



EEDA Bylaws – 24th August 2025

These Bylaws were last amended on 24th August 2025 to reflect the changes agreed at the 2025 AGM held on the same date.

These Bylaws should be read in conjunction with the EEDA Constitution and provide the detail by which the Constitution can be put into practice.

Where relevant, each section of these Bylaws indicates the sections of the Constitution to which it relates.

Ref.		Cross ref to Constitution												
1	MEMBERSHIP													
1.1	The Constitutional requirement for Ordinary Members to live in a European Country or dance for a European club or country is fulfilled by individuals who have lived in Europe for at least three months or who have elected to dance for a European club or country for at least one year. EEDA reserves the right to check this information.	12.1.1												
1.2	A list of countries currently recognised as European Countries according to the definition in Article 7.5 of the Constitution is included in Appendix 1 to the Bylaws. Members who wish to amend the countries included in the list should write to the Board setting out their reasons, in line with Article 7.5, for their proposed change.	7.5												
1.3	Applicants for membership should allow two weeks for their application to be processed and granted by the Board or a membership committee.	13.1.1 13.2.1												
1.4	An applicant for membership will only be considered to be a fully paid-up member after they receive an acceptance acknowledgement from the Board or membership committee and have paid the relevant membership fee.	13.1.1 13.2.1												
1.5	If a new applicant fails to pay the annual membership fee within three months of their application for Membership, their application will be deemed to have lapsed and they will need to submit a fresh application.	14.1.5												
1.6	If an existing Member fails to pay the annual membership fee within nine months of the start of the Membership Year their membership will be deemed to have ended and they will need to reapply to join the Association.	14.1.5												
1.7	As decided by the EEDA members in the online referendum held on 17-27th December 2023, there is an obligation from 1 January 2024 to pay an annual membership fee as follows:	15.1												
1.7.1	For Ordinary Members the annual membership fee is EUR 12.50.	15.1.1												
1.7.2	For Extraordinary Members, the following annual fees apply based on the size of the organization:	15.1.2												
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2	VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES	16.3.5												
2.1	For Members to whom a membership fee applies, only paid-up Members can vote at a General Meeting or in a Referendum.	16.3												
2.2	The election of Board Members and Referendums may be conducted through confidential online voting. Votes on other personal matters may also be conducted though confidential online voting, where appropriate.	21.1 21.2 27.1												
2.3	A vote will be considered confidential if it is not possible for any Member to determine how another Member has voted. This includes the use of appropriate online voting systems or an independent election administrator.	21.2												
2.4	Except for the election of Board Members, Ordinary and Honorary Members (with voting rights) can vote at General Meetings in person or by proxy while Extraordinary Members can vote through their Delegates who should be present in person.	16.2.1 16.2.2 16.3.5												



