

Pursuant to the Article 13 of the Law on Associations ("Official Gazette no. 74/2014), The General Assembly of the Association Zelena Istra (Green Istra), at the meeting held on April 28th, 2015 in Pula, brought forward this

## **STATUTE of the Association Zelena Istra (Green Istra)**

### Gender neutrality of expressions

#### Article 1.

The expressions used in this Statute, which refer to gender, regardless of the fact if they are being used in male or female gender, include equally both genders.

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### Article 2.

This Statute regulates the name of the Association, the short name, name in a foreign language, short name in a foreign language; headquarters of the Association; area of activity; representation; logo of the Association, the stamp of the Association; the goals of the Association; economic (commercial) activities of the Association according to law; the way of ensuring the openness of activities to the public; conditions and ways to become a member of the Association, membership termination, rights, obligations and responsibilities of members, disciplinary responsibility of members and the way of keeping the list of members; bodies of the Association, their structure and way of convening meetings, the election, recall, competencies, decision making process and duration of mandate, as well as the way of convening meetings of the General Assembly upon the expiry of mandate; the election and recall of the Liquidator of the Association; the termination of the Association's existence; the assets of the Association and the ways of acquiring and managing the assets; procedures in the event of the termination of the Association's existence; ways of settling disputes and conflicts of interest inside the Association and other issues of importance to the Association Green Istra.

#### Article 3.

The name of the association is: Udruga Zelena Istra (in further text: Udruga).  
The short name of the association is: Zelena Istra.

The name of the association in English is: Association Green Istra.  
The short name of the association in English is: Green Istra.

The name of the association in Italian is: Associazione Istra Verde.  
The short name of the association in Italian is: Istra Verde.

#### Article 4.

The headquarters of the Association are in the Social Centre Rojc in Pula, Gajeva street no 3.

The decision regarding the address and the change of address of the Association's headquarters is made by the Management Board of the Association.

The Association operates primarily on the territory of Istrian County, however, its activities can also

be related to the achievement of objectives on the territory of the Republic of Croatia and the European Union.

#### Article 5.

The President of the Association has the right of representation of the Association.

The General Assembly can also authorize other persons for the representation of the Association.

#### Article 6.

The Association has a logo, which consist of capital letters ZELENA ISTRA, written in Bebas font. The letter "I" also represents the trunk of the Aleppo pine, whose treetop hangs over the name, from the letter "N" in the word "zelena" to the letter "R" in the word Istra. The Mediterranean pine, the most important element of the visual display of the logo/trademark, represents the region of the headquarters of the Association.

The logo is used in two versions – in red/black and green/black combinations. In the first version, the word "zelena" and the treetop are red, while the trunk and the word "Istra" are black. In the second version, the word "zelena" and the treetop are green, while the trunk and the word "Istra" are black.

#### Article 7.

The Association has a stamp. The stamp of the Association is identical to its logo and consists of capital letters ZELENA ISTRA, written in Bebas font. The letter "I" also represents the trunk of the Aleppo pine, whose treetop hangs over the name, from the letter "N" in the word "zelena" to the letter "R" in the word Istra. The imprint of the stamp is black and has the size of 32 x 18 mm.

## II. GOALS, AREAS OF ACTIVITY, TARGET GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

### Goals

#### Article 8.

The goals of the Association are:

- protection of the environment and natural resources;
- social equality;
- development of environmental democracy and democratic political culture in general;
- sustainable development;
- protection of public and common goods and the promotion of participatory forms of management;
- improvement of the quality of life;
- development of civil society;
- influence on the local, domestic (national) and international level.

Areas of activity of the Association, in accordance with the goals of the Association

## Article 9.

Areas of activity of the Association are:

- environmental and nature protection;
- sustainable development;
- democratic political culture;
- human rights;
- international co-operation;
- education, science and research;
- health protection

are in accordance with the goals of the Association.

