

Today, 2 June 2020, appeared before me, Mr. Johanna Petronella Maria Louisa Martens-Posthumus, notary in Roermond:

Leo Klinkers

Peter Hovens

THE PARTIES DECLARED:

The parties declared by this deed to establish an association, which shall be governed by the following:

Articles of association.

Article 1.

Definitions.

In these Articles of Association, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- *General Assembly*:

the body of the Association formed by voting members of the Association;

- *Board*:

the Board of the Association;

- *In writing*:

by letter, fax or e-mail, or in the case of a message conveyed by another common means of communication and which can be received electronically or in writing, provided that the identity of the sender can be established with sufficient certainty;

- *Statutes*:

the articles of association of the Association;

- *Association (see email)*:

the legal person to which the Articles of Association relate.

Article 2.

Name.

The Association shall bear the name: Federal Alliance of European Federalists (FAEF). It is a not-for-profit association with the organisational identity of a federation.

Article 3.

Seat.

The Association has its seat in the municipality of The Hague.

Article 4.

Objective and Strategy

1. The objective of the Association is to promote the pursuit of a federal Europe, based on a democratic constitution that upholds the values and common interests of all states, regions and communities of Europe that wish to become members of the proposed European Federation.
2. The Association shall seek to achieve this objective, inter alia, through the following strategy:

- (a) bringing together the federalist and pro-Europe organisations in an umbrella federation in order to strengthen their degree of unity, in accordance with the basic rule of federal organization: all powers that are not vested in the board of the association remain with the acceding organizations and their members.
- (b) fully inform federalists by sharing knowledge and understanding of the conceptual and rich history of Federalism by appropriate communication initiatives and ad hoc learning programs.
- (c) The working language of the Association shall be English. In order to promote dialogue between the member and European citizens, the use of other languages is not excluded.

Article 5.

Financial Resources.

1. The financial resources of the Association shall consist of:
 - (a) the membership fees and contributions of the affiliated members;
 - (b) the contributions of the donors;
 - (c) inheritances and gifts;
 - (d) other income in accordance with the law.
2. During its lifetime, the Association may not distribute any profits, surpluses, remains, funds or capital to directors, affiliated organisations, participants, employees or collaborators and, in general, to third parties, unless the appropriation or distribution is enforced by law.
3. The Association is obliged to reinvest any profits or surpluses exclusively for the development of activities that are functional to the pursuit of the Association's objective, as stipulated in Article 4 of these Articles of Association.

Article 6.

Members.

1. The Association shall be open to all organised groups in favour of the need to promote as soon as possible a more united, strong and democratic federal Europe.
2. All associations, movements, parties, trade unions, academic institutes, think tanks and other organisations that accept the objective and strategy of these Statutes and the internal guidelines of FAEF may be admitted as ordinary members of the Association, while preserving their own specific cultures and ideals, objectives and means, administrations and organisational structures, without any obligation to merge with each other.
3. Any organisation wishing to become a member of the Association by subscribing to the objective of the Association must submit its membership application to the Board of the Association. The application must be signed by a legal representative and must contain:
 - (a) a decision, approved by the General Assembly or the internal body in charge of the above mentioned organisation applying to become a member

of the Association, which understands and accepts this Statute and any guidelines;

(b) a copy of the Articles of Association and any guidelines of the organisation applying to become a member of the Association.

4. Any organisation, association or body established in the territory of the European Union may become a member of the Association. The Board shall assess, on a case-by-case basis, the possibility of admitting organisations, associations or other bodies resident in states, regions or territories that are not part of the European Union, and in doing so, shall assess the compatibility with the purpose of the Association, the laws of the referring states, regions or territories and the laws of the European Union. In case of refusal, the Board must provide a written document stating the reasons.
5. When applying for admission to the Association as a full member, the applicant organisation will have to pay the membership fee.
6. Membership fees and all contributions cannot be transferred to others.

Article 7.

Admission.

1. The Board shall decide on the admission of members. If a member is not admitted, the General Assembly may still decide to admit it.
2. The Board shall keep a register in which the names and addresses of all members are recorded.

Article 8.

End of membership.

1. Membership of the Association shall end:
 - (a) by dissolution of the legal entity member;
 - (b) by cancellation by the member;
 - (c) by cancellation by the Association.