Ref.		Cross ref to Constitution
2.5	Where a General Meeting is held online, Members and Delegates will be deemed to be attending in person provided they are present in the online meeting.	16.2.1 16.2.2 16.3.5
2.6	A vote on a personal matter during a General Meeting may be conducted via a suitable online voting platform to ensure confidentiality.	21.1 21.2
2.7	An Ordinary or Honorary Member present at a General Meeting is entitled to cast their own vote and may also cast a proxy vote on behalf of one other Ordinary or Honorary Member. Where an Ordinary or Honorary Member wishes to appoint another Member to act as their proxy, this should be confirmed in writing to the General Secretary before the start of the General Meeting.	16.2.1 16.3.5 21.1
2.8	An Extraordinary Member has the following number of votes which they may exercise through their Delegate(s): No. of members. Number of votes 0 – 50 2 51 – 100 3 101 – 150 4 151 – 200 5 201 or more 6	16.3.2 16.3.5
2.9	Each Extraordinary Member has to report the actual number of its members to the General Secretary at least three weeks before the relevant General Meeting.	16.3.2
2.10	Each Extraordinary Member has the right to appoint at least one Delegate. Further Delegates can be appointed by an Extraordinary Member up to the number of votes held by that Extraordinary Member.	16.2.2 16.3.5
2.11	Extraordinary Members vote through their Delegate(s) who must be present, virtually or physically, and may also be an Ordinary or Honorary Member in their own right. Votes cast by a person acting as the Delegate of an Extraordinary Member are in addition to any votes cast in their own right or as a proxy.	16.2.1 16.3.5 21.1
2.12	Each Extraordinary Member should determine how many of their votes are held by each of their Delegates and should confirm this in writing along with the names of the Delegates. This confirmation should be sent to the General Secretary at least three weeks before a General Meeting and prior to the launch of any Referendum vote.	16.3.5
2.13	Each Extraordinary Member has to report the actual number of its members to the General Secretary at least three weeks before the relevant General Meeting and prior to the launch of any Referendum vote.	16.3.2
3	GENERAL MEETING	17
3.1	A General Meeting may be held physically or virtually. Where a General Meeting is held virtually, it will be deemed to be held in Europe provided that the majority of participating Members are physically located in a European Country for the duration of the meeting.	17.1
3.2	Any Member may submit an additional agenda item, to be sent to the General Secretary at least 10 days before a General Meeting.	17.3
3.3	The Board may direct that any agenda item may not be included in a General Meeting if it appears that such an item is irrelevant to the Missions and Goals of the Association.	17.3
3.4	A minimum number of 5% of the total number of votes held by the Members, whether in person, by proxy or through a Delegate at a General Meeting (Annual and Extraordinary) is required for a decision to be valid. To amend the Constitution or dissolve the Association, a 25% quorum is required as defined in section 25.1 of the Constitution.	17.7.1 21.1 25.1
3.5	For the online election of Board Members to be valid, a 5% quorum of the total votes held by the Members is required.	17.7.1 21.1
4	ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS	17.3.5
4.1	The election of the Board will be conducted through a secure and confidential online voting platform. Details of how to vote through the platform will be sent to Members by email at least two weeks before the AGM. The vote will close 24 hours before the AGM.	17.3.5 21.2



Ref.		Cross ref to Constitution
4.2	Members who are not currently on the Board are able to be nominated to stand for election as long as they have agreed to it. Any Member who is nominated needs to be proposed and seconded (a second person to support the nomination), by paid-up Members (if a membership fee applies) before being able to stand for election. Nominations, containing the name and contact details of the candidate, proposer and seconder, must be received by the General Secretary at least four weeks in advance of the AGM. Members cannot be nominated on the day. Details of candidates who have been nominated will be sent by the Board to the Members along with the online voting instructions.	17.3.5
4.3	Each voting form will have the names of the Members who have been nominated for the election along with the current members of the Board, who will automatically stand for re-election unless they have declined. Members with the right to vote will be asked to elect up to the maximum of nine people.	17.3.5
4.4	In line with other decisions of the General Assembly, a Member is elected to the Board if they receive an absolute majority (50% plus one vote) of those participating in the vote for that Member.	17.3.5
5	BOARD PROCEDURES	19.3
5.1	If a Board Member is perceived to have acted in a manner contrary to Article 19.3 of the Constitution, the Board will take a vote to ask the Board Member to step down. The excluded Board Member shall have the right to appeal this decision at the following General Meeting, but a two thirds majority is required to overturn the Board' decision.	19.3
5.2	The Office Bearers of the Association, (the President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer and the General Secretary), are appointed annually by the Board from among the Board members at the first Board meeting following an AGM. This should be held as soon as possible after the AGM and within four weeks of the AGM at the latest.	19.8
5.3	The Board should take reasonable steps to ensure continuity of the Board including, where possible, ensuring that not all Board Members are on the same two year election cycle.	19.9
5.4	The Treasurer can represent the Association in all financial matters up to a sum of 300 Euros. Financial amounts over 300 Euros must be agreed by a majority of the Board.	19.10.5
5.5	Board decisions are made in Board meetings held in-person or online.	19.11
5.6	Decisions can also be made outside of Board meetings through other virtual means such as email to which all Board members have access. The outcome of such votes should be summarized in the minutes of the next Board meeting,	19.11
5.7	Board decisions are made with an absolute majority (At least 50% plus one of the Board members voting).	19.11
5.8	The quorum for a valid Board decision is a minimum of half the Board members.	19.11
5.9	A Board meeting is convened by the President or Vice-President with a minimum of two weeks notice. Reasonable steps should be taken to ensure as many Board members can attend as possible.	19.11
6	AMENDING THE BYLAWS	
6.1	Once proposed amendments to the Bylaws have been issued to a General Meeting or a Board Meeting in accordance with 24.3., no substantive changes are permitted. Minor changes for clarity, ease of understanding, matters of fact and alignment with the Constitution or Bylaws may be permitted at the discretion of the chair of the relevant meeting, provided they do not affect the underlying intention of the proposed amendment.	24.5
7	AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION	
7.1	The decision to change the Constitution or to dissolve the Association can only be taken by the General Membership in a General Meeting, not in a Referendum.	25.1
7.2	Once proposed amendments to the Constitution have been issued to a General Meeting in accordance with Article 25.3 of the Constitution, no substantive changes are permitted prior to the vote. Minor changes for clarity, ease of understanding, matters of fact and alignment with other aspects of the Constitution may be permitted at the discretion of the chair of the General Meeting provided they do not affect the underlying intention of the proposed amendment.	25.4
8	REFERENDUM PROCESS	27.1



