of globalisation [translation difficult]
3. Promote the role of the folk high schools as a voice in public matters [translation difficult]

YOUTH 2002 will work for making it possible for the participants after the courses to discuss and to further develop the European public debate established during the folk high school stays concerning the future of Europe and a probable European Constitution.

YOUTH 2002 has been described more detailed in the application to the EU.

Article 3: General meeting

The folk high schools and institutions taking part in the project form the general assembly at the statutory general meeting.

Each of the parties has one vote.

The parties of the general meeting determine the name of the Association.

The general meeting lays down the rules concerning the authority to sign for the Association.

The general meeting lays down the rules concerning the joining and retiring from the Association.

The general meeting lays down a cooperation agreement between the schools taking part in the project.

The general meeting elects the governing body.

The general meeting can be convened by the governing body or by 1/3 of the parties. Meetings shall be convened in writing at one week's notice.

The ordinary general meeting is held in September.

Article 4: Governing body

The governing body consists of four members elected by the folk high schools taking part in the project and one member appointed by each of the organisations taking part in the project: New Europe, Association for Community Colleges (ACC), International Education Center Europe (IUC), Danish Youth Council and Association of Folk High Schools in Denmark (FFD). The governing body has the power to add two more members from outside its own circles.

The governing body shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman, and it determines the agenda.

The governing body has been authorised to enter into agreements with regard to the day-to-day operations of the Association.

The governing body hires and discharges the necessary staff to ensure the implementation of the project, and it determines the level of competency.

The governing body supervises the implementation of the project and approves the essential correspondence, applications etc.

The governing body is monitoring the day-to-day running of the project and approves important correspondence. The governing body responsible for the administration of the Association including a good accounting practice fulfilling all the usual rules with regard to administration including auditing under the current legislation.

The governing body holds meetings once a month. The minutes of the meetings will be forwarded to all parties.

Article 5: Cooperation agreement

A cooperation agreement will be concluded between the parties concerned. It has as its objective to regulate the legal and economic relations between the parties concerned in connection with the implementation and, if necessary, the discontinuation of YOUTH 2002.

Article 6: Duration and final reporting

The Youth 2002 Association lasts until October 31st, 2002 at which time the final reporting is expected to have taken place. A continuation of the Association in connection with other projects will be decided at the general meeting which will be convened by the governing body to be held September 30th, 2002 at the latest.

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Kim Hjerrild, chairing the General Assembly

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