This may occur if a member has ceased to meet the requirements for membership laid down in the Articles of Association, if it fails to fulfill its obligations towards the Association, or if the Association cannot reasonably be required to continue the membership;
 - (d) by disqualification.

This may only be pronounced if a member acts contrary to the Articles of Association, rules or resolutions of the Association, or unreasonably prejudices the Association.
2. Notice of termination by the Association shall be given by the Board.
3. Termination of membership by the member or by the Association may only take place towards the end of a financial year and with due observance of a notice period of four weeks.

However, membership may in any event be terminated at the end of the financial year following the financial year in which notice of termination is given.

Furthermore, membership may be terminated immediately if the Association or the member cannot reasonably be required to allow the membership to continue.

4. Termination contrary to the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall cause membership to end at the earliest permissible time following the date on which notice was given.
5. A member may terminate its membership with immediate effect within one month of being notified of a decision to convert the Association into another legal form or to merge or demerge within the meaning of Title 7, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.
6. In addition, a member may terminate its membership with immediate effect within one month after it becomes aware of or is notified of a decision which limits its rights or increases its obligations to the Association.
In that case, the decision shall not apply to it.
A member is not authorised to exclude its financial rights and obligations by terminating his membership.
7. Expulsion from membership shall be effected by the Board.
8. A decision to terminate membership by the Association on the grounds that a member is in breach of its obligations towards the Association and that the Association cannot reasonably be required to continue the membership, and a decision to expel it from membership may be appealed to the General Assembly within one month of receipt of notification of the decision.
To this end, it shall be notified of the decision in writing, stating the reasons, as soon as possible.
During the appeal period and pending the appeal, the member shall be suspended, on the understanding, however, that the suspended member shall have the right to justify itself at the General Assembly at which the appeal referred to in this paragraph is dealt with.
9. If membership ends in the course of a financial year, the annual contribution shall nevertheless remain due in full.

Article 9.

Annual contributions. Commitments.

1. Members shall be liable to pay an annual contribution, to be fixed by the General Assembly. For this purpose, they may be divided into categories paying different contributions.
2. The Board shall be authorised to grant full or partial exemption from the obligation to pay a contribution in special cases.
3. The Board shall be authorised, with the approval of the General Assembly, to attach commitments to membership.

Article 10.

Board.

1. The Board consists of a minimum number of seven and a maximum number of thirteen directors to be determined by the General Assembly, on the understanding that the members of the first Board shall be appointed by this deed. The appointment of directors shall be made from the members of the Association, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article.
2. The Board may decide to co-opt a few board members, chosen from persons who may be useful and functional for the development of the objective of the Association, for the role of the Association in society or in private or public institutions. These members may not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total number of Board members. At the first meeting of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall confirm with its vote the choice of the Board.
3. The General Assembly may decide that one board member shall be appointed from outside the circle of members.
4. All the members of the Associated Organisations and all the individuals who will declare in writing to accept the Federation Statute, its objectives, the internal guidelines and rules are considered eligible for the board.
5. The application for the role of board member can be validly presented with the following modalities:
 - a) by nomination by the Board to be announced in the notice convening the meeting;
 - b) by nomination submitted in writing to the Board signed by 10% or more members of the Association (with a minimum of 5 members), that must be submitted to the Board at least ten days before the day of the General Assembly.
 - c) a nomination shall not be made by means of a binding nomination.

Article 11.

Termination of Board membership. Periodic resignation. Suspension.

1. Any board member, even if appointed for a fixed period of time, may be dismissed or suspended at any time by the General Assembly.
A suspension that is not followed within three months by a decision to dismiss shall end with the expiry of that period.
2. Each board member shall resign no later than four years after his appointment, in accordance with a retirement schedule to be drawn up by the Board. The resigning board member may be re-elected; anyone appointed to an interim vacancy shall take the place of his predecessor on the roster.
3. Membership of the Board shall also end:
 - (a) by termination of the membership of the Association in regarding a member appointed from among its members;
 - (b) by termination of the membership.

Article 12.

Positions in the Board. Decision-making by the Board.