### Target groups, with regard to beneficiaries

## Article 10.

The target groups of the Association, with regard to the beneficiaries the Association is targeting, are:

- citizens – general population;
- young people – general population;
- children – general population;
- government bodies;
- public institutions and public companies;
- local and regional governments;
- associations and citizens' initiatives;
- educational institutions and employees;
- media representatives;
- consumers;
- volunteers.

### Activities that achieve the goals of the Association

## Article 11.

Activities that achieve the goals of the Association are:

- environmental protection;
- preservation of nature and biodiversity;
- research of the state of nature and environment;
- raising awareness of and activities that promote waste reduction, separate waste collection and the increase of recycling;
- promotion of energy efficiency and sustainable energy sources;
- raising awareness of climate change;
- animal protection;
- monitoring of public policies and public advocacy;
- encouraging participative democracy/the participation of citizens in decision making;
- promotion of good governance;

- promotion of the right of access to information;
- promotion of the right of access to justice;
- suppression of corruption;
- civil society development;
- strengthening the influence of organized civil society / cooperation with civil society organizations within the sector of environment and nature protection, as well as cross-sectoral cooperation;
- development of the local community;
- protection of public and common goods;
- support to citizens in solving environmental problems / support to citizens' initiatives;
- promotion and development of volunteering;
- promotion of social solidarity;
- education for democratic citizenship;
- production of media content;
- development cooperation / international friendships;
- education and training, popularization of science;
- development of urban areas / sustainable spatial planning;
- sustainable economic development / sustainable tourism;
- preventive action, promotion and protection of health;
- encouraging and development of social entrepreneurship.

#### Article 12.

The economic activities for the realization of goals of the Association are:

- organization of seminars, lectures, workshops, trainings;
- providing advice, education, mentorship
- educational and consultation services.

#### Article 13.

The Association can, for the purpose of conducting economic activities, for the achievement of statutory goals, found companies, cooperatives or other economic subjects, in accordance with specific regulations, whilst the mutual relations are defined by contracts.

### III. OPENNESS OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE ASSOCIATION TO THE PUBLIC

#### Article 14.

The Association's activities are public.

The openness of activity of the Association to the public is ensured by:

- reporting to members about the Association's activities at the meetings of the bodies of the Association;
- openness of the meetings of the Association's bodies to the public, with the exception of meetings which are closed to the public in exceptional cases;
- production and publishing of the yearly and specific projects' narrative and financial reports which show the Association's activities;
- using the Information Communication Technology (web pages, social networks etc);
- public announcements;
- organization of special events;
- other appropriate ways.

The meetings of the bodies of Green Istria will be closed for the public when a certain body estimates that the openness of the meeting can jeopardize certain actions or members and associates of Green Istria or any other person, and when internal problems and personal responsibilities are being discussed.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION**

##### Article 15.

Any natural person which is interested in the Association's work, interested in contributing to the achievement of goals of the Association and accepts the provisions of the Statute, can become a member of the Association.

The natural person interested in becoming a member of the Association submits a written request to the Association.

##### Article 16.

The Association keeps a Ledger (List) of its members. The Ledger is kept in electronic form and contains the data regarding the personal name of the member, Personal Identification Number (PIN – OIB in Croatian), date of birth, category of membership, date of membership start and termination.

The Ledger is available for insight to all the members of the Association, as well as to competent authorities, upon their request.

The Ledger of members is kept by the Secretary of the Association.

##### Article 17.

The categories of membership are:

- 1) Supporting membership;
- 2) Regular membership;
- 3) Honorary membership.

##### Supporting membership

##### Article 18.

Any person of age, which accepts the provisions of this Statute and declares her interest in supporting the work and the achievement of goals of the Association, can become a Supporting member of the Association, following the decision of the Management Board and registration in the Ledger of members.

