

# STATUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

## **Additive Manufacturing Defense Network (AMDefNet) e.V.**

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### **I. General Provisions**

#### **§ 1 Name, Registered Office, and Fiscal Year**

1. The name of the Association is "**Additive Manufacturing Defense Network (AMDN) e.V.**".
2. The Association has its registered office in **Frankfurt am Main**. Upon registration, it shall bear the suffix "**e.V.**" (*eingetragener Verein*).
3. It shall be entered into the Register of Associations at the competent Local Court (*Amtsgericht*); the registration number will be provided subsequently.
4. The fiscal year is the calendar year.

#### **§ 2 Purpose, Non-Profit Status, and Use of Funds**

1. The purpose of the Association is the promotion of **science and research** (pursuant to § 52 para. 2 no. 1 of the German Tax Code - AO) as well as **education and vocational training**, including student assistance (pursuant to § 52 para. 2 no. 7 AO) in the field of **Additive Manufacturing (AM)**. The Association pursues these purposes specifically by considering technological developments within the European context, including security-, defense-, and space-related applications, insofar as these serve the scientific or educational objectives.
2. The statutory purpose is realized, in particular, through: a) The organization and implementation of events, such as public seminars, workshops, lectures, and other formats to promote the understanding of the use of additive manufacturing in relevant technological and societal sectors. b) Publications on the subject of Additive Manufacturing. c) Cooperation with science, industry, and European and international initiatives and institutions. d) Promotion of scientific exchange and knowledge transfer, as well as cooperation and integration in the field of Additive Manufacturing between research institutions, educational providers, companies, and European and international institutions within the framework of tax-privileged purposes. e) Establishment of specialist and working groups to promote the use of Additive Manufacturing in relevant technological and societal sectors. f) Recognition of outstanding achievements in line with the Association's purpose, e.g., through student or future awards.

3. The Association acts selflessly; it does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes. It serves exclusively and directly charitable/non-profit purposes within the meaning of the section "Tax-Privileged Purposes" of the German Tax Code (AO).
  4. The Association's funds may only be used for statutory purposes. Members shall not receive any grants or allocations from the Association's funds.
  5. No person may be favored by expenditures that are alien to the purpose of the corporation or by disproportionately high remuneration.
  6. Officers and others working for the Association generally perform their duties on a voluntary/honorary basis. In accordance with legal provisions (in particular § 3 nos. 26, 26a, and 26b of the German Income Tax Act - EStG), they may be granted flat-rate activity remunerations and reimbursement of necessary, documented expenses. Further details shall be regulated by an Expenditure Policy to be resolved by the Board.
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## **II. Membership**

### **§ 3 Members and Acquisition of Membership**

1. Any natural or legal person who recognizes and supports the goals of the Association pursuant to § 2 may become a member of the Association.
2. The Association consists of: a) Ordinary members (individuals), b) Supporting members (in particular companies, organizations, and institutions), c) Extraordinary members, d) Honorary members.
3. The admission of ordinary, supporting, or extraordinary members is granted upon written application. The Board decides on admission at its sole discretion. There is no entitlement to admission.
4. Honorary members are appointed by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the Board.

### **§ 4 Rights and Duties of Members**

1. By virtue of their membership, all members recognize the Association's Code of Honor and Conduct and shall behave accordingly. This specifically includes the rejection of extremism, racism, and xenophobia, as well as the recognition of the free democratic basic order and the values of the European Union.
2. Ordinary members and honorary members have voting rights in the General Assembly. Supporting and extraordinary members have no voting rights.
3. Voting rights are non-transferable.
4. Further details, particularly the amount and maturity of membership fees and levies, are regulated by a Fee Schedule (*Beitragsordnung*) to be resolved by the General Assembly.

## **§ 5 Commencement and Termination of Membership**

1. Membership begins with the Board's resolution on admission.
  2. Membership ends by: a) Resignation by the member; resignation is possible at the end of the fiscal year with a notice period of four weeks and must be declared in writing to the Board. b) Death (in the case of natural persons). c) Dissolution, loss of legal capacity, liquidation, or insolvency (in the case of legal persons). d) Expulsion.
  3. The Board decides on the expulsion of a member if the member culpably violates the interests or the purpose of the Association in a gross manner. The member must be given the opportunity to comment beforehand. The resolution must be justified and delivered to the member in writing.
  4. The member concerned may lodge a written appeal against the expulsion resolution to the next General Assembly within one month of notification. The General Assembly's decision shall be final.
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## **III. Organs of the Association**

### **§ 6 Organs**

The organs of the Association are: a) The General Assembly (*Mitgliederversammlung*), b) The Board (*Vorstand*), c) The Presidium (*Präsidium*).