1. The Board (with the exception of the first Board whose members are appointed in office) shall appoint, during its first meeting, a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer from among its members. The Board may appoint a replacement for each of them from among its members.
2. The secretary and the treasurer may be the same person. Other specific functions may be created, also at a later date, in which case these functions shall be communicated to all members of the Association.
3. Minutes shall be drawn up by the secretary of each meeting of the Board, which shall be adopted and signed by the chairman and the secretary.
4. Resolutions of the Board may also be passed in writing instead of in a meeting, provided that all board members unanimously vote.
5. Further rules concerning the meetings of and decision-making by the Board may be laid down in internal regulations.

Article 13

Duties of the Board. Representation. Fees.

1. Subject to the restrictions according to the Articles of Association, the Board shall be charged with the management of the Association.
2. If the number of directors falls below three, the Board shall remain competent. However, the Board shall be obliged to convene a General Assembly as soon as possible at which the vacancy (vacancies) shall be filled.
3. The Board shall be authorised to have certain parts of its task performed under its responsibility by committees appointed by the Board.
4. Subject to the approval of the General Assembly, the Board shall be authorised to decide to enter into agreements to acquire, dispose of and encumber registered property, and to enter into agreements whereby the Association binds itself as guarantor or joint and several co-debtor, stands surety for a third party or provides security for a debt of another party, and to represent the Association in respect of these acts.
The absence of the aforementioned approval of the General Assembly may be invoked against third parties.
5. The General Assembly shall be authorised to subject resolutions of the Board to its approval.
These decisions must be clearly described and communicated to the Board in writing.
6. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 4 of this Article, the Association shall be represented by the Board.
The power of representation shall also be vested in either the chairman or two other board members.
7. No remuneration may be awarded to the board members. Expenses shall be reimbursed to the board members on presentation of supporting documents.

8. If a director also fulfils an executive function in the context of a project initiated under the responsibility of the Association, the board may award the director a remuneration for that work.

Article 14.

Management report. Presentation of accounts.

1. The financial year of the Association shall coincide with the calendar year.
2. The Board shall be obliged to keep records of the Association's assets and of everything relating to the activities of the Association in accordance with the requirements arising from those activities and to keep the corresponding books, documents and other data carriers in such a way that the rights and obligations of the Association can be known at all times.
3. At a General Assembly within six months after the end of the financial year, unless this period is extended by the General Assembly by a maximum of four months, the Board shall issue a report on the state of affairs in the Association and on the policy pursued.

The Board shall submit the balance sheet and the statement of income and expenditure on paper, together with explanatory notes, to the General Assembly for approval.

These documents shall be signed by the board members; if the signature of one or more of them is missing, this shall be stated, stating the reasons.

After expiry of the term, each member may claim at law from the joint board members that the board members comply with these obligations.

4. The General Assembly shall annually appoint from among its members a financial committee of at least two persons who may not be members of the Board.

The financial committee shall examine the documents referred to in the second sentence of paragraph 3 of this article and report its findings to the General Assembly.

For the purposes of its investigation, the Board shall be obliged to provide the financial committee with all the information requested by it, to show it the Society's cash and securities and to make the books, documents and other data carriers of the Society available for consultation.

5. If the examination of the accounts requires special accounting knowledge, the Financial Committee may be assisted by an expert.
6. The charge of the financial committee may be revoked at any time by the General Assembly, but only by the appointment of another financial committee.
7. The Board shall be obliged to keep the books, records and other data carriers referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article for a period of seven years, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 8 of this article below.
8. Data on a data carrier, with the exception of the balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure on paper, may be transferred and kept on another data carrier, provided that the transfer is made with a correct and complete

representation of the data and that these data are available during the entire retention period and can be made legible within a reasonable time.

Article 15.

General Assembly.