##### Article 19.

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of Supporting members of the Association are:

- to be informed about the activities of the Association;
- to abide by the provisions of the Statute;
- to abide by the decisions of the Association's bodies;
- to protect the interests, reputation, honor and assets of the Association with their actions;
- to pay the Membership fee, if it is specified.

#### Article 20.

The Supporting membership in the Association is terminated in the following cases:

- upon termination of the Association;
- with the passing of five years since the registration in the Ledger of members, following the decision of the Management Board that the member should be deleted from the Ledger;
- by withdrawal from membership, with the day of submission of a signed statement about withdrawal from membership to the Management Board;
- by oral statement about the voluntary withdrawal from membership in front of the Management Board of the Association, with the day of the giving of the statement;
- by expulsion from the Association, following the decision of the Management Board, in cases when the member has committed, on purpose or due to extreme negligence, acts contrary to the principles and goals defined with this Statute, as well as because of a breach of members' obligations and responsibilities;
- death of the member.

#### Regular membership

#### Article 21.

Any Supporting member, who by written statement declares his interest to actively participate in the activities of the Association, as well as to vote on the General Assembly meetings, can become a Regular member of the Association.

The Management Board will modify the membership status of the Supporting member to a Regular member, no later than 6 months from his registration in the Ledger of members, if in that period he has actively participated in the activities of the Association.

#### Article 22.

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of Regular Members of the Association are:

- to actively participate in the management of the Association's work;
- to nominate and be nominated into the Association's governing bodies;
- to be informed about the Association's activities;
- to actively participate in the implementation of activities and the supervision of the Association's work;
- to respect the legislative provisions, as well as the ones of this Statute, during the implementation of the Association's activities
- to protect the interests, reputation, honor and assets of the Association with his actions
- to pay the Membership fee, if it is specified.

## Article 23.

The Regular membership in the Association is terminated in the following cases:

- upon termination of the Association;
- by withdrawal from membership, with the day of submission of a signed statement about withdrawal from membership to the Management Board;
- by oral statement about the voluntary withdrawal from membership in front of the Management Board of the Association, with the day of the giving of the statement;
- by expulsion from the Association, following the decision of the Management Board, in cases when the member has committed, on purpose or due to extreme negligence, acts contrary to the principles and goals defined with this Statute, as well as because of a breach of members' obligations and responsibilities;
- by expulsion, following the decision of the Management Board to modify the membership into Supporting membership, due to the cessation of active participation in the implementation of activities;
- death of the member.

## Honorary membership

## Article 24.

A person with particular merits with respect to the activities and the development of the Association, the realisation of the Association's goals and the protection of environment in general, may be awarded Honorary membership in the Association. The Management Board of the Association nominates the persons for Honorary memberships and the General Assembly elects them.

The rights, obligations and responsibilities of Honorary members of the Association are:

- to be informed about the Association's activities;
- to protect the interests, reputation, honor and assets of the Association with his actions.

This Membership in the Association is terminated based on the suggestion from the Management Board and after the confirmation from the General Assembly.

## Article 25.

The members of the Association are to abide by the obligations and responsibilities derived from laws and other legal acts, this Statute and other acts of the Association.

The members of the Association are disciplinary liable in case of a breach of their obligations and responsibilities as members:

- violation of legal and other obligations regarding the activities of the Association;
- failure to comply with Statute provisions;
- failure to comply with the decisions made by the governing bodies of the Association;
- failure to fulfill commitments;
- negligent fulfillment of obligations, which resulted in material damage to the Association;
- negligent or illegal disposal of the Association's assets;
- undermining the Association's reputation.

## Disciplinary responsibility of the members

### Article 26.

Disciplinary responsibility of the members of the Association is established in a disciplinary procedure.

The disciplinary procedure can be initiated by the Management or the Supervisory Board of the Association.

The disciplinary procedure is conducted, and the disciplinary measures are suggested, by the Management Board, whilst the General Assembly has to confirm the suggested measures.