### **§ 7 General Assembly**

1. The Ordinary General Assembly takes place at least once a year. Extraordinary General Assemblies shall be convened if the interests of the Association require it or if at least one-third of the voting members request it in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.
2. Invitations shall be sent in writing or by e-mail to the address last communicated to the Association, stating the agenda, with a notice period of four weeks. The time of dispatch is decisive.
3. Motions regarding the agenda must be submitted to the Board in writing at least two weeks before the assembly.
4. The General Assembly may be held in person, hybrid, or exclusively virtually (via suitable electronic means of communication). In the case of virtual or hybrid assemblies, electronic voting is permitted.
5. The General Assembly is a quorum regardless of the number of members present, provided it was duly convened.
6. Resolutions are passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast, unless these Articles of Association provide otherwise. Amendments to the Articles of Association require a majority of two-thirds, and changes to the Association's purpose require a majority of three-quarters of the valid votes cast.

7. Elections may be held by secret or open ballot. Block voting is permissible provided no voting member objects.
8. Minutes shall be kept of the resolutions of the General Assembly, which must be signed by the chairperson of the meeting and the recording secretary.

#### **§ 8 The Board**

1. The Board consists of: a) The Chairperson, b) The Deputy Chairperson, c) The Secretary, d) The Treasurer, e) Up to five Assessors (*Beisitzer*).
2. The Board is elected by the General Assembly by a simple majority for a term of three years. Re-election is possible. The Board remains in office until a new Board is elected.
3. The Association is represented judicially and extrajudicially by two members of the Board acting jointly (pursuant to § 26 BGB).
4. The Board manages the affairs of the Association, implements the resolutions of the General Assembly, and may adopt its own Rules of Procedure. It has a quorum if at least half of its members are present; resolutions are passed by a simple majority. Circular resolutions in writing or electronic form are permissible.
5. The Board may appoint a management (*Geschäftsführung*). The management is responsible for the organization of business operations and is bound by the instructions of the Board. No power of legal representation is granted to the management unless the General Assembly or the Board decides otherwise in individual cases.

#### **§ 9 The Presidium**

1. The Presidium consists of at least five and at most fifteen members. The General Assembly elects the members of the Presidium upon the proposal of the Board for a term of three years; re-election is possible.
  2. The Presidium has the following tasks: a) Advising and supporting the Board, b) Developing proposals for the further development of the Association's tasks, c) Electing a President and a Vice-President from among its members by simple majority, d) Making proposals to the General Assembly for the election of the Board and its chair, e) Making proposals for the appointment of honorary members.
  3. The Presidium may adopt its own Rules of Procedure. It has a quorum if at least half of its members, but at least three, are present; among them should be the President or the Vice-President. Resolutions are passed by simple majority; circular resolutions in writing or electronic form are permissible.
  4. The President has the right to participate in Board meetings in an advisory capacity.
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## **IV. Financial Management and Accounting**

### **§ 10 Budget, Annual Financial Statements, and Auditing**

1. For each fiscal year, the Board shall prepare a budget containing all foreseeable income and expenditures. The budget shall be submitted to the Presidium for comment and approved by the General Assembly.
  2. After the end of the fiscal year, the Board shall prepare an annual report with annual financial statements and, after receiving the Presidium's comments, submit it to the General Assembly for approval.
  3. The General Assembly elects two auditors (*Rechnungsprüfer*) for a term of three years. They may not be members of the Board. They shall audit the correctness of the bookkeeping and asset management and report to the General Assembly.
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## **V. Final Provisions**

### **§ 11 Dissolution and Appropriation of Assets**

1. The dissolution of the Association may be resolved by the General Assembly with a majority of three-quarters of the valid votes cast.
2. Upon dissolution or annulment of the Association or if tax-privileged purposes cease to exist, the Association's assets shall pass to a legal entity under public law or another tax-privileged corporation, which shall use them directly and exclusively for tax-privileged purposes within the meaning of § 52 AO. The General Assembly shall decide on the specific recipient organization.

### **§ 12 Severability Clause and Entry into Force**

1. Should individual provisions of these Articles of Association be or become invalid or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. In place of the invalid or unenforceable provision, that valid and enforceable regulation shall be deemed agreed upon which comes closest to the objective of the Association.
2. These Articles of Association shall enter into force upon resolution by the General Assembly.