Ref.		Cross ref to Constitution
8.1	A topic that requires an immediate decision which cannot wait for a General Meeting can be decided by a Referendum initiated by the Board or by the membership.	27.1
8.2	If a Referendum is requested by a Member without the agreement of the Board, the Referendum will only be granted if it is supported by a group of Members representing a minimum of 25 % of the total votes held by Member with voting rights.	27.1
8.3	A Referendum is carried out by a voting committee consisting of two persons of different nationalities who are appointed by the Board or by a General Meeting.	27.1
8.4	A Referendum is carried out by the Board publishing a motion and asking for votes to be received by the voting committee within a specific period through an online voting platform. The voting committee is responsible for ensuring that only Members who are eligible to vote are able to do so.	27.1

Sources for the Bylaws:

- Founding Notes EEDA (prepared by the committee of five people for the founding meeting in London, 18th February 2007),
- Bylaws EGLSF
- Bylaws UKEDC

Signed by

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EEDA President
24th August 2025



APPENDIX 1

The following countries, including their overseas territories and dependencies, are viewed as meeting the definition of a European Country as per the EEDA Constitution:

1. Albania
2. Andorra
3. Armenia
4. Austria
5. Azerbaijan
6. Belarus
7. Belgium
8. Bosnia & Herzegovina
9. Bulgaria
10. Croatia
11. Cyprus
12. Czechia
13. Denmark (incl. Faeroe Islands and Greenland)
14. Estonia
15. Finland (incl. Åland)
16. France (incl. Overseas France/France d'outre-mer)
17. Georgia
18. Germany
19. Greece
20. Hungary
21. Iceland
22. Israel
23. Italy
24. Kazakhstan
25. Kosovo
26. Latvia
27. Liechtenstein
28. Lithuania
29. Luxembourg
30. Malta
31. Moldova
32. Monaco
33. Montenegro
34. Netherlands (incl. the Caribbean Netherlands and ABC Islands)
35. North Macedonia
36. Norway
37. Poland
38. Portugal
39. Republic of Ireland
40. Romania
41. Russia
42. San Marino
43. Serbia
44. Slovakia
45. Slovenia
46. Spain (incl. Ceuta, Melilla, and Canary Islands)
47. Sweden
48. Switzerland
49. Turkey
50. Ukraine
51. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
(incl. British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies)
52. Vatican City State.

The above list is not exhaustive and other countries may be eligible to be treated as European Countries, provided they meet the definition in the EEDA Constitution.