### Article 27.

During the disciplinary procedure it is determined which circumstances have caused the violation of members' obligations and responsibilities, as well as the severity of damage inflicted upon the Association.

### Article 28.

The following disciplinary measures may be imposed for the violation of membership obligations and responsibilities:

- official warning or
- exclusion from the Association.

### Article 29.

The member of the Association, to whom the disciplinary measure of exclusion from the Association has been imposed, is entitled to appeal to the General Assembly of the Association within fifteen days, counting from the date of delivery of the decision.

The Assembly of the Association is obliged to resolve the appeal within 30 days counting from the date of submission of the appeal.

The decision of the Assembly of the Association regarding the exclusion is final.

### Article 30.

Members of the Association supervise the work of the Association themselves.

Each member of the Association has the right to warn the Management Board, the Supervisory Board or the General Assembly of the Association, in writing, of a certain non-compliance with the Statute or irregularities in the implementation of the decisions of the bodies of the Association and request that the irregularities be removed.

Each member of the Association has the right to a written complaint regarding the work of individual members or bodies of the Association.



The Management Board or the Supervisory Board has to reply, in writing, within 30 days of the reception of members' warnings and complaints.

## V. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND GOVERNING BODIES

### Article 31.

The activities of the Association are based on the principle of a democratic organization, i.e. the Association is governed by its members, in the way that the internal organization of the Association is based on the principles of democratic representation and the democratic way of expressing the will of the members.

The members of the Association manage the Association directly at the General Assembly and through elected representatives in other bodies of the Association.

### Article 32.

The bodies of the Association are:

1. The General Assembly of the Association
2. The President of the Association
3. The Vice President of the Association
4. The Management Board
5. The Supervisory Board.

### The General Assembly

### Article 33.

The General Assembly is the highest governing body of the Association.

The Assembly is consisted of all Regular members of the Association.

### Article 34.

The General Assembly meetings may be regular, electoral and extraordinary.  
The General Assembly regular meetings are held once a year, while its electoral meetings are held every two years.

### Article 35.

The meetings of the General Assembly are convened and chaired by the President.

In case the President cannot be present, the meeting of the Assembly is convened and chaired by the Vice President.

The Assembly has to be convened at least 10 days before the meeting is held, by a written invitation addressed to all members of the Association.

In exceptional situations, the President may convene the Assembly in a shorter period of time.

The invitation to the meeting contains the agenda of the meeting, and the day and venue of the meeting.

#### Article 36.

An Extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly is convened by the President on his own initiative, following the request of at least 1/3 of the Regular members of the Association, as well as upon the request of the Management or the Supervisory Board.

In their request to convene an Extraordinary meeting of the Assembly, the proponents are obliged to propose the agenda of the meeting and prepare the Assembly.

At the Extraordinary meeting of the Assembly, decisions are made only regarding the issues for which it was convened.

If the President fails to convene the Extraordinary meeting of the Assembly within 30 days from the date of submission of the request referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, the meeting shall be convened by the proponents.

The procedure for convening the Extraordinary meeting of the Assembly is identical to the procedure described in Article 35 of this Statute.

#### Article 37.

In the case of expiration of mandate of the bodies of the Association authorized to convene a meeting of the General Assembly, the meeting is convened by the last person, entered into the Register of the Association of the Republic of Croatia, authorized to represent the Association.

If the last person, entered into the Register of the Association of the Republic of Croatia, authorized to represent the Association, does not convene a meeting of the Assembly within 60 days from the expiration of mandate of the bodies of the Association, the meeting of the Assembly may be convened by 1/3 of the Regular members of the Assembly.

#### Article 38.

The General Assembly's decisions are valid if the meeting is attended by the majority (more than half) of Regular members of the Association.

The decisions of the Assembly must be adopted by the majority (more than half) of the votes of all Regular members of the Association present at the meeting.

Voting at meetings of the Assembly is public. The Assembly may decide that the voting procedure on certain issues is secret.