1. The General Assembly shall have all powers in the Association which are not assigned to the Board by law or the Articles of Association.
2. An annual General Assembly - the annual meeting - shall be held no later than six months after the end of the financial year.
Among other things, in the annual meeting shall be discussed:
 - (a) the Board report and the accounts referred to in Article 14 together with the report of the committee referred to therein;
 - (b) the appointment of the committee referred to in Article 14 for the next financial year;
 - (c) filling any vacancies;
 - (d) proposals of the Board or the members, announced in the notice convening the meeting.
3. Other General Assemblies shall be convened as often as the Board deems desirable, or when required to do so by law or the Articles of Association.
4. Furthermore, at the written request of at least such number of members as is authorised to cast at least one-tenth of the votes, the Board shall be obliged to convene a General Assembly within a period not exceeding four weeks after submission of the request.
If the request is not complied with within fourteen days, the applicants themselves may convene a General Assembly by convening the meeting in accordance with Article 19 or by electronic means, with due observance of the notice period specified in Article 19.
The applicants may then charge others than board members with the management of the meeting and the drafting of the minutes.
5. The General Assembly may decide to set up an Arbitration Board.

Article 16.

Access and voting rights.

1. Admission to the General Assembly shall be granted to all members of the Association and to the board member who is not a member of the Association. Suspended members shall not have access, except as provided for in Paragraph 8 of Article 8 and suspended directors.
2. The General Assembly shall decide on the admission of persons other than those referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.
3. Each member of the Association shall be assigned a voting weight depending on the number of members they represent. The voting weight is fixed in the by-laws.
A director who is not a member of the Association has an advisory vote.

4. If the Board has opened the possibility to do so in the notice convening the General Assembly, the members are authorised to exercise their voting right by means of an electronic means of communication, provided that (i) the conditions for the use of the means of communication, such as connection, security, etc., are announced in the notice convening the meeting, (ii) the member can be identified, (iii) the member can directly take note of the proceedings at the meeting, and (iv) if this possibility is opened, the member can participate in the deliberations.
5. If the Board has opened the possibility to do so in writing, votes may be cast prior to the General Assembly via an electronic means of communication, but not earlier than the thirtieth day before that of the meeting, at an e-mail address specifically designated for that purpose.

These votes shall be treated the same as votes cast at the General Assembly.

Article 17.

Chairmanship. Minutes.

1. The General Assembly shall be chaired by the President of the Association or his deputy.
In the absence of the chairman and his deputy, one of the other directors shall act as chairman by the Board.
If the chairman is not appointed in this way either, the meeting itself shall provide for this.
Until then, the oldest person present at the meeting in terms of age shall chair the meeting.
2. The secretary or another person designated for this purpose by the chairman shall take minutes of the proceedings at each meeting, which shall be adopted and signed by the chairman and the secretary.
Those who convene the meeting may have a notarial record made of the proceedings.
The content of the minutes or of the minutes shall be brought to the members' attention.

Article 18.

Decision-making by the General Assembly.

1. The chairman's opinion expressed at the General Assembly on the outcome of a vote shall be decisive.
The same applies to the content of a resolution passed insofar as a vote was taken on a proposal not laid down in writing.
2. If, however, the correctness of an opinion referred to in the first paragraph is disputed immediately after it has been pronounced, a new vote shall take place if the majority of the meeting or, if the original vote was not by roll call or by ballot paper, a person present with voting rights so requires.
As a result of this new vote, the legal consequences of the original vote shall lapse.

3. Unless the Articles of Association or the law provide otherwise, all resolutions of the General Assembly shall be passed by an absolute majority of the votes cast.
4. Blank votes and invalid votes shall be deemed not to have been cast.

5. If in an election of persons nobody has obtained an absolute majority, a second vote shall take place.

If, in that case, no one has obtained an absolute majority, further votes shall be taken until either one person has obtained an absolute majority or a vote has been taken between two persons and the votes are tied.

In the case of such re-ballots (which do not include the second ballot), a vote shall be taken each time between the persons who were voted on in the preceding ballot, with the exception, however, of the person who received the smallest number of votes in that preceding ballot.

If more than one person has received the smallest number of votes in the preceding ballot, lots shall be drawn to decide which of those persons can no longer be voted for in the new ballot.

In the event of a tie in a vote between two persons, lots shall be drawn to decide which of the two is elected.

6. If the votes are tied, the proposal shall be rejected, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this article.

7. All votes shall be taken orally.

However, the chairman may determine that the votes shall be cast by means of ballot papers.

In the case of an election of persons, a person present who is entitled to vote may also require that the votes be cast by means of ballot papers.

Votes by means of ballot papers shall be cast by unsigned closed ballot papers.

