

FIRST Network

(First International Realisation Support Team Network)

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Art 1. The FIRST Network

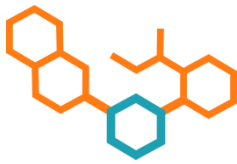
The statute defines the principles of operation of the Network - "First International Realization Support Team Network", the short name of which is the "FIRST Network".

Art 2. Mission, Goals and Activities

1. The Mission of the FIRST Network is: Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations and other entities active in the adult education sector to operate in the international arena, enhancing innovativeness and the ability to adapt to changes in the modern world.
2. The goals of the FIRST Network are:
 - a) Providing support for the international project realisers.
 - b) Facilitating the acquisition of skills, competences and expert knowledge, exchange of experiences and testing innovations.
 - c) Increasing the number and quality of cooperation activities at the European level and intensifying international cooperation in the field of liberal adult education.
 - d) Strengthening the cooperation between the existing networks in order to strengthen the organizational and financial structure and capacity of the FIRST Network and its' members.
3. The FIRST Network's activities include:
 - a) Exchange of experiences.
 - b) Organization of symposia, meetings and lectures, workshops with theoreticians and practitioners.
 - c) Organisation and promotion of multilingual events and issuing publications.
 - d) Creation and supporting website(s)/ internet portal(s) dedicated to the intensification of international cooperation.
 - e) Transfer of knowledge between the members, in various forms.
 - f) Cooperation with educational institutions and civil society organizations active in the liberal adult education sector from across Europe.
 - g) Cooperation with policymakers and other stakeholders.

Art 3. The coordination and Board

1. The Coordinator of the FIRST Network is Fundacja Alternatywnych Inicjatyw Edukacyjnych (FAIE).



2. The office of the FIRST Network is based in the city of Bielsko-Biała, Poland.
3. The functions of the FIRST Network Board are fulfilled by the Board of the Coordinator (FAIE).
4. The tasks of the Board of the Coordinator (FAIE) as the FIRST Network Board are:
 - a) Coordinating the FIRST Network's activities.
 - b) Representing the FIRST Network outside and acting on the behalf of the FIRST Network.
 - c) Admitting and excluding the members of the FIRST Network.
 - d) Preparing the annual reports on the FIRST Network's activities.
 - e) Adopting resolutions on the matters important for the proper functioning of the FIRST Network.

Art. 4. The Members and membership

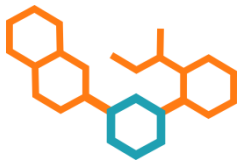
1. A member of the FIRST Network may be a civil society organization or any other entity active in the adult education/lifelong learning sector.
2. A candidate for a new member may be admitted if its application for membership is approved by the FIRST Network Board, after the positive opinion of the Network Council. By submitting the application, a candidate for a new member agrees to comply with the current regulations and the mission and goals of the FIRST Network, as set out in this Statute.
3. Each member of the FIRST Network may propose new members for the Network.
4. The FIRST Network Board may invite any organization it deems appropriate to become a member of the Network.
5. The FIRST Network Members Responsibilities are:
 - a) Active participation in activities, events and projects implemented by the Network.
 - b) Proposing new areas of activities and events to the Network Council and the FIRST Network Board.
 - c) Providing information that may support the activities of the Network.
 - d) Cooperation with the Network Council.
 - e) Promoting the Network and its activities.
 - f) Supporting the other members of the FIRST Network.
6. The FIRST Network Member may resign from the membership in the Network by written declaration upon 14 day notice. Upon the expiry of the termination notice period, the membership in the FIRST Network shall expire.
7. The FIRST Network Member may be excluded from the Network in case of:
 - a) Defaming the FIRST Network and/or its Members.



- b) Violating the interests of the FIRST Network and/or its Members.
 - c) Undertaking activities contrary to the mission and goals of the FIRST Network.
 - d) Being the subject of a judgement which has the force of 'res judicata' for fraud, corruption or any other illegal activity.
 - e) Being inactive in the FIRST Network works.
 - f) Not responding to the contact attempts of the Network Council and/or the FIRST Network Board for more than 3 months.
8. Decision to exclude a FIRST Network member (for the reasons defined in art. 4 point 7) is taken by the FIRST Network Board.

Art. 5 The Network Council

1. Representatives of the member organizations form the Network Council.
2. Each member organization delegates 1 representative to the Network Council.
3. Membership in the Network Council will automatically terminate in the following cases:
 - a) Organization that delegated its representative to the Network Council is excluded for the reasons defined in art. 4 point 7.
 - b) Organization that delegated its representative to the Network Council resigns from the membership in the Network.
 - c) Network Council member leaves the organization that delegated him/her; in such a situation, the organization should delegate another representative within 30 days.
 - d) Dismissal of the Network Council member by the delegating organization; in such a situation, the organization should delegate another representative within 30 days.
4. The main tasks of the Network Council are:
 - a) Current exchange of information and knowledge on the possibilities of developing the activities of the FIRST Network and its Members.
 - b) Issuing opinions on initiatives, programs and acts of law in the field of adult education in Europe and in the European Union.
 - c) Establishing the annual work plan of the FIRST Network (promotional activities, projects, research, analysis, trainings, etc.).
 - d) Planning the areas and scope of the projects and initiatives to be implemented by the FIRST Network.
 - e) Reviewing potential exclusion(s) of the Network Member(s).
 - f) Issuing opinions on candidates (candidate organization) for new members of the FIRST Network.
 - g) Participation in the developing and reviewing of the annual report on the FIRST Network's activities,
 - h) Publishing recommendations for international activities in the adult education sector
5. The first FIRST Network Council is formed by the five FIRST Network Founding Members.



6. The FIRST Network Council meets at least twice a year. The notion of “meeting” is used in its broadest meaning, including physical and virtual meetings, as well as teleconferences. The invitation is sent by way of regular mail, fax, e-mail or any other communication means by the representative of the FIRST Network Board member.
7. The first FIRST Network Council may adopt any other regulations supporting its functioning at the first FIRST Council Network meeting.
8. The Network Council adopts resolutions by a majority of votes (50% + 1). In the event of an equal number of votes the resolution shall lapse and be submitted to further discussions – and repeated voting. If the repeated voting brings equal number of votes, the final decision is taken by the FIRST Network Board.

Art. 6 Amendments

1. In the case that this Statute does not cover an urgent matter that needs to be dealt with, the FIRST Network Board can decide with an executive action but it has the obligation to propose an amendment to the Network statute, as soon as possible.
2. The FIRST Networks’ Statute may be amended on the basis of a resolution of the FIRST Network Board, after a positive opinion of the Network Council expressed by 2/3 of the Network Council.

Art. 7 Entering into force

The FIRST Network Statute comes into force on the 17th of December 2020.