Minutes of the meeting are kept for each meeting of the Assembly.

#### Article 39.

Members from other membership categories can participate in the work of the General Assembly through discussions and suggestions, however, they do not have the right to directly decide by voting.

The President, who chairs the Assembly, has the right to vote.

#### Article 40.

The General Assembly of the Association has the following rights and obligations:

- to adopt the Statute of the Association and its amendments, following the proposal of the Management Board;
- to elect and dismiss the President and Vice President - the persons authorized to represent;
- to elect and dismiss the members of the Management and Supervisory Board of the Association;
- to elect and dismiss the Liquidator of the Association;
- to decide on joining alliances, networks and other forms of organization of associations;
- to adopt the work plan and the financial plan for the following calendar year, as well as the work report for the previous calendar year;
- to adopt the annual financial report;
- to decide on the modification of goals and activities, economic activities, termination of work and distribution of the remaining assets of the Association;
- to make a decision on status changes (annexation, merger and division of the Association);
- to adopt the strategic plan of the Association;
- to decide on other matters for which the Statute does not determine the competence of other bodies of the Association.

#### The President of the Association

#### Article 41.

The President of the Association is authorized to represent the Association.

The President of the Association i.e. the person authorized for representation has the following rights and obligations:

- 1) to be responsible for the legality of the work of the Association;
- 2) to manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly;
- 3) to be responsible for submitting the proposal of the annual financial report to the Assembly;
- 4) to submit Minutes from the regular sessions of the Assembly to the competent office that manages the Register of Associations;
- 5) to propose to the Assembly a work plan and a financial plan for the next calendar year;
- 6) to conclude contracts and undertake other legal actions on behalf of and for the account of the Association;
- 7) to perform other tasks in accordance with the law, the Statute and the acts of the Association.

#### Article 42.

The President of the Association is elected by the General Assembly of the Association for a mandate of two years. The same person may be elected to the position of President of the Association more than once.

The President of the Association is under the authority of the Assembly of the Association to which

he submits the annual report on the work of the Association.

#### Article 43.

The mandate of the President of the Association may be terminated before the expiration of the time for which he has been elected:

- at own request;
- in case of inability to perform duties for more than 12 months;
- in case of his recall.

#### Article 44.

The recall of the President of the Association may be due to the reasons set out in Article 25 of this Statute.

The procedure for the recall of the President of the Association may be initiated upon the request of at least 10 Regular members of the Association, the Management Board or the Supervisory Board of the Association.

The request for the recall of the President of the Association shall be discussed and decided upon at the Extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly of the Association convened in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.

The President of the Association shall be recalled if the decision to recall is made by a majority of the Regular members present.

#### Article 45.

In the event of the termination of the President's mandate before the expiration of the time for which he has been elected, the procedure for the election of the new President of the Association, for the remainder of the mandate, shall be conducted at the Extraordinary session of the General Assembly of the Association.

In the event of a recall of the President of the Association, at the session at which he is recalled the new President of the Association shall be elected, on the basis of the proposed work program for the remainder of the mandate.

At the same session, the newly elected President proposes a list of new candidates for the positions of Vice President, Secretary and two members of the Management Board, which must be confirmed by the Assembly.

#### The Vice President of the Association

#### Article 46.

In the event of absence or inability of the President, the Vice President of the Association replaces him in all affairs and the representation of the Association.

The provisions of this Statute regarding the election, lasting of the mandate and the termination of the mandate of the President, are applied appropriately to the Vice President of the Association.

## The Management Board

### Article 47.

The Management Board is the executive body of the Association and it consists of five (5) members, who must be Regular members of the Association, with a mandate of two years.

The Management Board consists of the President (who is elected by the General Assembly by direct voting on the basis of the proposed work program), the Vice President, the Secretary and two members.

The Vice President, the Secretary and the two members of the Management Board are elected on the basis of a list proposed by the Presidential candidate.