Decisions may be taken by acclamation, unless a person entitled to vote requires a roll-call vote.

8. A unanimous resolution of all members, even if they are not convened at a meeting, shall have the same force as a resolution of the General Assembly, provided it is taken with the prior knowledge of the Board.

This also applies to resolutions to amend the Articles of Association or to dissolve the Association.

9. As long as all members are present or represented at a General Assembly, valid resolutions may be passed, provided they are passed unanimously, on all matters to be discussed - including a proposal to amend the Articles of Association or to dissolve the Association - even if the notice convening the meeting has not been given in the prescribed manner or any other rule concerning the convening and holding of meetings or a related formality has not been observed.

Article 19.

Convening the General Assembly.

1. The General Assembly shall be convened by the Board, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 15 paragraph 4.
Convening notices shall be sent in writing to the addresses (including e-mail addresses) of the members in accordance with the register referred to in Article 7.
The convocation period shall be at least seven days.
If a member agrees in writing, the convocation may take place by means of a legible and reproducible message sent electronically to the address which he has notified in writing to the Association for this purpose.
2. The notice convening the meeting will state the subjects to be discussed, without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 20 and 21.

Article 20.

Amendment of the Articles of Association.

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 18, paragraphs 8 and 9, the Articles of Association may not be amended except by a resolution of a General Assembly convened with the notice that an amendment to the Articles of Association will be proposed thereon.
2. Those who have given notice convening the General Assembly to consider a proposal to amend the Articles of Association must make a copy of such proposal, containing the proposed amendment verbatim, available for inspection by the members in a place suitable for that purpose at least five days before the meeting until after the day on which the meeting is held.
3. A resolution to amend the Articles of Association shall require at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a meeting at which at least two-thirds of the members are present or represented.
If two-thirds of the members are not present or represented, a second meeting shall be convened after that meeting, to be held within four weeks of the first meeting at which a decision may be taken on the proposal as discussed at the previous meeting, regardless of the number of members present or represented, provided a majority of at least two-thirds of the votes cast is obtained.
4. An amendment to the Articles of Association shall not enter into force until after a notarial deed has been drawn up.
Each board member shall be authorised to have the deed executed.

Article 21.

Dissolution.

1. The Association may be dissolved by a decision of the General Assembly. The provisions of Article 20, Paragraphs 1 and 3 apply mutatis mutandis.
2. After dissolution, liquidation shall be carried out by the board members.
The Board may decide to appoint other persons as liquidators.
3. Any credit balance of the dissolved Association shall be spent on behalf of a charitable institution with an objective similar to that of the Association or of a

foreign institution which exclusively or almost exclusively serves the public interest, and which has an objective similar to that of the Association.

4. On completion of the liquidation, the books, records and other data carriers of the dissolved Association shall remain in the custody of the person appointed by the liquidators for the period prescribed by law.
5. The provisions of Title 1, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code shall also apply to the liquidation.

Article 22.

Internal regulations.

1. The General Assembly may lay down internal regulations.
2. The by-laws shall not be contrary to the law, even where they do not contain mandatory provisions, nor to the Statute.

Article 23

Transitional provision.

The first financial year of the Association shall run until the thirty-first of December two thousand and twenty.

This article shall lapse after the end of the first financial year.

Final declaration.

Finally, in implementation of the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 1 and Article 12, paragraph 1, the parties declared that the Board consists for the first time of five members and that they are appointed directors of the Association for the first time:

Leo Klinkers, as chairman;

Mauro Casarotto, as secretary;

Peter Hovens, as treasurer;

Lorenzo Sparviero, as board member

Javier Giner, as board member

Anthony Czarnecki, as board member

Martina Scaccabarozzi, as board member

FINALLY

WHEREOF DEED is past at SWALMEN on the date mentioned in the heading of this deed.

The parties are known to me, notary.

The business content of the deed has been stated and explained to them. The parties have declared that they do not appreciate a full reading of the deed, that they have received a draft deed in good time before the execution of the deed, that they have taken note of the contents of the deed and that they have been made aware of the consequences for the parties of the deed.

This deed has been read out to a limited extent and signed immediately afterwards, first by the appearers and then by me, notary public. The signature by me, notary, took place on 01:45 pm .