



THE ASSOCIATION OF CASTLES AND MUSEUMS AROUND THE BALTIC SEA

RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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1 § Name on the association

The name on the association is The Association of Castles and Museums around the Baltic Sea, hereinafter referred to as “the association”. The association is a non-political, nonprofit organization. The association’s domicile is Hämeenlinna. The association’s activities cover the region around the Baltic Sea. The association’s logo depicts the Baltic Sea surrounded by nine stars, which represent the area of operations. The official language on the association is Finnish.

2 § The objectives and operations on the association

The objective on the association is to promote cultural cooperation between countries around the Baltic Sea, to increase knowledge on the region’s history and arts, and to promote tourism in the region as follows: By exchanging ideas and experiences on museum management, the protection on historical monuments, culture, By organizing international meetings and exhibitions, and publishing works on the region’s history and art.

3 § Funding on the association’s operations

The association does not seek to profit financially from its operations. Any profits will be used in full to pursue association’s objectives.

The association’s income consists on membership fees determined at the association’s meeting, sales revenues from publications and donations.



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4 § Membership

Membership in the association is open to any museum or other legally competent cultural institution based in a castle or otherwise connected to a castle through their operations. At meetings, members are represented by the institution's manager or another authorized person. New members are accepted at the association's meeting.

5 § Rights and obligations of the association's members.

The association's members are entitled to:

Vote at the association's meetings.

Make proposals and participate in all of the association's activities.

The association's members have an obligation to:

Promote the fulfillment on the association's objectives by participating actively in the association's activities and comply with the ethical guidelines of the international Council of Museums ICOM <http://icom.museum/the-vision/code-of-ethics/>

Failure to pay the annual membership fee or to act in the association's interest may result in the termination of membership. The Executive Committee proposes termination but decisions in the matter are made the ordinary meeting of the association. Members may be re-accepted subject to a decision made at the ordinary meeting.

6 § Management

The decision-making powers of the association are exercised at the ordinary meetings. An annual meeting is held every year on a date set by the Executive Committee in the period from June to October. The Executive Committee calls a meeting by sending a notice of meeting by e-mail to the contact people of member castles and by posting of the meeting on the association's website at www.visitcastles.eu no later than 14 days before the meeting. The association's financial year is a calendar year. At the annual meeting, members of the Executive Committee are elected, the association's general operating policies, rules and funding are decided on, the Executive Committee's annual report is approved or rejected, the financial statements are adopted and a decision is made on whether to discharge members of the Executive Committee for liability, the membership fee and the budget are adopted, new members are accepted or existing membership are terminated, and a decision may be made on the dissolution of association.

All matters shall be decided by the majority of the member present. The association's executive body is the Executive Committee consisting of ten members elected for a period of three years. Every effort will be made to ensure the Committee comprises one member from each Baltic Sea country and one from Kaliningrad. At the annual meeting, the Executive Committee's chairperson is elected from among Committee members. The Committee names a vice-chair and a treasurer from among its members. A secretary is to be named by the Committee from among or outside its members. The term on office for these positions is three years. Two auditors and one deputy auditor are also elected at the annual meeting. The founder of the association, Michel Marbot is the honorary chairman of the association.



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The Executive Committee executes the decisions made at the association's meetings, plans and organizes the association's programme, takes any legal action necessary to meet the objectives referred to in the association's rules, and manages the association's assets and investments. The Executive Committee convenes at least twice a year. The chairperson leads the Executive Committee activities. The chairperson and the treasurer, each alone, sign for the association. The chairperson or treasurer approve the invoices, each alone. The treasurer approves the chairperson's invoices and vice versa. Approves and invoices addressed to the association. The Executive Committee can set up working groups.

7 § Dissolution of association

Ordinary meeting can dissolve the association, if two thirds majority wants to dissolve the association. In that case the association's assets and investments will be transferred to an institution or association which has similar aims as the association. Institution or association will be approved by the ordinary meeting.