### Article 48.

The Management Board is responsible for its work to the General Assembly of the Association.

### Article 49.

The President of the Management Board is also the President of the Association at the same time.

The President of the Management Board convenes meetings of the said Board and presides them, signs decisions, acts and financial documents.

In the event of the President's inability or absence for the period of more than thirty (30) days, the duties of the President are assumed by the Vice President of the Management Board.

### Article 50.

The Vice President of the Management Board is also the Vice President of the Association at the same time.

### Article 51.

The Secretary of the Management Board is also the Secretary of the Association at the same time.

The Secretary of the Association manages and compiles the Minutes of the meetings of the Management Board and the General Assembly, organizes and is responsible for administrative affairs, conducts financial affairs related to the work of the Association and keeps the Ledger of members.

In the event of the Secretary's inability or absence for the period of more than thirty (30) days, the duties of the Secretary are assumed by a Management Board member.

### Article 52.

The scope of authority of the Management Board:

1. to issue the Rules of Procedure of its work;
2. to prepare the draft Statute, which has to be confirmed by the General Assembly;
3. to manage the entire activity of the Association between the two meetings of the Assembly;
4. to make temporary decisions and conclusions on behalf of the Assembly, to adopt the necessary documents and submit them for discussion and adoption at the first following meeting of the Assembly;
5. to elect the representatives of the Association into those organizations with whom the Association cooperates;
6. to decide on the possibility of charging membership fees, as well as to determine the amount and method of payment; to make a draft of the financial plan for the following year and the annual financial report, based on the proposal of the President;
7. to govern and decide on movable and immovable property of the Association;
8. to perform other duties in accordance with this Statute and the legal regulations;
9. to solve issues not stipulated by this Statute, bearing in mind that the Assembly must be informed of this matters at its next meeting.

#### Article 53.

The meetings of the Management Board are convened as needed, however, at least once in four months.

The Management Board may legitimately make decisions if the meeting is attended by at least 3 persons.

The Management Board strives to reach decisions by consensus, if that is not possible, decisions at meetings are adopted by the majority of votes of all present members of the Management Board.

#### Article 54.

The meetings of the Management Board can also be held electronically.

Individual members of the Management Board who are absent from the meetings can participate and give their vote electronically.

#### The Supervisory Board

#### Article 55.

The Supervisory Board is a control body that oversees and monitors the work of all bodies of the Association, the financial and material activities of the Association and takes care of compliance with the Statute and other applicable regulations.

If irregularities are detected, the Supervisory Board reports to the relevant body of the Association and, if the said body doesn't remove the irregularities within its scope, the Supervisory Board shall inform the competent state administration body.

#### Article 56.

The Supervisory Board is consisted of three (3) members elected by the General Assembly, with a

mandate of two years.

A member of the Supervisory Board must be a Regular member of the Association.

A member of the Supervisory Board mustn't at the same time be a member of the Management Board of the Association.

The Supervisory Board makes decisions at its meetings, which are convened as needed, by the majority of votes of all present members of the Supervisory Board.

#### Article 57.

The same person may be elected more than once to the position in the Management or the Supervisory Board of the Association.

A person may be relieved of duty before the end of mandate, in accordance with Article 59 of this Statute.

#### Article 58.

The Supervisory Board supervises the material and financial operations of Green Istria.

The Supervisory Board has a President and two members, elected by the General Assembly from the members of the association. The President and members of the Supervisory Board may not be members of the Management Board or the working body of the Association.

The Supervisory Board operates through meetings convened by the President of the Board, and the decisions are made by the majority of votes.

#### The recall of the bodies of the Association

#### Article 59.

Members of the Management Board, members of the Supervisory Board and members of other bodies of the Association may be relieved of their duties before their mandate expires, under the following conditions:

1. on the basis of a personal request, without special explanation;
2. due to actions against positive legal regulations;
3. due to termination of membership.

#### Article 60.

The procedure for the recall of a member of the Management Board, the Supervisory Board and other bodies of the Association, shall be initiated by the General Assembly or the Supervisory Board, i.e. the body which elected the member, whose recall is the object of decision.

After reviewing the recall proposal, the Assembly or the body which elected the member, decides whether the recall is going to be voted on. The President and Vice President of the Association or a member of a governing body is recalled if the majority of the present members voted for the recall.

For newly elected officials, the mandate lasts until the mandate of other members of the governing body expires.

## **VI. ALLIANCES AND ORGANIZATIONAL FORMS OF ASSOCIATIONS**

### Article 61.

The Association can join domestic and international alliances or networks of associations and become a member of local and international associations, organizations or institutions, irrespective of their field of action.

The decision on joining and becoming members of such organizations is made by the General Assembly, at the proposal of the Management Board.

### Article 62.

The Association may establish boards, committees and working groups necessary for the achievement of the Association's goals, in accordance with the Statute and the internal Rulebook on the Association's work.

The decision on the establishment of a body is made by the General Assembly or the Management Board.

In the decision on the establishment of the body, the following must be determined: the structure of the body, the purpose of establishment, the rights and obligations of the bodies and members of the bodies, as well as the time period for which the body is founded.

## **VII. ASSETS, METHODS OF ACQUIRING AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS**

### Article 63.

The assets of the Association consists of: funds acquired by the Association through payment of membership fees; voluntary contributions and gifts; funds acquired by the Association by carrying out the activities which ensure the achievement of goals, by carrying out economic activities, in accordance with Article 31 of the Law; financing of the programs and projects of the Association from the state budget, budgets of local and regional self-government units, funds and/or foreign sources; other funds acquired in accordance with the law; and its immovable and movable property, as well as other property rights.

### Article 64.

The Association administers its assets solely for the purpose of achievement of goals and implementation of activities determined by the Statute, in accordance with the law.

The Management Board makes decisions regarding the management of assets.

The Management Board decides which persons have the financial management authority.



Article 65.

The Association is liable with its entire assets for its obligations.

Members of the Association and members of its bodies are not responsible for the obligations of the Association.

**VIII. TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MANAGEMENT OF ASSETS IN CASE OF THE TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Article 66.

The association ceases to exist:

- 1) by decision of the General Assembly on the termination of the Association;
- 2) by decision of the Assembly on the annexation to another association, merger with another association or the division of the Association by separation;
- 3) by the passing of more than a double period of time in which a regular meeting of the Assembly should have been held, but it was not;
- 4) by the final verdict of the Court on the termination of the Association;
- 5) by the initialization of the bankruptcy proceedings;
- 6) at the request of a member, if the number of members of the Association is lower than the number of founders necessary for the establishment of an Association (3), and the competent body of the Association has not made a decision on admission of new members within one year from the occurrence of that fact.

The decisions of the General Assembly of the Association, referred to in the previous paragraph, shall be made by a two-thirds majority of all present members of the Association.

Liquidator of the Association

Article 67.

The President of the Association is also the Liquidator of the Association in the liquidation procedure and is, by opening the liquidation procedure, registered in the Register of Associations as the person authorized to represent the Association until the liquidation process is completed and the Association is deleted from the Register of Associations.

Article 68.

The same person may be elected for Liquidator more than once.

Article 69.

In the case referred to in Article 66, paragraph 1, items 1 and 4 of this Statute, the Liquidator must submit a request for registration of the termination of the Association into the Register of Associations, within eight days from the date of the decision on the termination of the Association, or the initialization of bankruptcy proceedings.

The competent office shall determine (and decide upon) the facts referred to in Article 66, paragraph 1, items 2 and 5 of this Statute, ex officio or at the proposal of a person authorized to represent the Association, a competent body of the Association, members of the Association or other interested persons and legal entities.

#### Article 70.

In cases referred to in Article 66, paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 5 of this Statute, the liquidation procedure will be implemented.

#### Article 71.

The competent authority issues a decision on the termination of operation and initialization of the liquidation procedure. The decision contains the reasons for the initialization of the procedure, the name of the liquidator and the manner of conducting the liquidation procedure, as well as the data on the change of the name of the Association, in the way that the remark "in (the process of) liquidation" is added to the name of the Association and entered into the Register of Associations.

#### Article 72.

With the initialization of the liquidation procedure, the governing bodies and the person authorized to represent the Association cease to have authority.

#### Article 73.

The Liquidator is obliged to conduct the liquidation procedure in accordance with provisions of the Law on Associations.

#### Article 74.

Based on the received report on the completed liquidation procedure, the competent office issues the decision on the deletion of the Association from the Register of Associations, unless the Association has outstanding debts.

#### Article 75.

Exceptionally, in the cases referred to in Article 66, paragraph 1, items 1, 2 and 5 of this Statute, the liquidation procedure isn't going to be executed if the majority of all members of the Management Board make a statement to the notary public, stating that the Association isn't operational, that all of the Association's obligations have been fulfilled and that the remaining assets of the Association have been distributed in accordance with the provisions of Article 53. of the Law on Associations.

The request for registration of termination of the Association, by a shortened procedure, is submitted to the competent office by the person authorized to represent the Association, or one of the members of the Management Board of the Association.

In the cases referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, members of the Association who made the statement shall jointly be liable for the obligations of the Association for five years from the date of deletion of the Association from the Register of Associations.

#### Article 76.

In the event of termination of the Association and upon settlement of the creditor and the costs of liquidation, court and other proceedings, the assets are donated to associations, institutions or foundations which have the same or similar statutory goals and on the basis of the decision of the General Assembly.

If for any reason the Assembly of the Association cannot hold a meeting and decide on the matters from the previous paragraph, the remaining assets are acquired by the City of Pula.

The Association has no right to share the assets of the Association between its founders, members of the Association, persons authorized to represent, employees or persons affiliated with them

### **IX. SETTLING DISPUTES AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION**

#### Article 77.

If there is a dispute between members of the Association, which hinders or prevents the work of the Association and can't be resolved through the procedures prescribed by this Statute, members of the Association must try to resolve this dispute by mediation.

#### Article 78.

Members of the Association in all matters of interest and importance to the Association must act honestly, fairly, conscientiously, responsibly and impartially, while retaining their own credibility and the credibility of the Association.

In implementing the activities of the Association, members may not place their private interest above the interests of the Association.

#### Article 79.

In the event that the private interests of a member of the Association are in conflict with the interests of the Association, or when the private interest affects or may affect the impartial work of a member of the Association in performing the activities of the Association, the member who is in conflict of interest is obliged to inform the Management Board without delay and, if possible, be exempted from further work on the specific activity.

#### Article 80.

In case of doubt about a possible conflict of interest, any member of the Association may request an opinion of the Supervisory Board.

#### Social awards and acknowledgments

## Article 81.

The Association can give awards and acknowledgments to its members, as well as to organizations and individuals for merit and achievements in environmental protection and for the contribution to the development of Green Istria.

The types of acknowledgments, the criteria and the manner of awarding the award is specified with an act by the Management Board.

## X. TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

### Article 82.

The General Assembly interprets the provisions of this Statute.

Issues not regulated by this Statute may be regulated by other regulations of the Association.

Interpretation of other regulations of the Association is provided by the Management Board.

### Article 83.

The General Assembly decides on all procedural-statutory issues not regulated by this Statute.

### Article 84.

This Statute enters into force on the date of its adoption.

With the adoption of this Statute, the Statute of the Association adopted on August 26th 2004 ceases to be valid.

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(note: minor modification of the Article 34, confirmed by the General Assembly on June 28th 2016, and authorized by the competent office that manages the Register of Associations, already included in this text)